

Data Quality Record for Long-Term Performance Goal

Long-Term Performance Goal: By September 30, 2022, reach all permitting-related decisions within six months.

Goal Number/Objective: Goal 3: Rule of Law and Process/Objective 4: Streamline and Modernize

Performance Measure Text: Issue permits more quickly and modernize our permitting and reporting systems.

NPM Lead: Office of the Administrator (OA); Contributing Offices: OAR, OW, OLEM

1a. Purpose of Long-Term Performance Goal:

This measure will inform on EPA's commitment to provide consistency and certainty to the regulated community in executing its responsibilities. EPA's goal is to complete agency permitting decisions within a six-month timeframe. A positive trend, defined as a decrease in the number of pending applications for new permits that are older than 180 days, while maintaining or improving application review quality, will provide more certainty to all permit applicants.

1b. Performance Measure Term Definitions:

For a complete list of permits, see the addendum. All permits are authorized under the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, or Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. For the purposes of this performance measure, **permitting-related decisions** are based on applications for new, individual permits. **Permitting-related decisions** are measured from the date on which the application is received by a regional permitting office to the date on which the permit is issued or is denied. A **pending permitting-related decision** is a decision to approve or disapprove a permit application that has not yet been made.

1c. Unit of Measure: Number of permits

2a. Data Sources:

- Relevant information system(s):
 - a. To be assessed/determined by the end of FY 2019.
- Entity that reports data to the system(s) (state, tribe, etc.)
 - a. To be assessed/determined by the end of FY 2019.
- Frequency of reporting primary data:
 - a. Primary data will be collected monthly; results will be reported on annually.
- Quality Assurance Project Plan or QA Action Plan data is collected under:
 - a. To be evaluated after an assessment/determination of existing/planned information systems is completed.

2b. Data needed for interpretation of (calculated) Performance Result:

- See addendum for a list of permit types, under which permitting data will be collected and analyzed
- Reporting results will be provided annually

3. Methodology: Permitting-related decision requests are based on an "application" for a new permit decision to be made by the agency. EPA's long-term goal is to make all permitting-related decisions in six months (180 days) or less. These data will be used to calculate EPA's progress and trend in reducing the number of permitting-related decisions that exceed six months.

4. Data Limitations/Qualifications:

Assumptions

- Each month, data will be tracked for each permit type
- Any data entry errors will be corrected in subsequent months
- Data collectors will be given a clear understanding of methodology above

Possible sources of error

- Data collectors

- Information systems

What is not being measured

- We are not measuring the quality or enforceability of a permit decision; we are focused only on measuring permit timeliness.

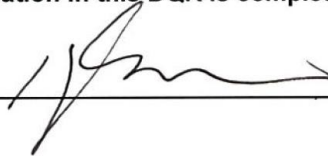
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6. Certification Statement/Signature

I certify the information in this DQR is complete and accurate.

DAA Signature



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**Addendum:
Monthly Tracking of Applications for New Permits**

Program	Permit Type
Office of Water	NPDES
	UIC (Classes I through V)
Office of Air	Title V
Office of Land and Emergency Management	RCRA
	Approval to Store, Decontaminate or Dispose of PCBs

*New Source Review permits are not included in this Long-Term Performance Goal. The permit issuance goal for NSR permits is one year from the receipt of a complete application, as per Presidential Memorandum of April 12, 2018: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/presidential-memorandum-administrator-environmental-protection-agency/>