



# **EPA Region 6**

## **Welcomes you**

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# Region 6 – who are we?



- 5 States
- 1/5 of the continental US
- 2 of the 5 largest States

# Border Influence

El Paso  
Juarez

Rio Grande River

Laredo

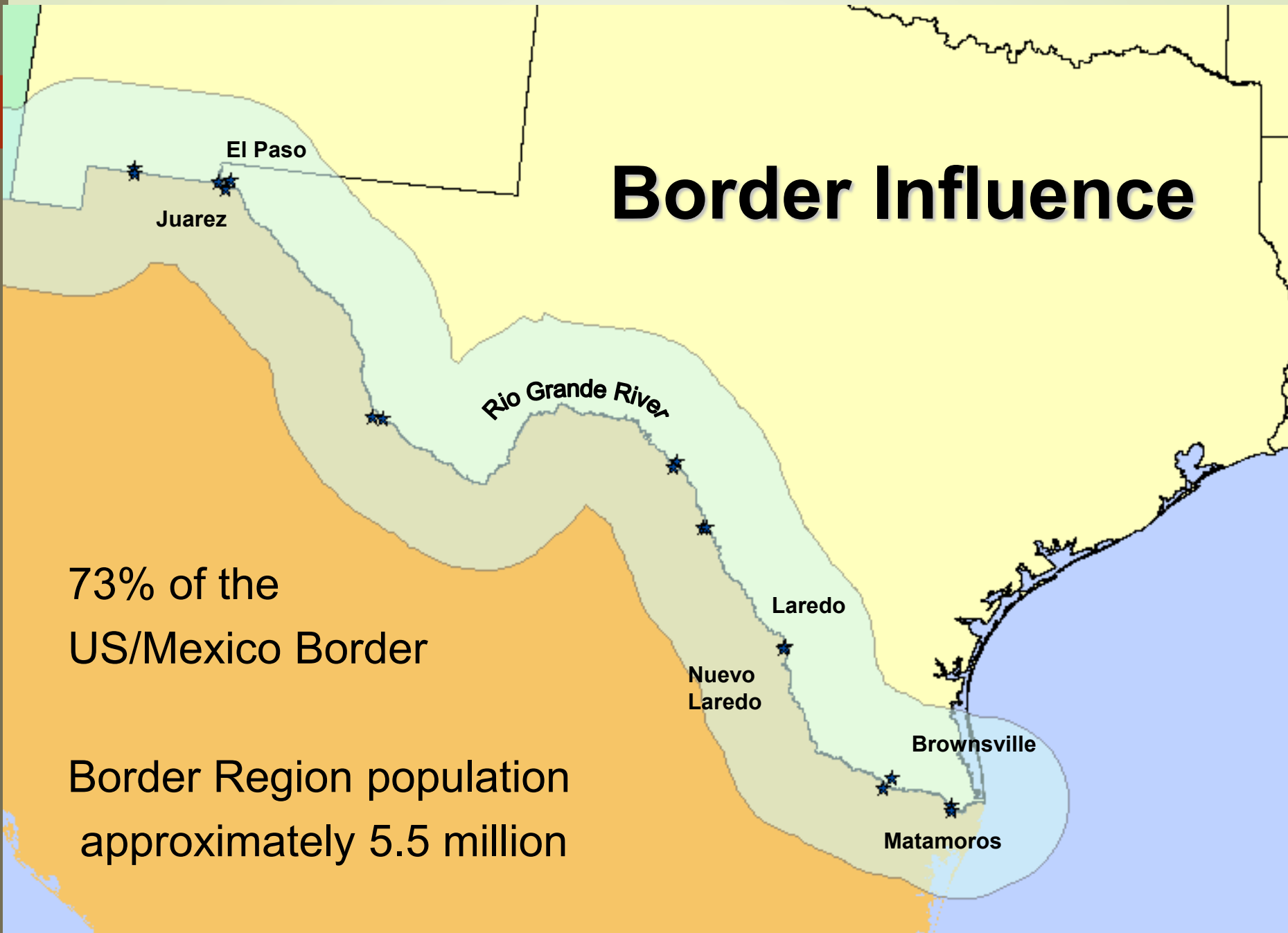
Nuevo  
Laredo

Brownsville

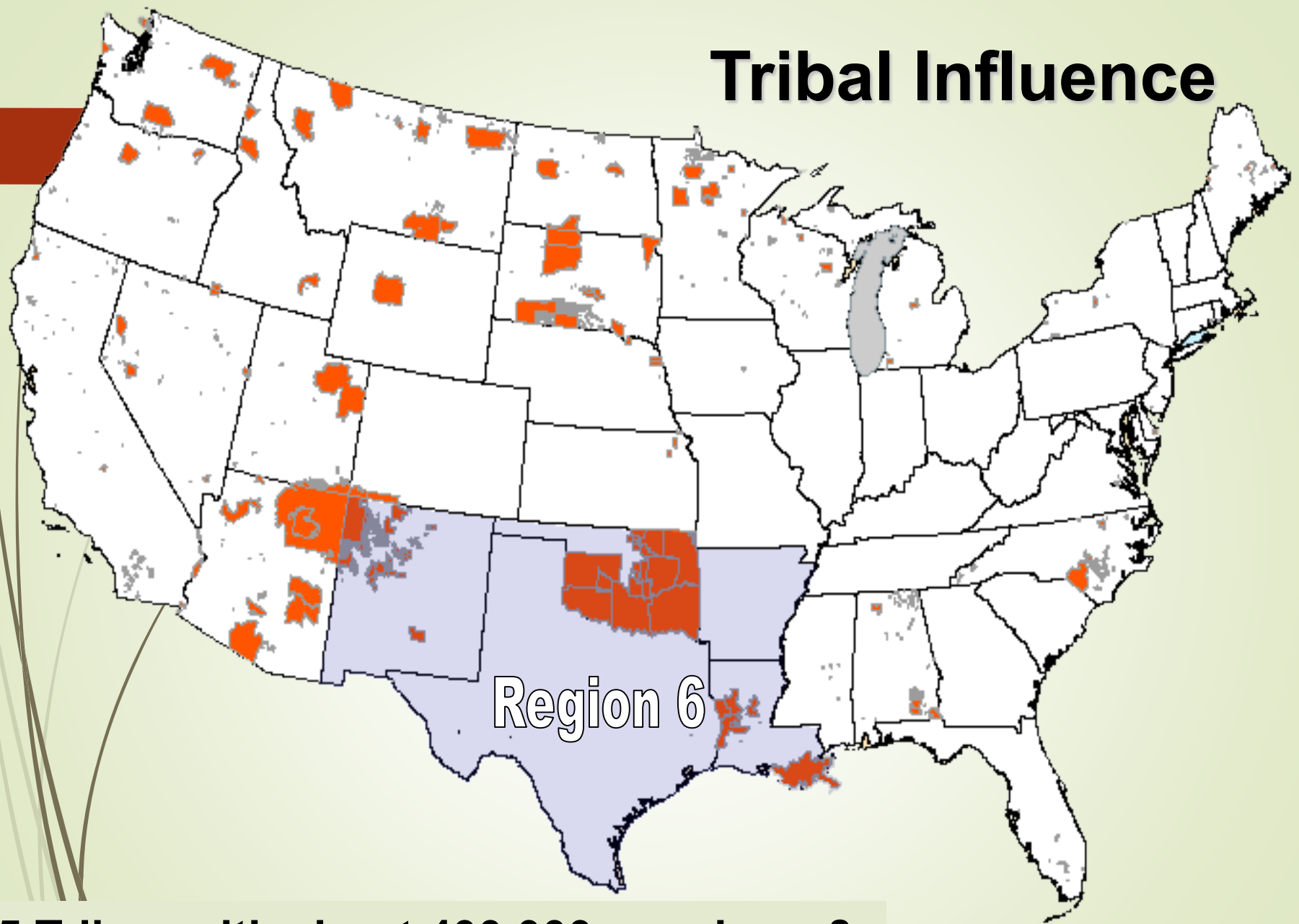
Matamoros

73% of the  
