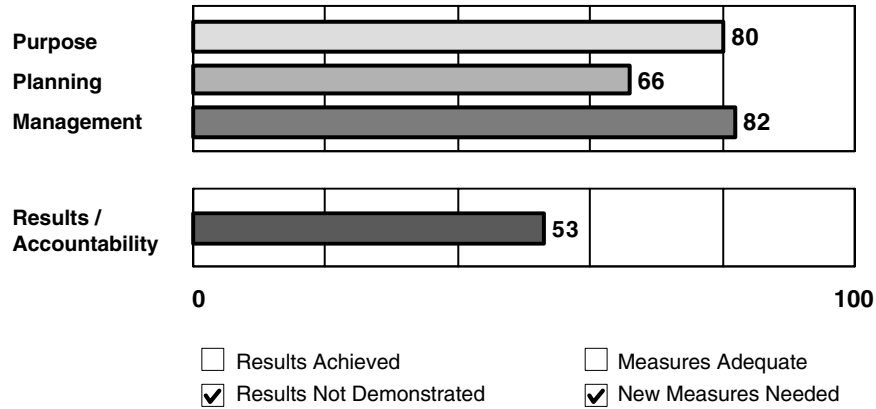


**Program:** Aids to Navigation

**Agency:** Department of Homeland Security

**Bureau:** Coast Guard



**Key Performance Measures**

**Year Target Actual**

Measure	Year	Target	Actual
Long-term Measure: Measures under development			
Annual Measure: Total number of commercial vessel collisions, allisions, and groundings A collision is when two moving objects hit each other. An allision is when a vessel hits a stationary object. While this is an acceptable indicator, the program is not yet able to demonstrate its effect on accidents in the long-term.	1999		2,194
	2000		2,152
	2001	2,261	1,677
	2002	2,098	
Annual Measure: Percentage of time waterways are available for commerce Waterways are usually open to traffic but may be closed due to accidents or to navigational aids being unavailable. (New measure)	2003	98%	

**Rating:** Results Not Demonstrated

**Program Type:** Direct Federal

**Program Summary:**

The Aids to Navigation (ATON) program helps ensure that vessels move safely in U.S. ports and waterways. This mission includes maintaining buoys, lighthouses, and radio navigation systems.

The PART raised questions about the design of the ATON program, which is run directly by the Coast Guard. Other program designs, such as contracting out some functions, may be more appropriate or efficient. In addition, the assessment found that the ATON program has no long-term performance measures and no regular evaluations. Therefore, the program cannot demonstrate at this time the level of impact it is having on vessel safety. To address these findings, the Administration will conduct an A-76 study on the ATON program to determine whether its services may be more efficiently provided by the private sector.

**Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)**

2002 Actual	2003 Estimate	2004 Estimate
973	974	1,073