



National Environmental Performance Partnership System (NEPPS)

About NEPPS

EPA, states, and tribes share responsibility for protecting human health and the environment. The unique relationship between EPA, states, and tribes is the cornerstone of the nation's environmental protection system. Working together, EPA, states, and tribes have made enormous progress protecting our air, water, and land resources.

Since 1995, EPA and states have been implementing [the National Environmental Performance Partnership System](#) (NEPPS). NEPPS is a performance-based system of environmental protection designed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of EPA partnerships with states, territories, and tribes. By focusing resources on the most pressing environmental problems and taking advantage of the unique capacities of each partner, performance partnerships can help achieve the greatest environmental and human health protection.

Performance Partnership Agreements and Grants

One of the main ways EPA and states implement performance partnerships is by negotiating Performance Partnership Agreements (PPAs). These agreements set out jointly-developed priorities and protection strategies and how EPA and the state or tribe will work together to address priority needs. States and tribes can also choose to combine funds from multiple federal environmental program grants into Performance Partnership Grants (PPGs) which allow them to direct resources where they are needed most or try innovative solutions to environmental problems.

PPAs should have a strong underpinning of strategic thinking based on:

- An assessment of environmental conditions and program implementation needs;
- Analysis of approaches and tools that are most likely to bring about the greatest environmental results; and
- Jointly developed goals and priorities that are translated into plans at the operational level.

Joint planning opportunities exist for all states and tribes, even those that do not negotiate formal PPAs with their EPA regional offices. In these cases, the goals and priorities are articulated in grant work plans or other agreements.

EPA provides financial assistance to states and tribes to help them develop and implement environmental programs. For many years, states and tribes wanted greater flexibility in how they use and manage the grant funds they receive from EPA. In 1996, Congress responded by authorizing EPA to award PPGs. States, certain interstate agencies, and tribes can now choose to combine two or more environmental program grants into a single PPG.

With PPGs, states and tribes can:

- Reduce administrative costs through streamlined paperwork and accounting procedures;
- Direct EPA grant funds to priority environmental problems or program needs; and
- Try multi-media approaches and initiatives that were difficult to fund under traditional categorical grants.
- There are currently 19 environmental program grants eligible for inclusion in a PPG. Those grants are:

EPA Office	CFDA Number	Environmental Program Grant
Office of the Administrator	66.204	<u>Multipurpose Grants to States and Tribes</u>
Office of Air and Radiation	66.001	<u>Air Pollution Control Program Support</u>
	66.032	<u>State Indoor Radon Grants</u>
Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention	66.707	<u>TSCA Title IV State Lead Grants Certification of Lead-Based Paint Professionals</u>
	66.708	<u>Pollution Prevention Grant Program</u>
	66.700	<u>Consolidated Pesticide Enforcement Cooperative Agreements</u> ¹
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance	66.701	<u>Toxic Substances Compliance Monitoring Cooperative Agreements</u>
	66.926	<u>Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP)</u>
Office of Land and Emergency Management	66.801	<u>Hazardous Waste Management State Program Support</u>
	66.804	<u>Underground Storage Tank Prevention, Detection, and Compliance Program</u>
	66.812	<u>Hazardous Waste Management Grant Program for Tribes</u>
	66.817	<u>State and Tribal Response Program Grants</u>
Office of Mission Support	66.608	<u>Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program and Related Assistance</u>
Office of Water	66.419	<u>Water Pollution Control State, Interstate, and Tribal Program Support</u>

66.432	<u>State Public Water System Supervision</u>
66.433	<u>State Underground Water Source Protection</u>
66.460	<u>Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants</u>
66.461	<u>Wetland Program Development Grants</u>
66.472	<u>Beach Monitoring and Notification Program Implementation Grants</u>

¹Pesticide cooperative enforcement (section 23(a)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act(FIFRA)), pesticide applicator certification and training (section 23(a)(2) of FIFRA), and pesticide program implementation (section 23(a)(1) of FIFRA) fall under this assistance listing.