US/Mexico Border

Border Region population  
approximately 5.5 million



# Tribal Influence



Region 6

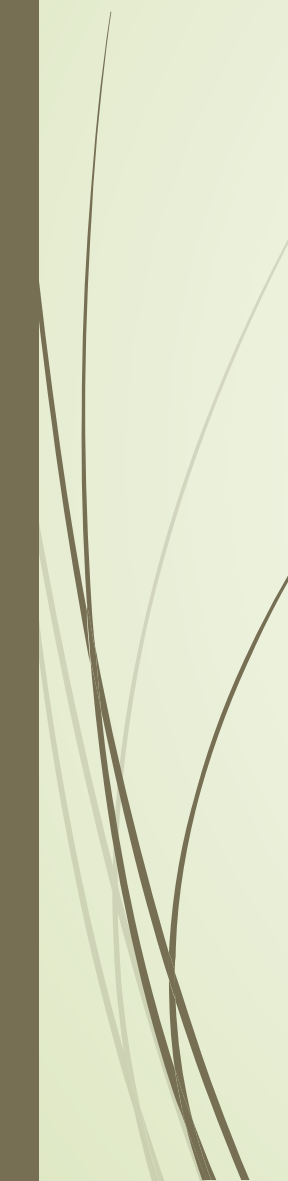

**65 Tribes with about 400,000 members &  
10,000,000 square miles of Tribal Lands**

# Undelegated State of NM

- R6 is also a “primacy state” as NM is undelegated.
- Challenges in NM include:
  - small, rural systems
  - poor communities
