



What Is E-Enterprise for the Environment?

Established in 2013, E-Enterprise for the Environment (E-Enterprise) is a collaborative partnership through which leaders from EPA, state, and Tribal environmental agencies work together to modernize our shared responsibility of protecting the environment. E-Enterprise relies on three key principles to improve environmental program implementation:

1. **Early and meaningful dialogue with partners who make decisions together,**
2. **Streamlining and simplifying processes, and**
3. **Leveraging technology, where it makes sense, to optimize effectiveness.**

Why Do We Need E-Enterprise?

In times of constrained resources and destructive natural and manmade events, a nationwide enterprise is critical for addressing both emerging and existing environmental challenges. As an ongoing collaborative, E-Enterprise is a trusted and dynamic forum for EPA, state, and Tribal leaders to prioritize shared concerns, collectively address challenges, and build efficient and effective solutions.

While partners have achieved dramatic improvements in the quality of public health and the environment over the last 50 years, our federal environmental statutes and requirements, along with state and Tribal program delegation authorities, can create confusion and inefficiencies for regulators, regulated entities, and the public.

Recognizing a need to communicate better across governments, in 1998 EPA, States, and Tribes formed

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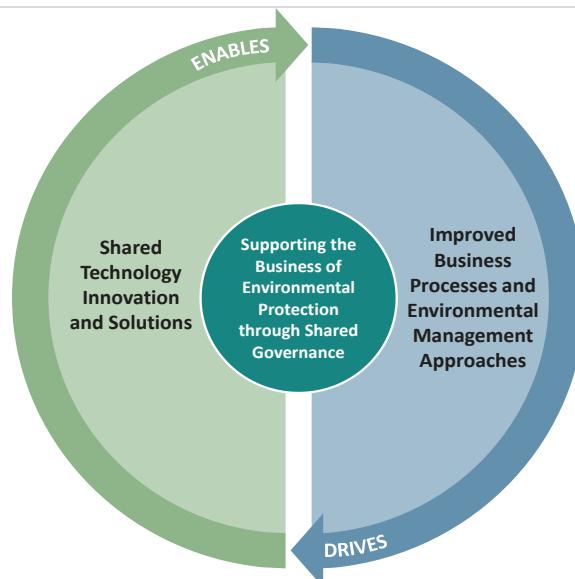
the Environmental Information Exchange Network, a collaborative leadership initiative providing a real-time data and services platform for sharing environmental information securely via the internet. Standing on the shoulders of the Exchange Network, the 2013 E-Enterprise charter formally established our partnership aimed at collaboratively improving how we run federal environmental programs, going beyond yet keeping an eye on leveraging IT.

How Does E-Enterprise Work?

At the heart of E-Enterprise is collaborative leadership: a commitment by our federal, state, and Tribal partners to work together using a transformative model of shared governance. E-Enterprise is directed by the E-Enterprise Leadership Council (EELC) – a governing board of ten senior EPA executives, ten state commissioners, and ten Tribal environmental leaders who provide both strategic and project-specific direction for E-Enterprise. At the staff level, EPA, States, and Tribes manage projects and activities under E-Enterprise and the Exchange Network, and report results to the EELC.

E-Enterprise for the Environment and the Exchange Network

Environmental Information
exchange
Network
*Information sharing for
environmental protection
since 1998*



 **E-ENTERPRISE**
for the Environment
*Modernizing the business of
environmental protection
since 2013*

Examples of E-Enterprise in Action

Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPPs)

State and Tribal grantees using EPA funding (as per environmental statutes, including the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act) must develop and receive EPA approval of a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) prior to beginning work.

Through E-Enterprise, EPA, States, and Tribes worked together to improve the QAPP process and optimize technology support, ultimately resulting in a more timely and transparent process.

State Planning Electronic Collaboration System (SPeCS)

The State Planning Electronic Collaboration System (SPeCS) is a user-friendly electronic system that replaces the traditional paper-based submission system and helps state and local air agencies and EPA plan, submit, and review air quality submissions more effectively.

Through the E-Enterprise SPeCS initiative, a group of EPA and state officials has designed various new modules and continue to implement updates to the system.

E-Enterprise Community Inventory Platform (EECIP)

The E-Enterprise Community Inventory Platform (EECIP) is an online community and living project inventory for state, local, Tribal, and other environmental agencies and their employees across the United States.

Information in the database spans a broad range of topics including IT, process improvement, advanced monitoring, and Exchange Network data flows.



RESOURCES

- [E-Enterprise for the Environment Website](#)
- [EPA's E-Enterprise Website](#)
- [E-Enterprise Bulletin](#)
- [E-Enterprise Charter](#)