

Data Quality Record for Long-Term Performance Goals

Long-Term Performance Goal Text: By September 30, 2026, increase by 40% the number of Office of Research and Development (ORD) activities related to environmental justice that involve or are applicable to Tribes, states, territories, local governments, and communities.

Corresponding Annual Performance Goal: Number of ORD activities related to environmental justice that involve or are designed to be applicable to Tribes, states, territories, local governments, and communities¹.

Goal Number/Objective: Goal 2/Objective 2.1

NPM Lead: Office of Research and Development (ORD)

1a. Purpose of Long-Term Performance Goal:

The intent of this long-term performance goal (LTPG) is to increase actions within EPA's Office of Research Development to support the development of products and activities related to environmental justice that benefit the public health and environment of communities.

Examples of relevant questions considered:

- (1) Are ORD products or activities related to environmental justice responsive to the needs of communities?
- (2) Is ORD effectively communicating and disseminating relevant ORD products or activities related to environmental justice to other parts of EPA and external partners that help address the priority science issues of communities?

Positive trend: An average annual increase of 10 percent from the baseline year on the number of ORD activities related to environmental justice that involve communities or are applicable to communities will convey that ORD is on track for meeting the long-term performance goal.

1b. Performance Measure Term Definitions:

Each year increase by an average of 10 percent from the baseline year, the number of ORD activities related to environmental justice that involve communities or are designed to be applicable to Tribes, states, territories, local government, and communities.

ORD activities related to environmental justice: Any actions, projects, research, tool development, training, etc. that are funded or conducted by ORD and intended to help inform and/or reach the goal of environmental justice as defined by EPA (i.e., the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies).

Involve communities: Community is directly engaged and/or has been consulted with on a specific activity.

Applicable to communities: The results of the ORD activity may be directly for or used by a community

¹ The EJ LTPG baseline of 324 activities was established using FY19-FY22 data. Since the LTPG is to increase the number of EJ activities by 40% from the baseline (i.e., from 324 in FY 19-FY22, to a goal of 454 total EJ activities from FY23-FY26), the target for the annual performance goal translates to completing an average of 113 activities per year (i.e., $454/4 = 113$).

and/or be used in decisions affecting communities or otherwise have potential to benefit communities.

2a. Data Source:

- EJ Council average annual baseline
- Regional Science Program Tracker Database (RSP Tracker)
- Grants management system
- Research Approval Planning Implementation Dashboard (RAPID)
- ORD Assists (system designed to manage technical support to ORD’s stakeholders)
- Data calls (e.g., workshops, webinars, and trainings)

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

The ORD EJ Council baseline analysis will be used to establish the starting point for measuring progress towards reaching the long-term performance goal.

3. Calculation Methodology:

Annually, ORD will add up all ORD activities related to environmental justice (from the identified data sources in section 2a) that involved communities or are applicable to Tribes, states, territories, local governments, and communities.

4. Quality Assurance/Quality Controls:

ORD’s EJ Council, along with relevant ORD management, will review, assess, and approve the annual list of ORD activities that are related to environmental justice.

5. Data Limitations/Qualifications:

It is assumed that all ORD activities that are environmental justice-related will be appropriately identified as such in the RSP Tracker, RAPID, and ORD Assists.

6. Technical Contact:

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7. Certification Statement/Signature:

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

PDAA Signature Original signed by Maureen Gwinn **Date** 4/30/2024