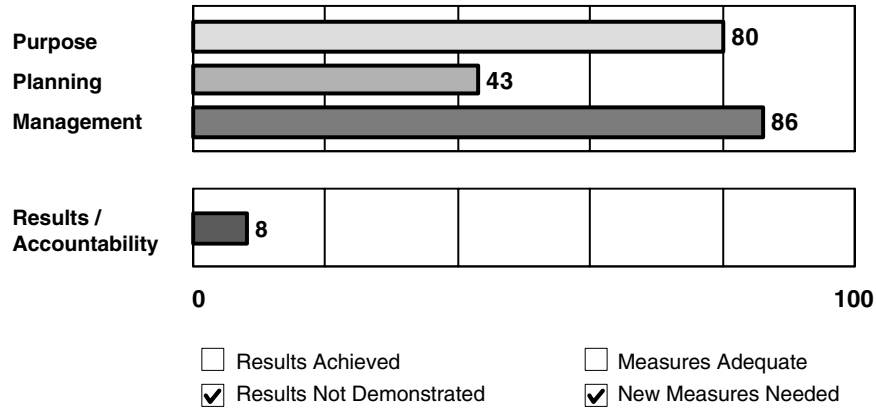


Program: Existing Chemicals

Agency: Environmental Protection Agency

Bureau: Environmental Protection Agency



Key Performance Measures

Year Target Actual

Measure	Year	Target	Actual
Long-term Measure: Measure under development			
Annual Measure: Percent reduction in current year production-adjusted Risk Screening Environmental Indicators (RSEI) chemical risk based index (New measure)	2002	3	
	2003	4	
	2004	2	
Efficiency Measure: Measure under development			

Rating: Results Not Demonstrated

Program Type: Direct Federal

Program Summary:

EPA reviews and regulates chemical substances and mixtures that may harm human health or the environment. EPA's Existing Chemicals program covers the 62,000 chemicals that were already in commerce when Congress enacted the Toxic Substances Control Act, including testing, regulation, and reporting.

The assessment found:

1. The program has strong purpose and management. The program, however, lacks strategic planning.
2. The program cannot demonstrate any long-term impact. EPA's long-term goal does not focus on outcomes and lacks a baseline and clear time frames. The program also does not have an efficiency measure.
3. The program has demonstrated few results. EPA has reviewed approximately two percent of existing chemicals. GAO found that EPA has been slow to address these chemicals.
4. The law requires that EPA compile industry data, which can be costly and time-consuming.
5. EPA's current annual performance goals cannot be assessed because data are not available until two years into the future.

In response to these findings, the Administration will:

1. Provide \$1 million above the 2003 President's Budget to develop acute exposure chemical guidelines (AEGLs). AEGLs are important for homeland security response, recovery, and preparedness. AEGLs represent three tiers of health effects (discomfort, disability, death) for five exposure durations (eight hours or less). This funding will help EPA to obtain more information on the possible harm to humans and the environment from chemicals, which will help the Agency to achieve a higher level of accountability and results.
2. Establish better performance measures, including efficiency measures.

Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)

<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Estimate</u>	<u>2004 Estimate</u>
11	12	13