Compliance Trends
Public Water Systems in Region 9

Region 9 Tribal Operations Committee

January 2010-July 2012

Data Source: Safe Drinking Water Information System

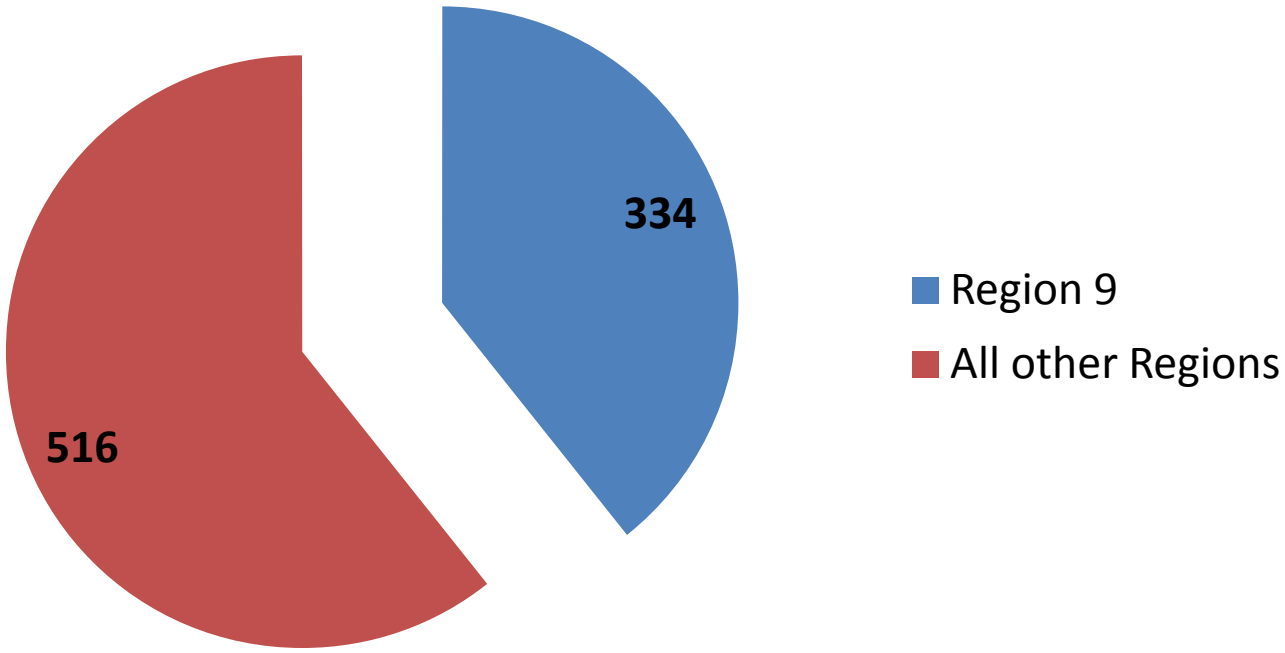
Safe Drinking Water Act Enforcement Response Policy

- Increases EPA's ability to identify public water systems (PWS) with significant noncompliance
- Enables EPA to prioritize enforcement and compliance assistance resources
- Applicable to all PWS in the United States

