

**Environmental Protection Agency
Summary of Performance by Strategic Objective**

Selection from EPA's FY 2015 Annual Performance Plan

Launching a New Era of State, Tribal, Local, and International Partnerships—Strengthen partnerships with states, tribes, local governments, and the global community that are central to the success of the national environmental protection program through consultation, collaboration, and shared accountability. Modernize the EPA-state relationship, including revitalizing the National Environmental Performance Partnership System and jointly pursuing E-Enterprise, a transformative approach to make environmental information and data more accessible, efficient, and evidence-based through advances in monitoring, reporting, and information technology.

Performance under the Partnerships strategy is progressing as planned toward achieving the vision in EPA's Strategic Plan by focusing on the central role partnerships play in the success of the nation's environmental protection system. The Agency has successfully collaborated with its state, local, tribal, and international partners on several fronts and is beginning to see some positive early results. Over the last two years EPA has conducted an unprecedented level of consultation and outreach during development of key regulations, such as the Clean Water Rule and Clean Power Plan, and taken concrete steps to improve implementation of EPA's tribal consultation policy. The Agency has also made significant progress on building E-Enterprise for the Environment and making the National Environmental Performance Partnership System (NEPPS) more useful and effective for states and tribes. To enhance NEPPS, EPA collaborated with states and tribes to increase state and tribal involvement in the development of national priorities; institute a new 2-year planning horizon for National Program Manager (NPM) Guidances and many related programmatic grant guidances; develop a new grants policy and revise an existing policy to promote greater support for and use of Performance Partnership Grants and multiyear grant workplans as a means to increase flexibility and administrative efficiency; and work with states on a set of principles for efficient and effective oversight. Progress on E-Enterprise for Environment included completing the Integrated Management Plan and incorporating E-Enterprise projects and avenues for participation in the FY2016-2017 NPM Guidances. In addition, the Agency completed Phase 1 of the E-Enterprise Portal, designed to enhance services to the regulated community and the public and improve transparency, priority-setting, and program performance. EPA is also meeting targets for establishing EPA-Tribal Environmental Plans (ETEPs) with each tribe, and has begun work to incorporate the Agency's tribal identification data standard into select systems that did not have it. In the international arena, EPA has successfully leveraged its membership on the Commission for Environmental Cooperation and the Arctic Council to develop and implement cooperative projects to address various impacts of climate change.