Overview of *FY 2022-2026 EPA Strategic Plan*

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Key Takeaways

- Overriding focus in Plan to address climate change and advance environmental justice and civil rights
  - New Agency core principle: Advance Justice and Equity
  - First time climate change is stand-alone strategic goal
  - Unprecedented environmental justice/civil rights goal
- Four cross-agency strategies—bedrock of how EPA works to accomplish strategic goals
  - Scientific integrity, children's health, organizational excellence/workforce equity, partnerships
- Emphasis on achieving culture of evidence-building, continuous learning, and evaluation in Agency operations and decisions; Plan includes:
  - Learning Agenda
  - Capacity Assessment
- Early outreach to Tribes, states, and stakeholder groups for input on Plan

Strategic Plan Framework

Mission: To Protect Human Health and the Environment

Principles: Follow the Science, Follow the Law, Be Transparent, Advance Justice and Equity

Strategy 1:
Ensure Scientific Integrity and Science-Based Decision Making

Strategy 2:
Consider the Health of Children at All Life Stages and Other Vulnerable Populations

Strategy 3:
Advance EPA's Organizational Excellence and Workforce Equity

Strategy 4:
Strengthen Tribal, State, and Local Partnerships and Enhance Engagement

Goal 1:
Tackle the Climate Crisis

Goal 2:
Take Decisive Action to Advance Environmental Justice and Civil Rights

Goal 3:
Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance

Goal 4:
Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities

Goal 5:
Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities

Goal 6:
Safeguard and Revitalize Communities

Goal 7:
Ensure Safety of Chemicals for People and the Environment

Measurable Outcomes under the Plan

- Measures hold EPA accountable internally and externally in carrying out the Plan
- EPA's three FY2022-23 Agency Priority Goals jump start progress toward the Administrator's priorities of advancing environmental justice and tackling climate change
- Four-year long-term performance goals under each strategic objective and cross-agency strategy describe measurable outcomes of success
  - LTPGs on environmental justice across all strategic goals and many have regional and program contributors

Regional Role in Advancing Progress

- Regions play a significant role in achieving success under the Plan
- Regions contribute to two of the three Agency Priority Goals:
  - Deliver tools and metrics for EPA and its Tribal, state, local, and community partners to advance environmental justice and external civil rights compliance
  - Clean up contaminated sites and invest in water infrastructure to enhance the livability and economic vitality of overburdened and underserved communities
- And many of the long-term performance goals:
  - Goal 1/Objective 1.2: By September 30, 2026, implement all priority actions in EPA's Climate Adaptation Action Plan and the 20 National Program and Regional Climate Adaptation Implementation Plans to account for the impacts of the changing climate on human health and the environment
  - Goal 3/Objective 3.2: By September 30, 2026, conduct 55% of annual EPA inspections at facilities that affect communities with potential environmental justice concerns

Tribal Highlights in the Strategic Plan

- Long-term performance goals:
  - Goal 1/Objective 1.2: Assist at least 400 federally recognized Tribes to take action to anticipate, prepare for, adapt to, or recover from the impacts of climate change.
  - Goal 2/Objective 2.1: EPA programs with direct implementation authority will take at least 100 significant actions that will result in measurable improvements in Indian country
  - Goal 5/Objective 5.1: Provide 2.203 Tribal, small, rural, or underserved communities with technical, managerial, or financial assistance to improve operations of their drinking water or wastewater systems.
- Cross-Agency Strategies:
  - Consider Tribal treaty rights as part of all EPA Tribal consultations that may affect Tribal treaty rights

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