



STATE PERFORMANCE-BASED PROGRAM DIRECTORY



Introduction

Launched in 2000, U.S. EPA's National Environmental Performance Track (PT) is a voluntary program that recognizes and drives environmental excellence by encouraging facilities with strong environmental records to go above and beyond their legal requirements. In partnership with EPA, members voluntarily commit to typically four public, measurable goals to improve the quality of our nation's air, water, and land. Members include major corporations, small businesses, and public facilities that are steering a course toward environmental excellence — and setting an example for others to follow. As of May 2007, Performance Track has nearly 470 members.

Twenty-two states have performance-based programs similar to Performance Track and five states are in the process of developing a program. Like PT, these state programs seek to recognize and encourage the exceptional environmental performance of their member facilities. In fact, some state programs predate Performance Track, a reflection of the innovative spirit of EPA's state partners.

The purpose of this Directory is to provide, in one place, summary information of the individual state environmental performance-based programs. A one-page summary of the Performance Track program is followed by parallel one-page summaries for each state program. For each performance-based program, the Directory provides:

- Launch date
- Program levels or tiers
- Membership criteria
- Benefits overview
- Program website
- Contact information

Additionally, the Directory notes where EPA and the state have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to formalize program collaboration. The Directory also indicates where PT and a state program use a joint application and/or annual reporting formats.

The information contained in this Directory is merely a summary of PT and each state program. If you are interested in understanding the specifics of a particular state program or applying for program membership, please visit the program website or get in touch with the contact person identified for each program. For those interested in further information on PT, please visit the PT website at www.epa.gov/performance-track or contact the appropriate Performance Track Regional Coordinator (a list is provided at the end of the Directory).

Note that the information contained in this Directory will be continually updated to reflect changes in programs and correction of factual errors. Readers are encouraged to report any corrections to Eileen McGovern, PT State Liaison, at 202-566-2881. The most recent version of this document will be posted on the PT website.

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National Environmental Performance Track

Launched: 2000

Levels: Environmental Performance Track
Corporate Leader

Membership Criteria:

Record of Sustained Compliance
Fully Implemented EMS
EMS Self-assessment and Third-party Audit
Demonstration of Past Environmental Achievements
Future Performance Commitments
Community Outreach
Annual Reporting

Benefits Overview:

Recognition
Member Certificate and Use of Logo
Networking and Mentoring Opportunities
Application and Reporting Coordination with State Programs
Considered as factor for Socially Responsible Investments
Low Priority for Routine EPA Inspections
Extended Hazardous Waste Accumulation Time
Reduced RCRA Self-Inspections
Reduced MACT Reporting
Expedited NPDES Permit Reviews
Favorable Loan Terms for Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program

Program website: <http://www.epa.gov/performance-track>

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ARIZONA

Arizona Environmental Performance Track

Launched: 2005

Levels: Environmental Performance Track

Joint application available

Membership Criteria:

- Record of Sustained Compliance
- Fully Implemented EMS
- EMS Self-assessment and Third-party Audit
- Pollution Prevention Program
- Demonstration of Past Environmental Achievements
- Future Performance Commitments
- Community Outreach
- Commitment to Environmentally Preferable Purchasing
- Annual Reporting

Benefits Overview:

- Recognition
- Low Priority for Routine Inspections and Multi-media Inspections
- Enforcement and Inspection Notice
- Enforcement Discretion for Non-Significant Violations
- Consolidated Reporting and Reduced Reporting Requirements
- Permit Flexibility and Multi-Media Permits
- Extended Hazardous Waste Accumulation Time (PT Members only)
- Reduced MACT Reporting (PT Members only)
- Participation in Pilot Projects
- Involvement in Discussions Regarding Future Program Incentives

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COLORADO

Colorado Environmental Leader

Launched: 1998

Levels: Bronze Achievers
Silver Partners
Gold Leaders
Platinum Stewards (under development)

Performance Track MOA; joint application available

Membership Criteria:

Bronze Achievers: Record of Sustained Compliance
One or More Significant Beyond Compliance Achievement

Silver Partners: Record of Sustained Compliance
Commitment to Develop an EMS

Gold Leaders: Record of Sustained Compliance
Fully Implemented EMS
EMS Self-assessments and Third-party Audit
Demonstration of Past Environmental Achievement
Future Performance Commitments
Community Outreach
Annual Reporting