  - difficulty in getting them infrastructure funding
  - difficulty keeping qualified operators
  - background water quality vs. surface water quality

# Challenges in general

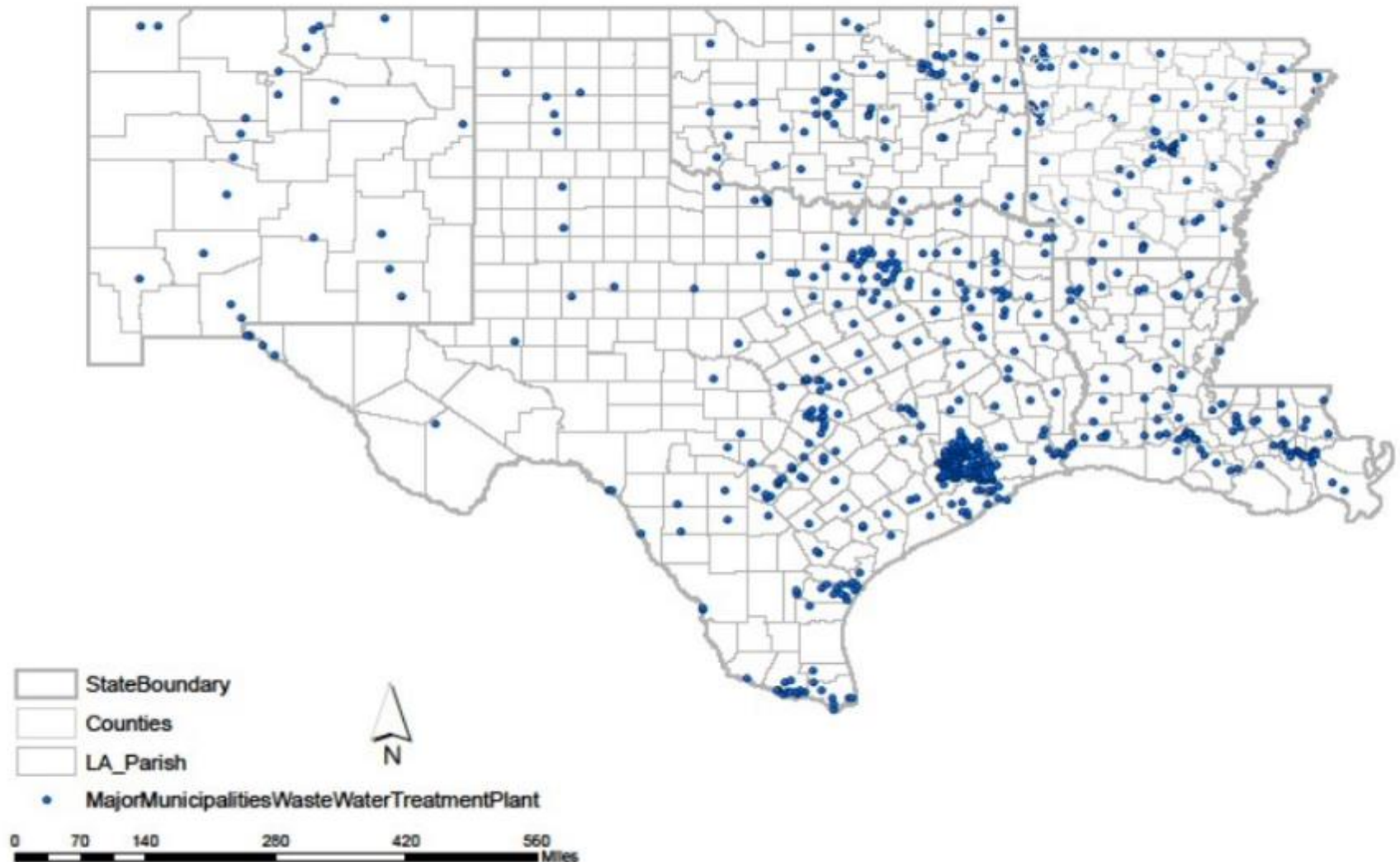
- Small, rural systems
- Poor communities
- Difficulty in getting them infrastructure funding
- Difficulty keeping qualified operators
- Permitting practices
- Number of small individual WWTPs



