

National Permitting Oversight Policy (NPOP) Implementation Vision (2021-2026)

Phase I: Initial Implementation and Baseline (FY 2021 and FY 2022)	Phase II: Use Information and Data to Improve Programs and Adjust Oversight (FY 2022/FY 2023 and beyond)	Phase III: Nationwide Principles for Differential Oversight Developed and Incorporated into Permitting Program Specific Criteria (FY 2024)	Phase IV: New Differential Oversight Framework Fully Implemented (FY 2025/FY 2026 and beyond)
<p>Transparency + Predictability + Consistency</p>			
<p>EPA issues NPOP describing framework for data-driven annual check-ins with permitting authorities (FY 2020).</p> <p>EPA creates a centralized permit information tracking system and internal reporting processes for regions to headquarters (FY 2021).</p> <p>EPA holds ‘baseline’ meetings with all permitting authorities (half in FY 2021; all by end of FY 2022) to: a) explain policy; b) review existing oversight information and data; c) establish plans for filling gaps in information or data; and d) discuss oversight approach for the upcoming year.</p> <p>EPA completes efforts to fill gaps in oversight information and data (by end of FY 2022). Comprehensive set of oversight information and data available for all permitting authorities (for FY 2022 and beyond).</p>	<p>EPA shares data and holds check-in discussions (can be mutually waived) with permitting authorities (FY 2023 and beyond).</p> <p>EPA offers nationwide and permitting authority-specific assistance based on information and data indicating program needs and opportunities for improvement (FY 2022/FY 2023 and beyond).</p> <p>EPA and permitting authorities gather and share permitting authority best practices (FY 2022/FY 2023 and beyond).</p> <p>EPA and permitting authorities assess existing oversight approach for individual permitting authorities to make adjustments (FY 2022/FY 2023 and beyond).</p>	<p>EPA and permitting authorities use nationwide information and data gathered from FY 2021 to FY 2023 to review oversight approaches and develop nationwide principles for differential oversight that will be incorporated into permitting program specific criteria (FY 2024).</p>	<p>EPA and permitting authorities finalize nationwide principles for differential oversight and the associated permitting program specific criteria to be incorporated into the NPOP (FY 2025).</p> <p>EPA and permitting authorities implement the new differential oversight principles and associated permitting program specific criteria as part of revised NPOP (FY 2026).</p> <p>All permitting authorities subject to differential oversight based on nationwide principles, permitting program specific criteria, and metrics. Program metrics will continue to be collected for all permitting authorities and used by EPA to assess program performance. (FY 2026 and beyond).</p>