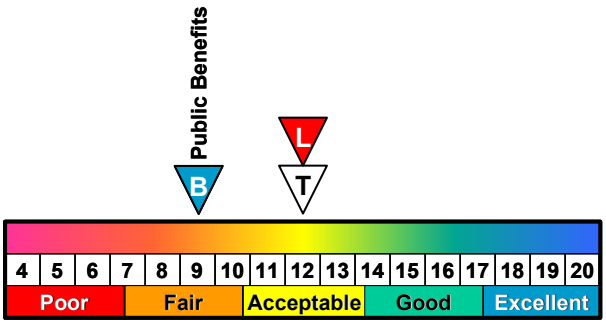
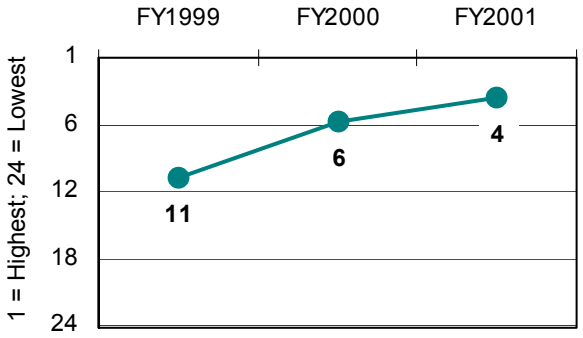
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Total Score: 33 (out of a possible 60)



Transparency

- Report is available from the "About EPA" web page and it is broken into sections for more convenient downloading.
- Professional and logical narrative with liberal use of tables, graphs, and boxes add to clarity.
- EPA recognizes that timeliness and quality of its data remain disappointing. No references cited to independent validation of data.
- Annual changes to performance measures make trend detection impossible. Such trends as are cited are disconnected from EPA's activities.

Public Benefits

- Strategic goals too numerous, with most being non-strategic outputs. Many goal statements are needlessly complicated by specification of accomplishment methods.
- Too many of EPA's measures assume an impact rather than demonstrating one.
- Goal overviews provide some evidence that EPA actions contributed to its goal achievement, but they are not at all clear about how or how much EPA contributed.
- No apparent linkage between agency costs and benefits claimed.

Leadership

- Links between agency results and the nation not clearly established. A focus on rule-making betrays an assumption that rules as such generate improvements.
- Acknowledgement but little explanation of failures to achieve goals.
- Comprehensive discussion of management challenges and agency plans to resolve them.
- "Looking Ahead" in overview section reveals some new thinking about methods, but report does not give an overall impression agency is taking on larger strategic challenges.