Benefits Overview:

Bronze Achievers: Mentoring and Networking Opportunities
Award and Use of Logo
Reduced Fees for Training
Consolidated Inspections
Single Point of Contact

Silver Partners: *All of the Above and:*
Tax Incentives on Pollution Control Equipment
EMS Development Assistance

Gold Leaders: *All of the Above and:*
Collaborative Compliance Approaches
Participation in Development of EMS Legislation
Consolidated Permitting/Modified Term/Priority Permitting
Extended RCRA Accumulation Time (PT Members only)
Reduced MACT Reporting (PT Members only)

Program website: <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/el/elp/index.html>

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DELAWARE

Principles for Responsible Industry in Delaware (PRIDE)

Launched: 2003

Levels: Accepted
Superior

Membership Criteria:

Accepted: Record of Sustained Compliance
Annual Reporting (on five measures)
Pollution Prevention Program
Environmental Management System
Community Outreach

Superior: *All of the above and:*
Completion of one Annual Report

Benefits Overview:

Superior: Awards
Low Priority for Routine Inspections
Flexible permitting
Fast Track Permitting
Reduced MACT Reporting (PT Members only)

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Georgia P²AD Partnership Program

Launched: 2004

Levels: White Level Partner (Advocate Tier)
Yellow Level Partner
Red Level Partner
Blue Level Partner

Performance Track MOA; joint application available

Membership Criteria:

Yellow: Environmental Policy Statement and Environmental Team
Commitment to Develop Planning Elements of EMS
Annual Reporting on Progress

Red: *All of the above and:*
Record of Sustained Compliance
Commitment to Fully Implement an EMS
Procedures for Communicating Environmental Information to Public
Community Outreach
Supply Chain Activities
Annual Reporting (on at least two measures, one for small businesses)

Blue: *All of the above and:*
Third-party EMS Audit
Fully Implemented EMS
Additional Community Outreach and Supply Chain activities
Mentorship Activities
Sustainability Activities
Annual Reporting (on at least four measures, two for small businesses)

Benefits Overview:

Yellow: Recognition
Mentoring
Free EMS Training
Free On-site Technical Assistance (including Gap and Baseline Assessments)

Red: *All of the above and:*
Priority Permit Review and Response to Regulatory Questions
Low Priority for Routine Inspections (PT Members only)
Extended RCRA Accumulation Time (PT Members only)
Reduced MACT Reporting (PT Members Only)
Access to Networking Forums with Regulatory Division Management

Blue: *All of the above and:*
Reduced Hazardous Waste Fees

Program website: http://www.p2ad.org/documents/pp_home.html

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IDAHO

Idaho GemStars

Launched: 1998

Levels: Initial Tier
Middle Tier
Highest Tier

Membership Criteria:

Initial Tier:

Record of Sustained Compliance
Environmental Policy Statement
Self-assessment of Pollution Prevention Opportunities
Outreach to Community or Customers

Middle Tier: *All of the above and:*

Educate another business/organization on GEMStars Program
Either a) Implementation of Sector-specific "Best P2 Practices" or
b) Compliance with Requirements in Three of Five Areas:
Pollution Prevention, Energy Efficiency, Water Efficiency,
Transportation Improvement, Good Neighbor Actions

Highest Tier: *All of the above and:*

Nomination from Sector-Specific Peers
Leadership in Pollution Prevention

Benefits Overview:

All Tiers: Networking and Sharing of Information
Recognition

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INDIANA

Indiana Environmental Stewardship Program

Launched: 2006

Levels: Indiana Environmental Stewardship Program (ESP)

Joint application available

Membership Criteria:

Record of Sustained Compliance
Fully Implemented EMS
EMS Self-assessment
Commitment to One New Performance Initiative During Each Year of Membership
Annual Reporting

Benefits Overview:

Recognition and Use of ESP Logo
Networking Events
Single Point of Contact
Low Priority and Advanced Notice for Routine Inspections
Expedited and Flexible Permits and Extended Permit Terms
Reduced Reporting Frequency
Alternative Compliance and Monitoring Strategies
Assignment of Same Inspector and Permit Writer
Extended Hazardous Waste Storage (PT Members only)
Reduced MACT Reporting (PT Members only)

Program website: <http://www.in.gov/idem/prevention/esp/>

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KENTUCKY

Kentucky EXCEL

Launched: 2005

Levels: Advocate
Partner
Master
Leader

Membership Criteria:

Partner: Development of an EMS
EMS Self-assessment
Annual Reporting (on at least one environmental project)

Master: *All of the above and:*
Demonstration of EMS Implementation
Annual Reporting (on at least three environmental projects)

Leader: *All of the above and:*
Record of Sustained Compliance
Third-party EMS Audit
Mentoring of another KY EXCEL Member
Annual Reporting (on at least four environmental projects and one outreach/education activity)

Benefits Overview:

Partner: Recognition
Mentoring and Networking Opportunities
Technical Assistance

Master and *All of the above and:*
Priority permitting

Leader: Invitation to advise KY EXCEL on regulatory incentives

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LOUISIANA

Louisiana Environmental Leadership Program

Launched: 2000

Levels: Louisiana Environmental Leadership Program

Membership Criteria:

EMS

Commitment to a Pollution Prevention or Community Outreach Program or Project

Demonstration of Past Environmental Improvements

Community References (for Community Outreach Projects only)

Annual Reporting

Benefits Overview:

Public Recognition

Networking Opportunities

Reduced MACT Reporting (PT Members only)

Program website: <http://www.deq.state.la.us/portal/tabid/89/Default.aspx>

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MAINE

Smart Tracks for Exceptional Performers and Upward Performers (STEP-UP)

Launched: 2000

Levels: Commitment Track
Leadership Track
Stewardship Track

Performance Track MOA

Membership Criteria:

Commitment Track: Fully Implemented EMS
Third-party EMS Audit
Environmental Sustainability at All Levels of Workforce
One Sustainability Commitment

Leadership Track: *All of the above and:*
Record of Sustained Compliance
One Energy and One Smart Production Commitment
Public Involvement
Mentoring of Commitment Track Businesses

Stewardship Track: *All of the above and:*
One "Top of Mountain" Smart Production Commitment
Mentoring of Leadership Track Businesses

Benefits Overview:

Recognition
Enhanced Relationship with DEP
Mentoring
Negotiation of Alternative Record Keeping and Reporting
Low Priority for Routine Inspections (PT Members only)

Leadership and Sustainability Track members may receive enhanced benefits due to greater commitment.

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MICHIGAN

Clean Corporate Citizen (C3)

Launched: 1997

Levels: Michigan Clean Corporate Citizen (C3)

Membership Criteria:

Record of Sustained Compliance
Fully Implemented EMS
Pollution Prevention Policy and Program
Annual Reporting

Benefits Overview:

Recognition and Logo Use
Permit Flexibility
Expedited Permits
Reduced Monitoring and Reporting
Single Point of Contact
Reduced MACT Reporting (PT Members only)

Program website:

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MISSOURI

Missouri Environmental
Management Partnership

Launched: 2002

Levels: Partner
Certified
Advanced
Certified Advanced

Performance Track MOA

Membership Criteria:

Partner: Implementation of Basic EMS
EMS Self-assessment

Certified: *All of the above and:*
Third-party EMS Audit

Advanced: *Criteria for Partner Tier and:*
Pollution Prevention Plan Defining Beyond-compliance Standards
Annual Reporting
Community Outreach and Reporting

Certified Advanced: *Criteria for the Certified and Advanced Tiers.*

Benefits Overview:

Partner: Recognition and Logo Use
Flexible or Consolidated Permitting
Expedited Permitting
Streamlined Reporting
Reduced MACT Reporting (PT Members only)
Low Priority for Routine Inspections (PT Members only)
Extended Hazardous Waste Accumulation Time (PT Members only)

Higher Tiers: *All of the above and:*
Consideration of Cooperative Permit Measures

Program website: <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/env/memp/index.html>

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NEW MEXICO

GreenZia Environmental Excellence Program

Launched: 1998

Levels: Commitment
 Achievement
 Excellence

Membership Criteria:

Commitment: Commitment to Environmental Improvement

Achievement: *All of the Above and:*
Working Towards Implementation of EMS
Provide Trend Data for Significant Impacts
Community Reporting
Outreach to Suppliers, Customers, and Vendors

Excellence: *All of the Above and:*
Record of Sustained Compliance
Demonstrated Environmental Results
Fully Implemented EMS

Benefits Overview:

All Levels: Networking Opportunities
Recognition and Logo Use
EMS Technical Assistance
Access to Experts
Reduced MACT Reporting (PT Members only)

