Environmental Protection Agency
Priorities and Updates

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Government Reform

- **Executive Order 13771**
  - Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs
  - Two for One Requirement

- **Executive Order 13781**
  - Comp. Plan for Reorganizing the Executive Branch
  - Improve efficiency, effectiveness and accountability
  - Head of each Agency required to submit plan to the Office of Management and Budget
FY18-22 Transformation Strategy

Core Mission
- Improve Air Quality
- Provide for Clean & Safe Water
- Revitalize Land & Prevent Contamination
- Ensure Safety of Chemicals in Marketplace

Cooperative Federalism
- Enhance Shared Accountability
- Increase Transparency & Public Participation

Rule of Law & Process
- Compliance with the Law
- Create Consistency & Certainty
- Prioritize Robust Science
- Streamline & Modernize
- Improve Efficiency & Effectiveness
2018-2019 Agency Priority Goals

- Improve air quality by implementing pollution control measures to reduce the number of non-attainment areas.
- Accelerate the pace of cleanups and return sites to beneficial use in their communities.
- Meet new statutory requirements to improve the safety of chemicals in commerce.
- Empower communities to leverage EPA environmental infrastructure investments.
- Accelerate permitting-related decisions.
- Increase environmental law compliance rate.
EPA’s Regulatory Reform Agenda Update

- Finalized 10 deregulatory actions in FY2018
  - Estimated savings of $1.2 billion in regulatory costs.

- Regulatory Agenda currently includes 45 actions intended to be deregulatory

- 25 priority actions planned for proposal or completion this year including:
  - The Affordable Clean Energy Rule
  - Revised definition of Waters of the United States (WOTUS)

- The Administration’s Fall 2018 Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions
  - [https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaMain](https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaMain)
Revised Definition of WOTUS

- Clarifies where the Clean Water Act applies.

- EPA and the Army signed a proposed rule on Dec 11, 2018.

- Agencies will take comment for 60 days following publication in the Federal Register.

- Pre-publication (unofficial) version of the rule currently available:
Revised Definition of WOTUS (cont.)

- Public Hearing will be held Feb 27-28, 2019 in Kansas City, KS.

- EPA and the Army will hold an informational webcast on Feb 14, 2019.

- Information about registration for these events:

- Please consider participating in this very important rulemaking effort!
EPA Strategies to Address Nutrients

- Promoting collaborative approaches
- Overseeing regulatory programs
- Outreach
- Providing technical/programmatic support to States
- Developing Partnerships
- Financing Nutrient Reduction Activities
- Conducting Research and Development
Updated Policy on Water Quality Trading

- Promotes market-based mechanisms for improving water quality
- May operate in coordination with or independent of traditional regulatory programs
- EPA will host a webinar on Mar 7, 2019
  - To participate send an email to nutrients@epa.gov
- Information about trading and this policy:
Examples of Partnerships that Help EPA Achieve our Mission

- Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Task Force
  - https://www.epa.gov/ms-htf

- Animal Agriculture Discussion Group

- Source Water Collaborative
  - https://sourcewatercollaborative.org/about/

- Farm, Ranch and Rural Communities Federal Advisory Committee
  - https://www.epa.gov/faca/frrcc
Questions?