

EPA Measures for NPDES Permits



Core Measures Types

- ▶ **Strategic Measures** - Work to achieve during life of FY 2018-2022 EPA Strategic Plan.
- ▶ **Budget Measures** - Annual performance measures submitted to OMB
- ▶ **Mission Measures** - Reported monthly at Office of Water Business meetings
- ▶ **National Water Program Guidance Measures** - Annual measures
- ▶ **Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) Common measures** - identified by ECOS

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- ▶ Permit Backlog
- ▶ Action Items from PQRs
- ▶ Priority permits
- ▶ Number of Communities provided with technical assistance and tools to advance green infrastructure planning and implementation efforts
- ▶ CSO permits with LTCP in place
- ▶ MS4 permits
- ▶ Industrial stormwater universe
- ▶ Construction stormwater universe
- ▶ CAFO universe
- ▶ Permits with nutrients requirements

108 NATIONAL¹ PROGRAM GUIDANCE MEASURES

29 MISSION MEASURES

13 BUDGET MEASURES

3 STRATEGIC MEASURES

6 ECOS² COMMON MEASURES



Core Measures

¹ Incorporates tribal specific measures.
² ECOS – Environmental Council of the States.

Current Measures

- ▶ Current National NPDES Measures
 - ▶ Backlog of EPA-Issued New (first time) NPDES permit
 - ▶ Backlog of EPA-Administratively Continued NPDES permits
- ▶ EPA Regions establish measures related to state NPDES programs, as appropriate, as part of Performance Partnership Agreements or other agreements between the EPA Region and state
- ▶ Additional NPDES measures are likely going to be established as part of the new Permit Oversight Policy being developed

Development of New Permit Oversight Policy

- Cover five permitting programs - NPDES, UIC, NSR, Title V, and RCRA Subtitle C
 - Both real time and programmatic review
- Goal of New Policy: Develop a consistent, standard approach for how EPA conducts oversight of itself and delegated permits/permitting programs
 - clear standards of review
 - predictable review processes
 - implementation framework



Overview of Policy

The policy will:

- Establish criteria for permit quality and timeliness
- Provide for timely resolution of issues through clear elevation procedures
- Apply to permits issued by States and by EPA
- New policy to be issued early 2020