Program website: http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/Green_Zia_website/

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NORTH CAROLINA

NC Environmental Stewardship Initiative

Launched: 2002

Levels: Environmental Stewardship Initiative (ESI) - Partner
ESI - Rising Steward
ESI - Steward

Membership Criteria:

Partner: Commitment to Establish Environmental Goals
Commitment to Developing a Fully-Functional EMS
Annual Reporting

Rising Steward: *All of the above and:*
Record of Sustained Compliance
Environmental Goals
Fully-functional EMS
Third-party EMS Audit

Steward: *All of the above and:*
Mentoring of Partners and Rising Stewards
Documentation of EMS Integration with Core Business Functions
Community Outreach and Reporting

Benefits Overview:

Partner and Rising Steward: Recognition
Technical Assistance and Training
Networking and Mentorship
Single Point of Contact
Reduced MACT Reporting (PT Members only)

Steward: *All of the above and:*
Participation in Forum and Workgroup
Established Time Frames for Permit Decisions
Consideration for Regulatory Incentives

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OKLAHOMA

Environmental Performance & Recognition Program

Launched: 2001

Levels: Commitment
Achievement
Excellence

Membership Criteria:

Commitment and Achievement: Record of Sustained Compliance
Commitment to Implementing a Pollution Prevention Program

Excellence: *All of the above and:*
Fully Implemented EMS

Benefits Overview:

All Tiers: Recognition
Independent Assessment of the Organization's Environmental Performance
Reduced MACT Reporting (PT Members only)

Program website: <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/csdnew/EPRP/index.htm>

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OREGON

Green Permits Program

Launched: 1999

Levels: Participant
Achiever
Leader

Membership Criteria:

Participant: Record of Sustained Compliance
Basic EMS
EMS Self-assessment
Demonstration of Past Environmental Achievement
Stakeholder Involvement
Annual Report

Achiever: *All of the Above and:*
Fully Implemented EMS and Third-party Audit
Extensive Stakeholder Involvement

Leader: *All of the Above and:*
EMS and Stakeholder Involvement related to Life-Cycle Impacts

Benefits Overview:

Participant: Recognition
EMS Technical Assistance and Expert Referral
Single Point of Contact
Enforcement Discretion
Low Priority for Inspections (PT Members only)

Achiever: *All of the Above and:*
Alternative Compliance Strategies
Flexible Permit Conditions and Permit Waivers
Priority Permitting
Streamlined Reporting

Leader: *All of the Above and:*
Tailored Regulatory Relationship

Program website:

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SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina Environmental Excellence Program

Launched: 1996

Levels: Environmental Excellence Program

Membership Criteria:

Record of Sustained Compliance
Commitment to Establish an EMS
Measurable Environmental Targets
Community Outreach

Benefits Overview:

Public Recognition and Awards
Networking
Mentoring and Technical Assistance
Regulatory Flexibility
Reduced MACT Reporting (PT Members only)
Extended Hazardous Waste Accumulation Time (PT Members only)

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TENNESSEE

*Tennessee Pollution
Prevention Partnership (TP3)*

Launched: 2000

Levels: Prospect
Pledge
Partner
Performer

Performance Track MOA

Membership Criteria:

Pledge: Commitment to Initiate Pollution Prevention Practices

Partner: Development of a Five-project Pollution Prevention Plan
Annual Reporting (of at least one environmental success story)

Performer: *All Partner Criteria and:*
Procedures for Communicating Environmental Information to Public
Fully Implemented EMS
Mentoring of another facility or organization

Benefits Overview:

Pledge: Recognition
Networking
Information regarding pollution prevention and environmental stewardship

Partner: *All of the above and:*
Special Contact at TDEC
Discounts for environmental training classes

Performer: *All of the above and:*
Special consideration at Tennessee environmental conferences
Extended Hazardous Waste Accumulation Time (PT Members only)
Reduced MACT Reporting (PT Members only)

Program website: <http://state.tn.us/environment/ea/tp3/>

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Launched: 1998

Levels: Bronze
Silver
Gold
Platinum

Performance Track MOA, joint application available

Membership Criteria:

