

Environmental Information



# Implementation Plan for Phase 2 of the Exchange Network

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# Topics to Cover

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- What is the Phase 2 Plan?
- Why did we create it?
- What are its goals?
- What comes next?
- Your questions and comments

## Phase 2 Background

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- Phase 1 emphasized 10 National Priority data flows
  - AQS, Facility ID, WQX, EIS, ICIS-NPDES, TRI, Beaches, UIC, SDWIS, RCRAInfo
- Phase 2 will build on our success to create a Network that enables partners to find, integrate, and use data to better understand, manage, and protect human health and the environment.

# Goal 1

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## The Exchange Network Becomes Increasingly Usable, Efficient, and Sustainable.

- Manage the Improvement of Existing Data Flows to Improve Usability, Efficiency, and Consistency with the Network Vision.
- Develop New National Data Flows that Serve the Needs of All Network Users.
- Participate in efforts to improve the electronic collection and management of environmental data.
- Track and Adopt New Technologies and Processes that will Benefit Partners.
- Increase Partners' Technical Capacity to Implement, Operate, and Maintain Exchange Network Tools and Services.

## Goal 2

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The Exchange Network Becomes Increasingly Relevant and Valuable to a Broadening Community of Partners and Consumers.

- Create Relationships with New Partners and Consumers that Will Broaden the Network Community and Expand Information Sharing.
- Create an Outreach and Marketing Strategy to Increase the Network's Relevance, Value, and Support among Partners and Consumers.
- Strengthen Partnerships with Tribes and Identify Opportunities for Increased Participation.

## Goal 3

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The Network Enables Better Decisions Through Timely, Accessible, and Useful Environmental Information.

- Convene Teams to Develop Data Sharing Solutions That Serve the Needs of EN Partners and Consumers
- Document Business Requirements and Build Publishing Services
- Assist Partners in Implementing and Maintaining Publishing Services
- Support the Development of Tools that Promote Easier Discovery, Integration, and Use of Environmental Data

## Goal 4

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The Exchange Network and its Partners Have Adequate Resources for Implementation, Operations, and Maintenance.

- Secure Resources for Near-term Investment in Phase 2 Priorities
- Develop a Comprehensive Grants Strategy Aimed at Effectively Targeting Available Funding
- Cultivate Long-term Sources of Funding to Assure the Sustainability of the Network

# Next Steps

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- Collect and respond to input from Network partners
- Finalize and publish the Phase 2 Plan
- Prioritize activities and develop 2013 – 2014 work plans for EN governance and staff
- Get to work!



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# Questions or Written Comments?

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