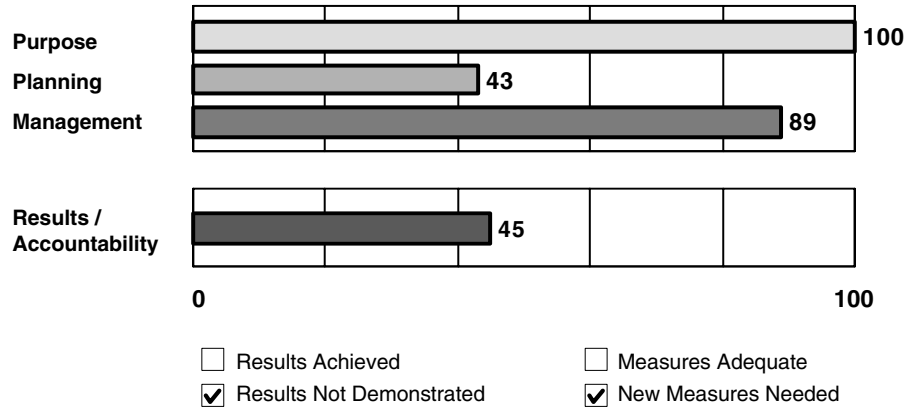


Program: *Leaking Underground Storage Tanks*

Agency: *Environmental Protection Agency*

Bureau: *Environmental Protection Agency*



Key Performance Measures

Year Target Actual

Measure	Year	Target	Actual
Long-term Measure: Measure under development			
Annual Measure: Leaking underground storage tank cleanups completed New annual outcome measures being developed	2000	21,000	20,834
	2001	21,000	19,074
	2002	21,000	
	2003	20,000	
Efficiency Measure: Measure under development			

Rating: *Results Not Demonstrated*

Program Type: *Block / Formula Grants*

Program Summary:

The purpose of the Leaking Underground Storage Tank program is to clean up leaking underground petroleum tanks.

The assessment showed that:

1. The program purpose, to clean up leaking underground storage tanks, is clearly defined and is understood by states and other stakeholders.
2. The program is well managed, but would benefit from regular independent evaluations and a systematic process to review strategic planning.
3. Strategic planning is particularly critical to this program since it has already achieved its current long term goal and has no new long-term goal to challenge program managers. EPA may finish the backlog of 140,000 cleanups within the next decade. In the future, a smaller program may be suitable to address the lesser number of new releases that occur every year.
4. The program appears to be successful, as evidenced by achieving the goals of its authorizing legislation: cleanup of releases and upgrading tanks. However, the program scores poorly on the results section since it has no outcome based performance metrics that demonstrate an impact on people and the environment.

In response to these findings, the Administration will:

1. Continue to clean storage tank sites at a rapid pace.
2. Develop outcome measures that will test the link between the activities of the program and the impact on human health and the environment.

Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)

<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Estimate</u>	<u>2004 Estimate</u>
73	72	73