- Bronze:** Record of Sustained Compliance
Commitment to EMS Development
Commitment to One Future Performance Commitment
Commitment to One Community Environmental Project
Annual Reporting
- Silver:** Fully Implemented EMS
Reporting on One Future Performance Commitment
Reporting on One Compliance Assurance Goal
- Gold:** *All of the Above and:*
Reporting on an additional Future Performance Commitment (2 total)
Reporting on an additional Community Environmental Project (2 total)
- Platinum:** *All of the Above and:*
Reporting on an additional Future Performance Commitment (4 total)
Reporting on an additional Community Environmental Project (3 total)

Benefits Overview:

- Bronze:** Reduced Training Fees
Technical Assistance and Networking
- Silver:** *All of the Above and:*
Single Point of Contact
TCEQ Reduced Inspections and Advance Notice on a case-by-case basis
- Gold:** *All of the Above and:*
Customized Recognition
Expedited Permitting
Exempt from Waste Minimization/Source Reduction Planning Requirements
- Platinum:** *All of the Above and:*
Reduced Reporting and Monitoring for Discharge Monitoring Provisions
Revised Air Program Evaluation
Low Priority for Routine EPA Inspections
Reduced MACT Reporting

Program website: <http://www.cleantexas.org/>

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UTAH
Clean Utah

Launched: 2004

Levels: Entry Level
 Leader Level
 Partner Level

Performance Track MOA, joint application available

Membership Criteria:

Entry Level: Record of Sustained Compliance

Leader Level: *All of the Above and:*
Fully Implemented EMS
Commitment to Two Environmental Projects
Annual Reporting

Partner Level: *All of the Above and:*
Three Complete EMS Cycles
Commitment to Additional Environmental Projects

Benefits Overview:

Entry Level: Recognition
Participate in Annual Meeting

Leader and Partner Levels: *All of the Above and:*
Logo Use
Permit Enhancements
Preferable Loan Terms
Reduced Oversight/Low Inspection Priority
Self Audit
Reduced MACT Reporting

Program website: <http://www.deq.utah.gov/cleanutah/>

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VERMONT

Vermont Business Environmental Partnership

Launched: 1998

Levels: Environmental Partner
Environmental Leader

Membership Criteria:

Partner: Adoption of an Environmental Policy Statement
Designation of an Environmental Team/Representative
Environmental Assessment
Energy Efficiency, Prevention, Reuse, and Recycling Measures
Implementation of One Best Management Practice
Mentoring

Leader: *All of the Above and:*
Record of Sustained Compliance
Fully Implemented EMS

Benefits Overview:

Certificate and Logo Use
Recognition
Low Priority for Routine Inspections (PT Members only)
Reduced MACT Reporting (PT Members only)
Extended Hazardous Waste Accumulation Time (PT Members only)

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VIRGINIA

*Virginia Environmental
Excellence Program*

Launched: 2000

Levels: Environmental Enterprise (E2)
Exemplary Environmental Enterprise (E3)
Extraordinary Environmental Enterprise (E4)

Performance Track MOA, joint application and reporting available

Membership Criteria:

- E2:** Environmental Policy Statement
Identification of Environmental Impacts and Establishment of Targets
Pollution Prevention Program
Annual Reporting (on at least one environmental measure)
Record of Sustained Compliance
- E3:** *All of the above and:*
Fully Implemented EMS
EMS Self-assessment
Procedures for Communicating Environmental Information to Public
Annual Reporting (on at least two environmental measures)
- E4:** *All of the above and:*
Third-party EMS Audit
One Full EMS Cycle Implemented

Benefits Overview:

- E2:** Recognition
Participant Association
Annual Waste and Water Permit Fee Discounts
- E3:** *All of the above and:*
Alternative Compliance Methods
- E4:** *All of the above and:*
Extended Hazardous Waste Accumulation Time (PT Members only)
Reduced MACT Reporting (PT Members only)

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WISCONSIN

Green Tier

Launched: Initiated in 1995 and legislation passed in 2004.

Levels: Tier 1
Tier 2
Charters

Performance Track MOA

Membership Criteria:

Tier 1: Record of Sustained Compliance
Commitment to Implement EMS
Commitment to Continual Environmental Improvement
Annual Performance Reviews

Tier 2: *All of the above and:*
Additional Compliance Requirements
Fully Implemented EMS

Charters: Negotiated terms and conditions for multiple parties.

