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
73% of the US/Mexico Border Region population approximately 5.5 million
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
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<th>2018 Est. Pop.</th>
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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
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)
State Collaboration: Critical for Success

Open Communication
Professionalism
Teamwork
Creativity
Integrity
Fairness
Thank you!

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Welcome to Region 6 EPA