



REGION 4 2023 PRIORITIES

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NATIONAL WORKGROUPS

- **Sublead for Eastern Regional Haze**
- **Sublead for Indoor Environments & Radiation**
- **Participation in National Workgroups:**
 - **New 111(b) and (d) power plan**
 - **Coke oven NESHAP RTR**
 - **MM2A**
 - **Minor Source NSR**
 - **Ozone Transport**
 - **Review of Fine Particulate Matter Standard**
 - **2023 Start Up, Shut Down and Malfunction Workgroup**

REGIONAL PRIORITIES

- **EJ Community Engagement:**
 - Ethylene Oxide
 - Wood Pellet Mills
 - Communities overburdened with Air Toxics
 - EJ in Permitting
 - EJ Grants Training
- **Climate Action:**
 - BIL - Clean School Bus Program – grants & rebates
 - IRA - Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program
 - IRA - Ports Grants
 - IRA – Heavy-Duty Vehicles
 - IRA - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Grants

SIP PROCESSING

| Performance Metric Title | | YTD | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Sep |
|--------------------------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Regional Metrics | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of SIPs acted on | Target | | 3 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 16 | 16 | 20 |
| | Actual | 26 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 14 | 19 | 26 | |
| SIPs acted on within 18 months | Target | | 3 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 13 | 13 | 14 |
| | Actual | 16 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 16 | |
| SIP Backlog | Target | | 35 | 35 | 32 | 32 | 31 | 31 | 33 |
| | Actual | 31 | 36 | 35 | 34 | 30 | 29 | 31 | |

REGULATORY PRIORITIES

- **Regional Haze SIPs**
- **SSM SIPs**
- **2015 Ozone Transport SIPs and the FIP**
- **Redesignations of Remaining Nonattainment Areas**



2024 BUDGET

- **\$12 billion – a 19% increase over FY23**

Including:

- **\$5 billion for climate action**
- **\$1.8 billion for EJ initiatives and programs**
- **\$1.4 billion to improve air quality and reduce localized pollution, reduce exposure to radiation, and improve indoor air quality**
- **Addition of nearly 2,000 FTEs**