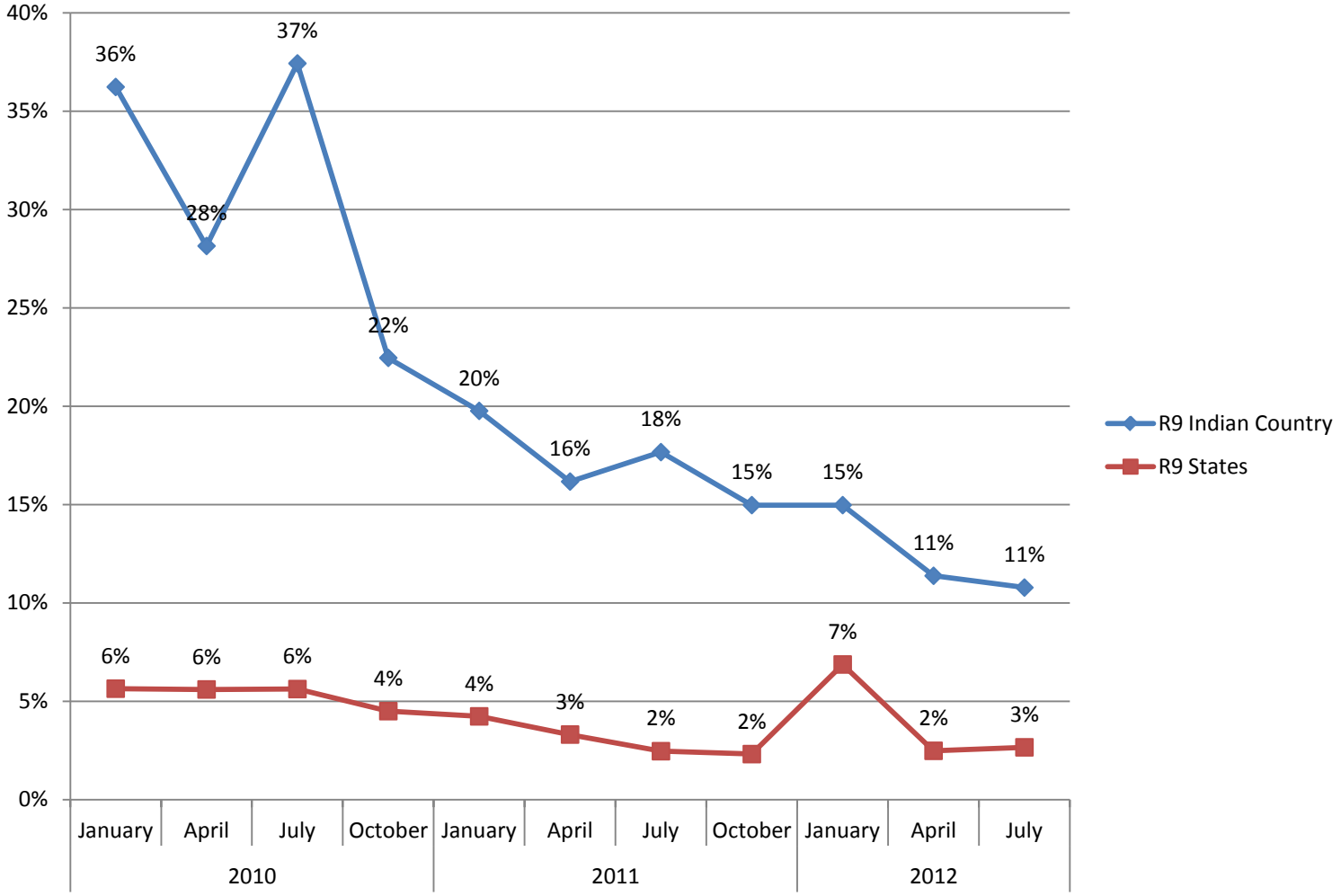
Enforcement Targeting Tool

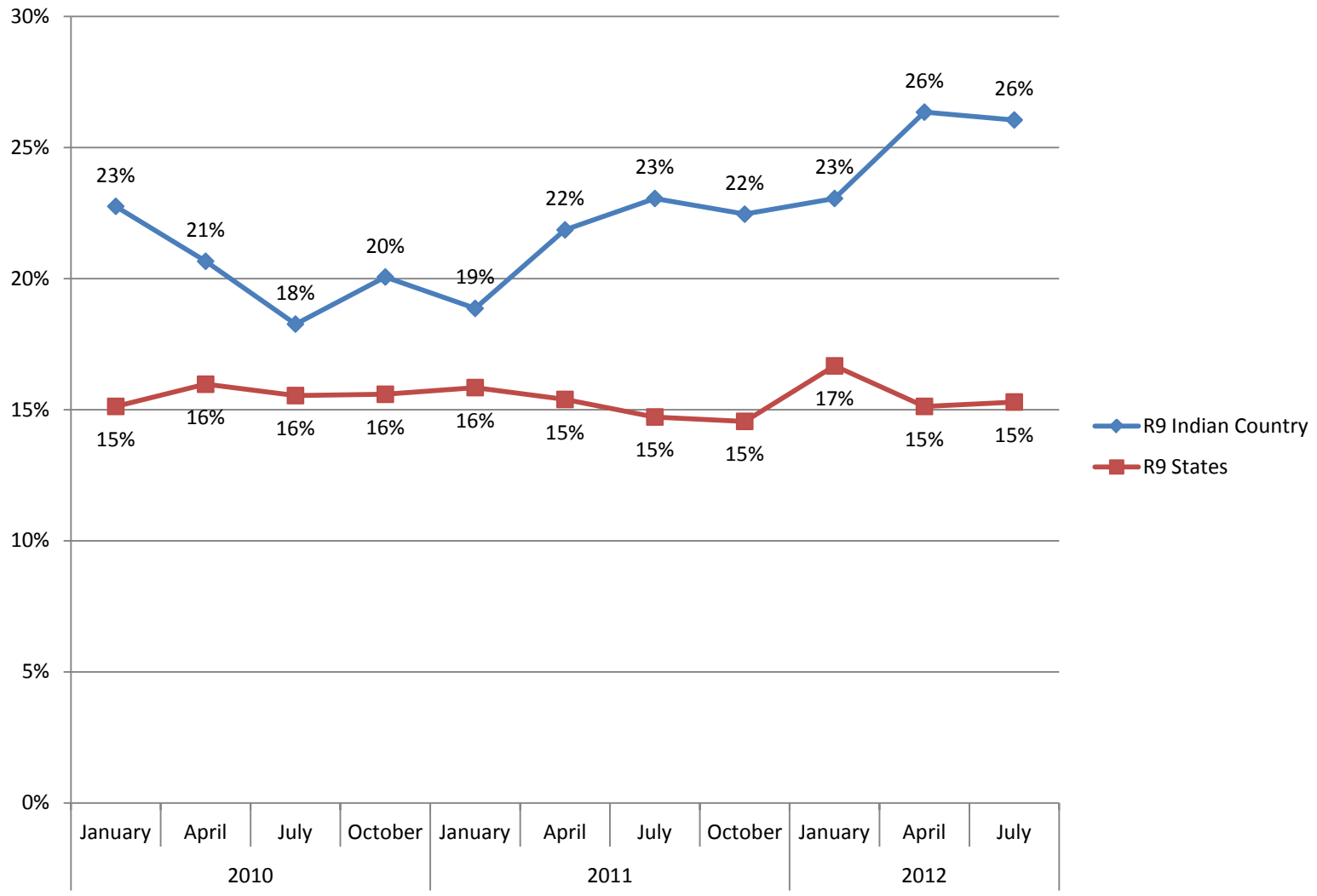
- Assigns a “score” to each PWS based on its unaddressed violations
- Each PWS with a score ≥ 11 is considered “an enforcement priority”
  - Priority PWS must return to compliance
    - within six months or are
    - Subject to formal enforcement action
- Any violation can be the subject of an enforcement action
  - All violating PWS must be returned to compliance.

PWS Universe in Indian Country (EPA Primacy)



% of PWS with ETT Scores ≥ 11 (Enforcement Priority Status)




% of PWS with ETT Scores 1-10
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Next Steps

- Region 9
  - Conducting Compliance Inspections at 20+ Tribal PWS (September - October 2012)
  - Initiating government-to-government consultation with several Tribes regard PWS with ETT scores ≥ 11
- National Consultation with Tribal Leaders and Engaging Regional Tribal Operations Committees
  - Status of compliance in Indian country
  - Explain EPA's approach to ensuring compliance and safe drinking water
  - How to ensure Tribal Leaders are aware of noncompliance