		Individual NPDES
State	2018 Est. Pop.	Facilities
AR	3,013,825	858
LA	4,659,978	1,322
OK	3,943,079	455
TX	28,701,845	3,219
NM	2,095,428	126
R6	42,414,155	5980



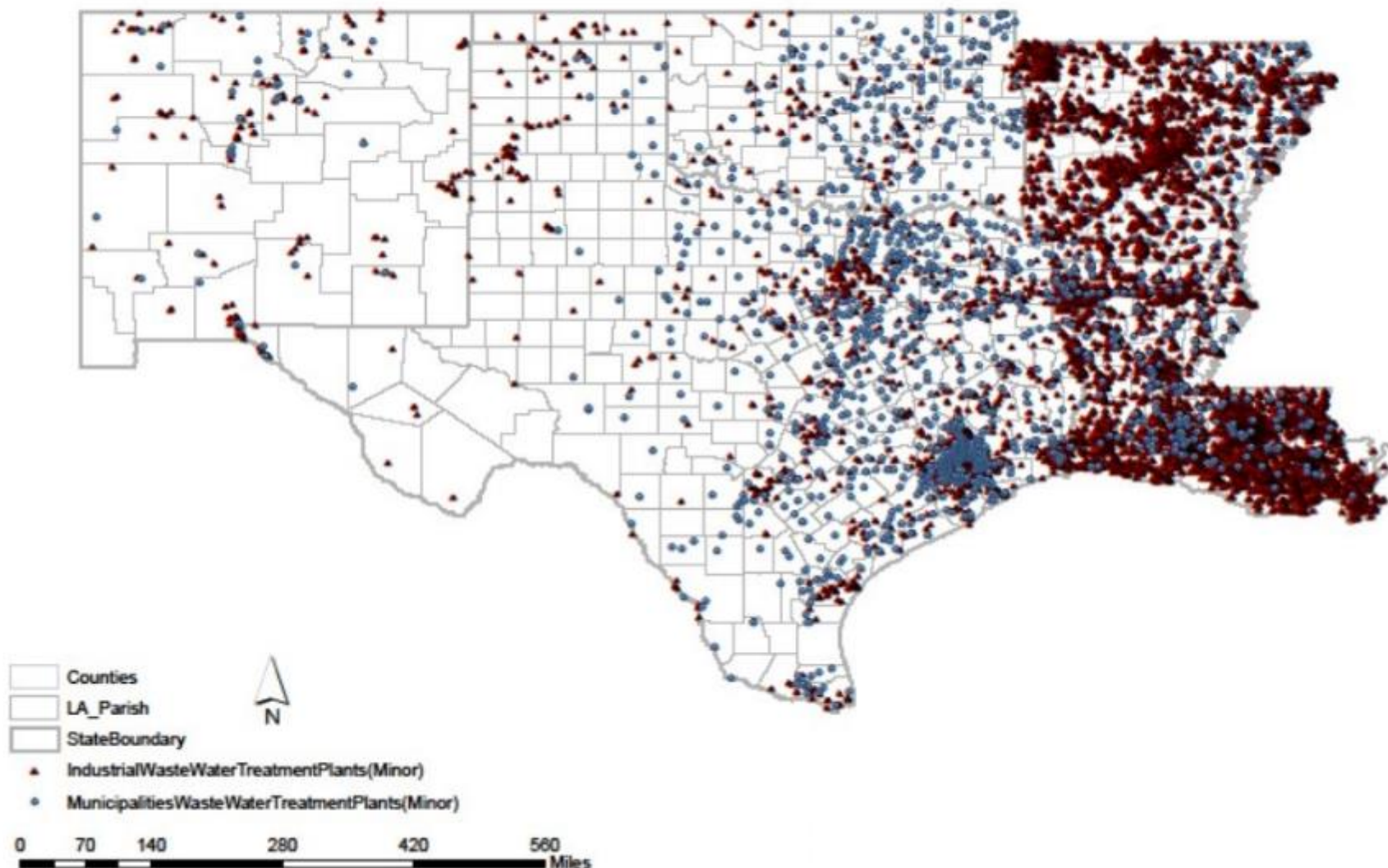
## An Overall Distribution of Major Municipalities Waste Water Treatment Plants with Permit in Region 6



