

Mission Area 5: Ensuring Healthy Watersheds and Sustainable, Secure Water Supplies


Goal #3: Availability of Water to Tribal Communities

Strategy #1: Protection of Tribal Water Rights

Program Performance Overview: This program funds tribal water projects to provide Tribes the necessary technical research, studies and other information to serve as informed and prudent water managers. The percent of projects completed in support of water utilization, conservation, planning, management, and pre-development grew from 79 to 88 percent between 2010 and 2015. The Department will continue to improve monitoring plans to track progress on tribal water management projects and review contractual commitments with Tribes to ensure continued levels of performance approaching 90 percent in the future.

Public Benefit: BIA's Water Rights Negotiation/Litigation Program defines and protects Indian water rights and settles claims through negotiations and litigation. Additionally, BIA conducts projects to aid Tribes in protecting and managing their water resources including water needs assessments, ground and surface water quality and quantity studies, and the development of comprehensive Water Resource Management Plans.

Strategic Plan Performance Measures

Strategic Plan Performance Measures	Bureau	2011 Actual	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Target	2015 Actual	2016 Target	2017 Target	2011-2017 Trend
Strategy: Protection of Tribal water rights										
Annual percent of projects completed in support of water management, planning, and pre-development.	BIA	79%	73%	75%	85%	84%	88%	82%	82%	
		49	52	69	66	68	68	79	80	
		62	71	92	78	81	77	96	97	