

## E-Enterprise 2024-2026 Strategic Direction

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For 2024-26, the E-Enterprise Leadership Council (EELC) sets forth our three-pronged Strategic Direction, building on our successful predecessor of [2022-24](#). With this Strategic Direction, EPA, State, and Tribal EELC members **identify new project work, commit to completing existing work, and leverage the uniquely collaborative, shared-governance E-Enterprise partnership.**

**Upfront, we definitively acknowledge the essential roles EELC members play supporting the E-Enterprise project portfolio.** Relying upon the core principle of shared governance, we identify common issues and agree to prioritize and solve issues together by determining the right level of engagement and the appropriate manner or venue for addressing our shared concerns, as evidenced in the roles we serve as:

- **Champions:** Leading projects and developing useful tools, services, and products for co-regulators that are effective and efficient.
- **Advocates:** Bringing the voice of the customer into EPA projects and processes.
- **Change Agents:** Exchanging best practices, adaptable tools, and new ideas that improve environmental program implementation and/or enhance shared governmental responsibilities.

### Snapshot: EELC Strategic Direction

In December 2023, the EELC agreed to focus on three priorities for the next two years.



**New Projects:** The EELC agrees to undertake work in several focus areas: Three were chosen as projects ready for immediate attention, while one falls into a monitoring status as of the date of this Strategic Direction.

#### *Projects Ready for Immediate Attention*

1. Identify and characterize CROMERR implementation challenges
2. Identify ways to improve the pre-award grant process
3. Identify ways to improve the post-award grant process

**1. Identify and characterize Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (CROMERR) implementation challenges:**

Identify challenges to CROMERR implementation and potential adjustments to the implementation or interpretation of CROMERR, considering advancements in technology and practices regarding electronic reporting and signatures to improve user interactions with the rule while meeting its intent. Following the analysis phase, recommendations will be presented to the EELC.

**2-3. Identify ways to improve the pre-award and post-award grant processes:** EPA is undertaking a multitude of efforts improving the grant pre-award and post-award experience, many tied to new environmental funding opportunities. The EELC will serve as a “ready-made” forum for state/tribal engagement on EPA grant application and reporting efforts and engage in or initiate projects or process streamlining, when needed. EPA, States, and Tribes can use the EELC to encourage and extend the use of best practices, lessons learned, and success stories.

***Project to Monitor in 2024***

4. Explore EELC role in EPA’s effort to integrate air quality and emissions information-monitoring

**Existing Projects:** The EELC continues our work completing E-Enterprise projects previously included in the E-Enterprise portfolio. Project teams will report back to the EELC regarding substantial achievements and when/if critical decisions are needed.

- ✓ Be Well Informed for PFAS
- ✓ Combined Air Emission Reporting System (CAERS)
- ✓ Compliance Learning Agenda
- ✓ Drinking Water State Federal Tribal Information Exchange System (DW-SFTIES) Modernization

- ✓ Exchange Network Reinvigoration
- ✓ Integrated Compliance Information System (ICIS) Modernization
- ✓ Maintain Tribal Data Sovereignty
- ✓ Participatory Science

**Collaborative Partnership Focus:** The EELC continues to emphasize the value in strengthening and supporting activities that enhance the E-Enterprise collaborative partnership, including (1) refreshing the E-Enterprise collaborative governance structure and (2) encouraging dialogue around significant topics of interest for EELC. For 2024-26, we plan to (1) update the functional and structural elements of the EELC and E-Enterprise governance bodies, such as the Management Board (MB) and Interoperability and Operations Team (IOT). We also anticipate (2) ongoing focus on using the E-Enterprise Community Inventory Platform to its fullest capacity and communicating information pertinent to funding opportunities for collaborative work, among other significant issues as they arise.