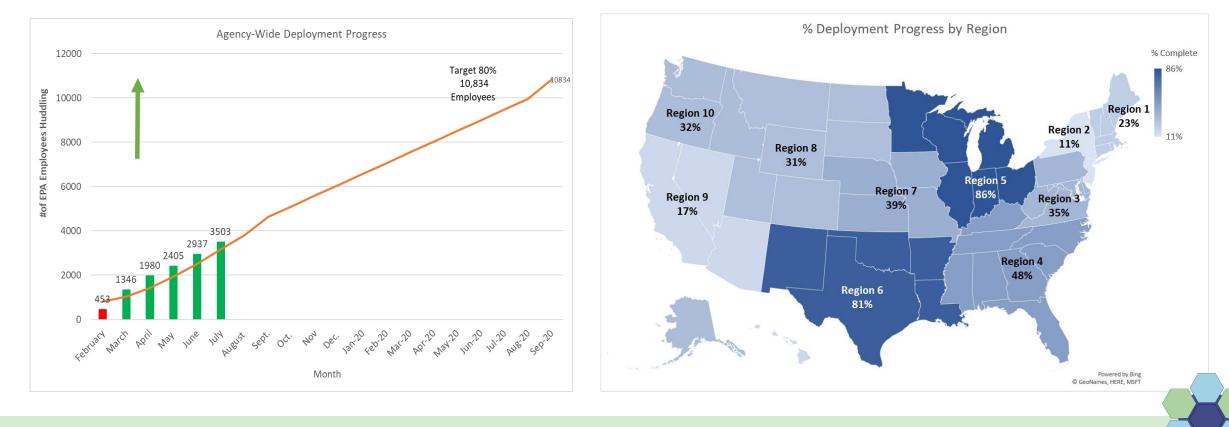
# U.S. EPA Lean Management System (ELMS)

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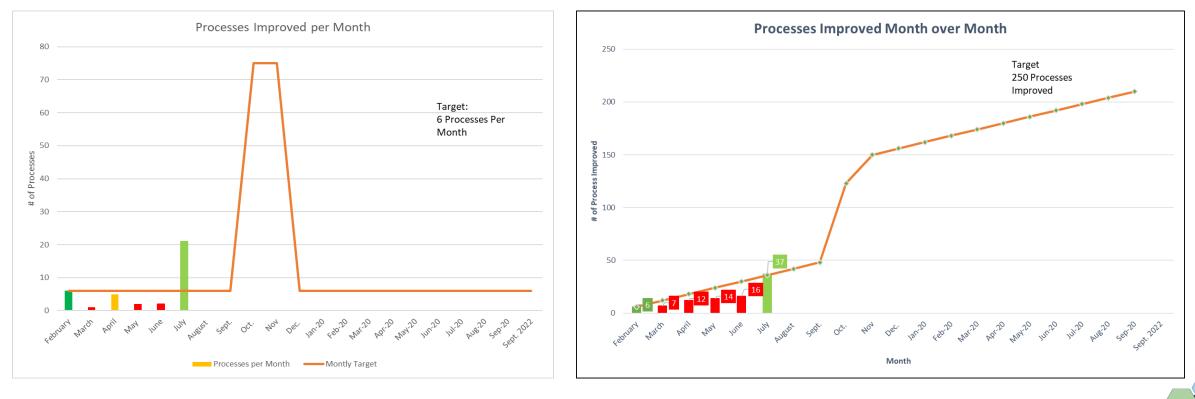
### **Agency ELMS-related Goals**

#### Deploy ELMS to 80% of EPA by EOY FY2020



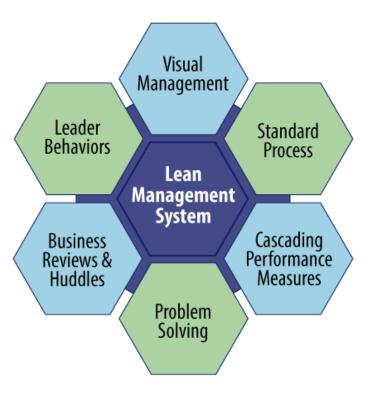
### **Agency ELMS-related Goals**

#### Improve 250 processes at EPA by EOY FY2022



### **Deployment Framework and Strategy**

- Executive Leadership Support/Buy-in
- Readiness Assessment
- Train-the-Trainer/Invest Internally
- Organic Process Selection
- Post-deployment Support
- Andon Response
- Connecting the Dots

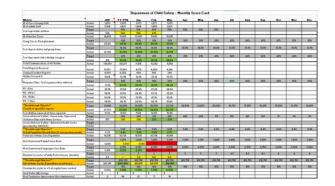


### **Cascading Performance Measures**

## Administrator Strategic Measures Reform Plan Projects

National Program/Regional Office
Bowling Charts •Countermeasures
Breakthroughs





# •Flow Boards •Performance Boards



### **Success Stories & Process Improvements**

- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Process
- Acquisition/Contract and Grant Process
- Hiring Process
- Legal Review Process
- Permitting Process
- State Implementation Plan (SIP) Process



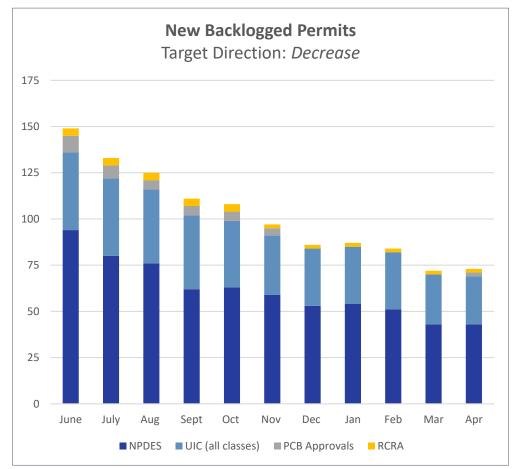
## **Improving Permit Process**

#### Goal:

• Reach all permitting-related decisions (except NSR and Title V) within six months by end of FY2022.

#### Progress:

- Backlog of new permit applications reduced by 51% since June 2018
- Launched new electronic system to track pending permits
- Made major improvements to NPDES permit application forms to improve flow and clarity (to reduce errors and incomplete applications)



## **Improving SIP Process**

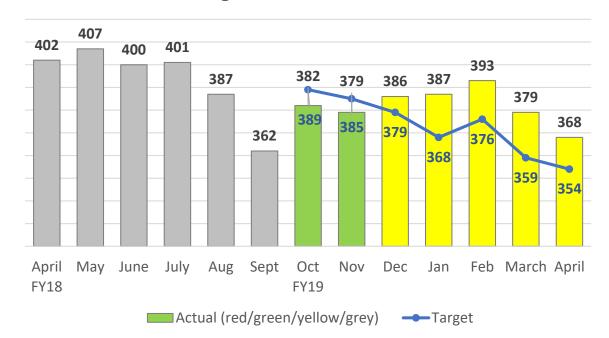
#### Goals:

- 1. Deliver final action on SIPs within 18 months of submittal to EPA by 2022.
- 2. Eliminate the SIP backlog by 2022.

#### Progress:

- All regions and HQ using visual mgmt. to track SIP progress / identify issues
- Took final action on 162 SIPs since October 2018, including 83 backlogged SIPs since May 2019.

#### **Number of SIPs in Backlog** Target Direction: *Decrease*



### **On the Horizon**

- Problem Solving Corps
- U.S. State (and Tribal) Deployments
- Andon Response
- Success Stories/Branding
- Complete Deployments
- Realize Process Improvements

