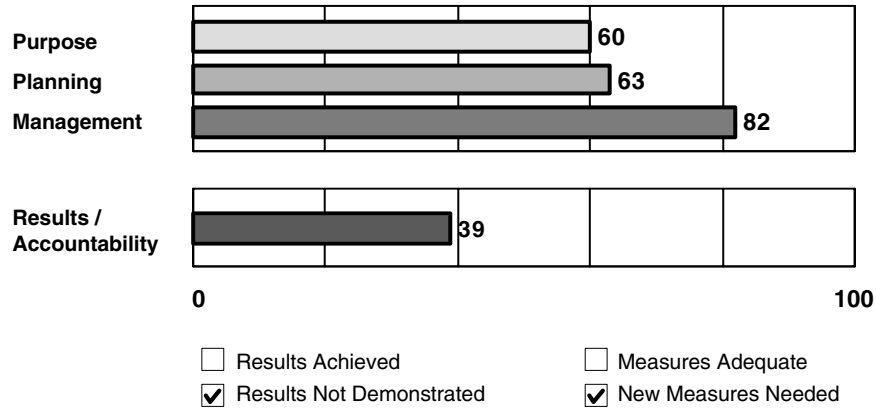


Program: Rural Water Supply Projects

Agency: Department of the Interior

Bureau: Bureau of Reclamation



Key Performance Measures

Year Target Actual

Measure Description	Year	Target	Actual
Long-term Measure: Percent of targeted population served with reliable, safe drinking water This measure is being considered for inclusion in Interior's Strategic Plan, and Reclamation's Performance Plan, and is not finalized. (Measure under development)			
Annual Measure: Percent of acre-feet of water delivered on time as defined in contracts This measure is currently being considered for inclusion in Interior's Strategic Plan, and Reclamation's Performance Plan, and is not finalized. (Measure under development)			
Annual Measure: Efficiency measure under development			

Rating: Results Not Demonstrated

Program Type: Capital Assets

Program Summary:

The Bureau of Reclamation's Rural Water Supply Projects are an amalgamation of water development projects that serve large, sparsely populated areas, and focus on developing municipal, industrial, and residential water supplies.

The PART evaluation of Reclamation's rural water program suggests:

1. Reclamation does a competent job of managing its rural water projects. The program needs stronger controls for project development. Many projects are currently developed by local project sponsors without agency involvement and submitted to Congress for authorization. Agency involvement is necessary to ensure that all options to efficiently and effectively meet local needs are considered. The lack of agency involvement during project development may result in a project that is not in the federal interest.
2. Local cost sharing is insufficient and varies between programs.
3. There is significant overlap with other federal rural water programs, including those in the Rural Utilities Service, Indian Health Service, and the Environmental Protection Agency.
4. Reclamation is developing performance measures for these projects. These measures are not yet finalized and are being evaluated as part of DOI's Strategic Plan.

In response to these findings, the Administration will:

1. Submit legislation this Spring establishing a Reclamation rural water program with adequate controls and guidelines, instead of an amalgamation of individually-authorized and developed projects that are based on different standards and rules.
2. Scale back funding for Reclamation's rural water projects unless and until systemic program weaknesses are addressed, such as non-existent guidelines for eligibility, local cost share, and program planning.

(For more information on this program, please see the Department of the Interior chapter in the Budget volume.)

Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)

<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Estimate</u>	<u>2004 Estimate</u>
83	69	32