Benefits Overview:

Tier 1: Recognition
Publicity
Logo Use
Single Point of Contact
Low Priority for Routine Inspections (upon EMS implementation)
Limited Civil Immunity

Tier 2: *All of the Above and:*
Customized Participation Contracts that may include:
Permit and Decision Streamlining
Customized Permit Conditions
Negotiated Monitoring and Reporting Procedures
Other Flexibility and Innovation Proportional to Superior Performance

Program website: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cea/environmental/ems/index.htm>

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Performance Track MOA

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Performance Track MOA

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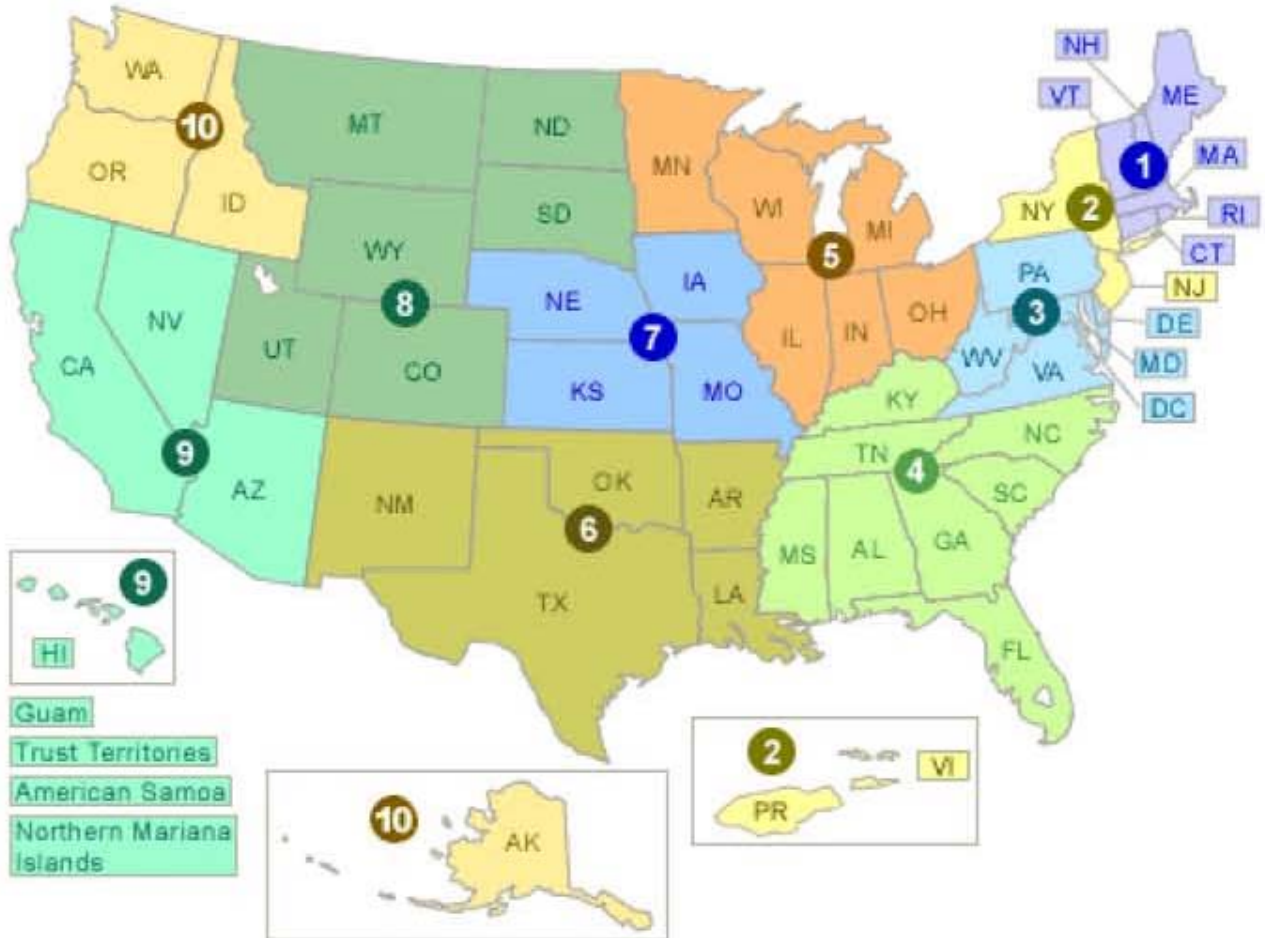
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