

# Environmental GPS: Where We're Going and How We're Getting There

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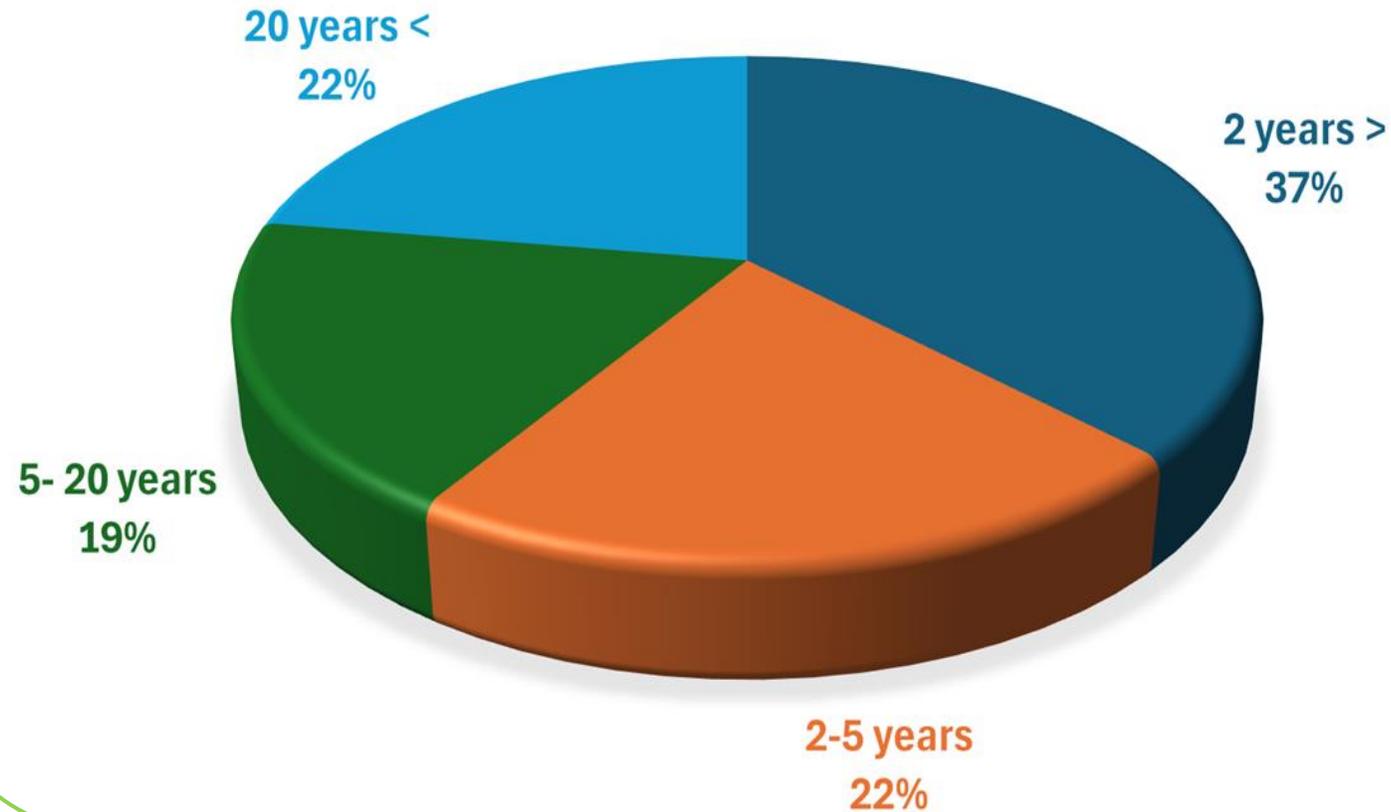
# Agency Focus Areas

- ▶ Administering climate and energy grant programs
- ▶ Expanding external engagement
- ▶ Enhancing agency permitting programs
- ▶ Addressing emerging contaminants
- ▶ Catalyzing modern infrastructure
- ▶ Evolving federal relationships



# Meeting our Evolving Workforce

## IEPA EMPLOYEE TENURE



# Recruiting Differently

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Targeted outreach to  
professional  
associations

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Augmented university  
presence

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Featured CMS-led  
advertising campaign



# Expanded Employee Training Opportunities

- ▶ Structured program-specific training programs
- ▶ External professional development opportunities
- ▶ Externally-developed leadership training program