Source: Integrated Compliance Information System (ICIS)

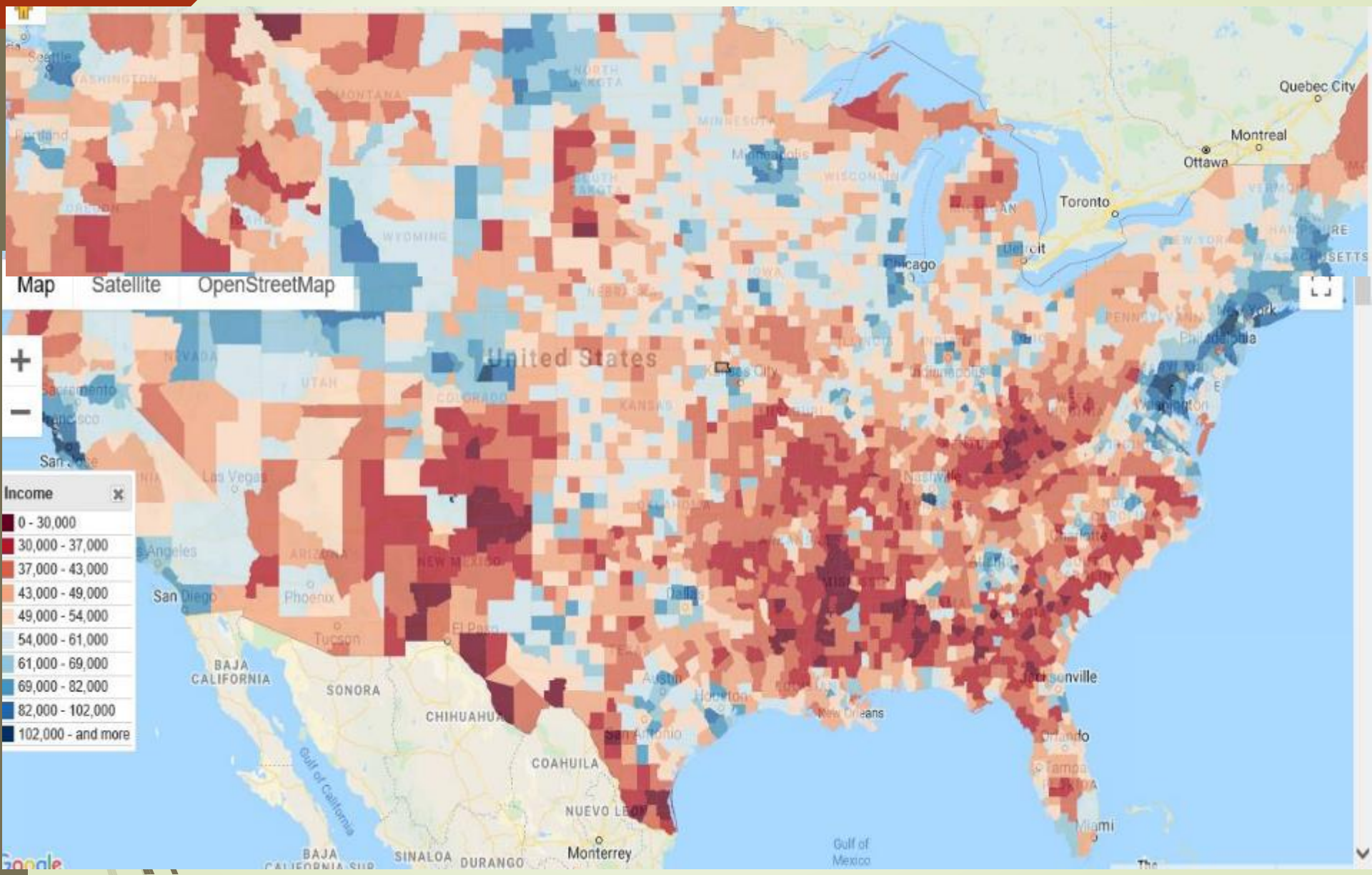


Distribution of POTW and NPOTW in Region 6  
(Industrial, Federal and Municipalities Waste Water Treatment Plants - Minor)



Source: Integrated Compliance Information System (ICIS) provided by EPA (2010)

# Median Household Income





# R6 Into the Future

- Region 6 States population projected to increase by 42% by 2030
  - US/Mexico Border population projected to double by 2030
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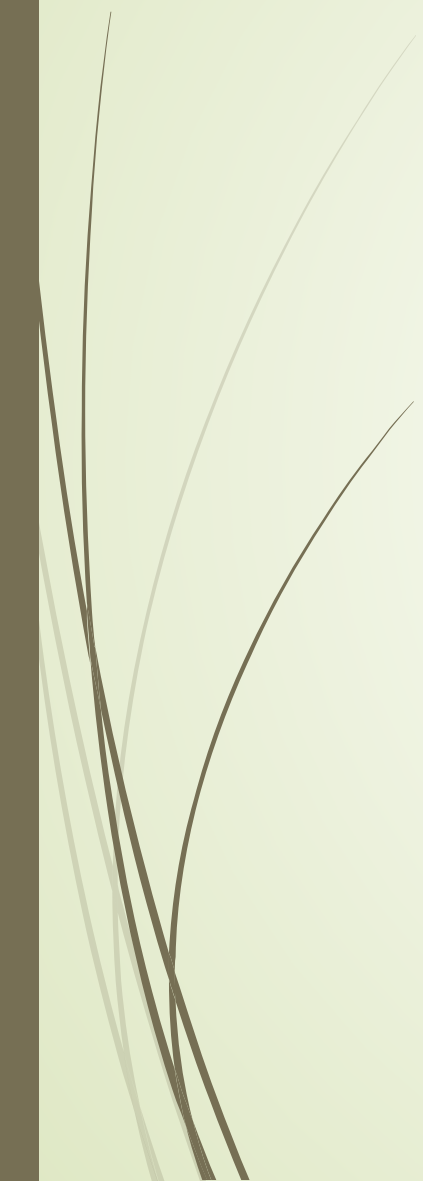
# Critical for Success of NCI

- Matching available funding to the communities that need it most
- Coordinated partnerships with all agencies/offices involved
- Permitting practices do not create an unnecessary burden.
- Regionalization assistance
- Qualified operator training and retaining



# **State Collaboration: Critical for Success**

R6 collaboration:

- Regular Senior-level coordination meetings with each state
  - Regional activities are discussed & coordinated with each impacted state
  - Texas Water Infrastructure Coordination (TWIC)
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# **State Collaboration: Critical for Success**

Open Communication

Professionalism

Teamwork

Creativity

Integrity

Fairness





Thank you!

Welcome to Dallas, Texas  
&  
Welcome to Region 6 EPA

