

# The Regional Science Program

Innovative Science for a Sustainable Future

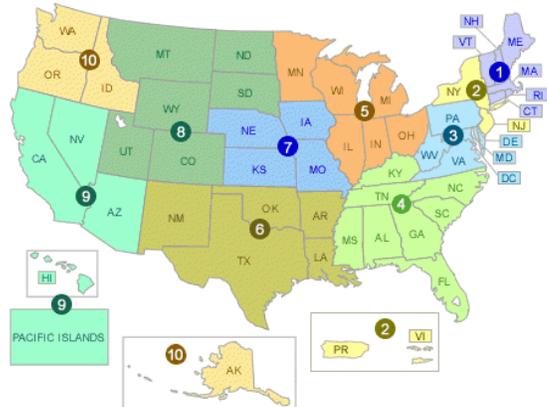
EPA's Regional Science Program plays a vital role in linking ORD with EPA's regional offices. The program, managed by ORD's Office of Science Advisor, Policy and Engagement (OSAPE), is implemented by a headquarters staff and a team of scientists and engineers located across the EPA regions: Regional Science Liaisons (RSLs). The Regional Science Program builds networks and partnerships between regional and ORD scientists, supports regionally-focused research, and provides technical assistance to help solve challenging environmental problems throughout the U.S.

## Regional-ORD Applied Research Program (ROAR)

The ROAR program advances collaborative ORD and regional research partnerships to address high priority near-term regional, state, tribal and strategic Agency research needs. ROAR was established in 2021, resulting from an effort to integrate three previous ORD/Regional collaborative research programs. The ROAR program is managed by OSAPE and the RSLs. ROAR is funded by OSAPE and ORD's Sustainable and Healthy Communities (SHC) program.

## Regional Research Partnership Program (R2P2)

R2P2 provides short-term training opportunities for regional technical staff to work directly with ORD scientists in ORD laboratories, centers, and offices. The program builds technical capacity in the regions, enhances the skills and knowledge of regional and ORD staff, and promotes the development of stronger ties between ORD and the regions. The RSLs facilitate the application process in their regions and help candidates establish connections with ORD.



## Regional/ORD Community of Science Networking (ROCS-Net) Program

ROCS-Net is an ORD orientation and networking program that provides an opportunity for regional and state staff who have limited familiarity with ORD to visit an EPA research facility and discuss collaborative research opportunities, science priorities and cross-cutting issues with ORD scientists. The program includes overviews of ORD research programs, meetings with laboratory scientists, facility tours, research demonstrations and information sharing sessions between participants.

*The Regional Science Program addresses high priority regional science needs through collaborative research activities and technical support.*

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## RSL Science Planning and Communication

RSLs serve as regional representatives to ORD's six National Research Programs and play a key role in coordinating regional participation in ORD research planning, tracking, and product delivery. RSLs also support the regional offices, States and Tribes by sharing ORD products through demonstration projects, training, seminars, and by coordinating technical support on specific topics as needed.

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