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)

- Region 9: 334
- All other Regions: 516
% of PWS with ETT Scores ≥ 11 (Enforcement Priority Status)

- R9 Indian Country
- R9 States

[Graph showing the percentage of PWS with ETT Scores ≥ 11 from January 2010 to July 2012 for R9 Indian Country and R9 States.]
% of PWS with ETT Scores 1-10

- **R9 Indian Country**
- **R9 States**
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