# Environmental Information Management System

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Connecting  
Exiting IT Systems

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Expanding  
Opportunities for  
Electronic  
Submissions

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Providing Real-  
Time Public  
Information

# Targeted Outputs

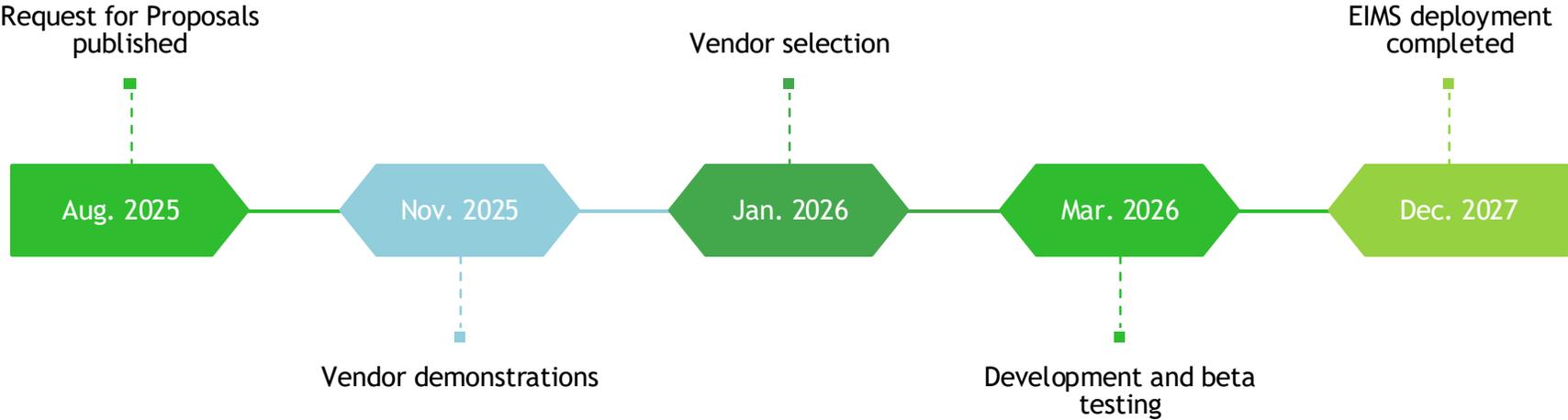
Holistic electronic permitting platform

Online reporting portal to replace paper submissions

Centralized information management system connecting all Agency programs

Increase in volume and quality of publicly available information

# Development Timeline



# Reimagining Engagement

Expanded and earlier regulated community outreach

Increased technical assistance

Comprehensive community outreach

Amplified social media presence





# Objectives for Enforcement in EJ Communities

- Strengthen communication with community members, community leaders, and advocacy groups regarding publicly available monitoring, inspection, and enforcement resources
- Provide educational and technical support resources to help increase community members' understanding of inspection, compliance, and enforcement authorities and activities.
- Place an increased emphasis on monitoring, inspection, and enforcement in areas of EJ concern so that complaints are investigated promptly and site operations are closely monitored.
- Work closely with governmental partners to pursue enforcement and develop collaborative enforcement activities in communities of EJ concern.
- Expand the use of environmental mitigation projects and Supplemental Environmental Projects, including maintaining a bank of concepts for such projects to which members of the public can contribute.
- Explore opportunities to escrow penalties for local use

# Economic Development Activities



- ▶ Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
- ▶ Agency Capital Program Financing
- ▶ Permitting Expediency
- ▶ DCEO Engagement

# Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Implementation

\$430 million implementation award from  
USEPA

## Priority areas

Accelerating Clean and Efficient  
Building Adoption

Deploying Clean Transportation and  
Freight

Kick-Starting Industry Decarbonization

Expanding Climate-Smart Agriculture

Keeping Clean Power Goals on Track

# Capital Investments

\$6.2 billion in FY26

- \$4.4 billion for State Revolving Fund
- \$250 million for Lead Service Line replacements
- \$94.1 million for unsewered communities grants
- \$4 million for brownfields assessments and development
- \$2 million for recycling and composting grants



# Federal Engagement

- ▶ Relationship between state and federal environmental regulations
- ▶ Agency's Performance Partnership Grant and Agreement
- ▶ Federal funding
  - ▶ PPG/PPA-driven funds
  - ▶ Capital funds
  - ▶ Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
- ▶ Work with USEPA Region V

# Thank You!

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