

Enclosure 1:

FY 2025-2026 National Program Guidances (NPGs) Fact Sheet

1) What are the FY 2025-2026 National Program Guidances (NPGs)?

- The FY 2025-2026 NPGs will communicate program priorities and measures and guide grant work planning with Tribes and states, consistent with the FY 2025 President's Budget and EPA's *FY 2022-2026 Strategic Plan*.
- The NPGs provide program implementation guidance based largely on funding levels reflected in the FY 2025 President's Budget Request. The amount of funding that the Congress ultimately appropriates to the EPA, however, may differ from the levels requested.
- The NPGs align with the policy priorities of the Administration, which are communicated in the FY 2025 President's Budget. This is the reason EPA issues the draft FY 2025-2026 NPGs only after the release of the FY 2025 President's Budget.
- EPA may issue FY 2026 Addendums to the FY 2025-2026 NPGs that will allow programs to make any adjustments to the two-year guidances, including changes to measures.
- The following eight EPA offices issue NPGs: Air and Radiation; Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations; Enforcement and Compliance Assurance; Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights; International and Tribal Affairs; Land and Emergency Management; and Water.

2) How may the NPGs affect Tribal programs?

- The NPGs identify national program priorities and performance measures. EPA organizations use the NPGs and Grant Guidances to establish work plans and work-sharing strategies with Tribal, state, and territory implementation partners.
- The Office of International and Tribal Affairs FY 2025-2026 NPG will reference Tribal work identified in each of the other NPGs, including priorities, strategies/activities, and available flexibilities. In this way, OITA's NPG serves as a primary resource for Tribes. In addition, most of the NPGs will include a section focused on Tribal work.

3) How are the NPGs tied to funding that Tribes receive for environmental programs?

- The NPGs align with the policy priorities of the Administration, which are communicated in the FY 2025 President's Budget. The NPGs are not budget decision-making documents.

4) How did the EPA get Tribal input as the agency developed the draft FY 2025-2026 NPGs?

- National programs engaged with Tribes and Tribal partnership groups from July through October 2023 to gather input on priority areas to inform development of the draft FY 2025-2026 NPGs.

5) How may Tribes comment on draft FY 2025-2026 NPGs?

- The six-week comment period will be April 23, 2024, through June 4, 2024.

- EPA will provide a comments template on the [NPG website](#) when the draft NPGs are published.
- Tribes should email their comments to the appropriate program contact listed on the [NPG website](#).