

EPA's National Priorities (OECA) Concerning Tribal Lands

- To significantly improve human health and the environment in Indian country through EPA working with tribes on:
 - compliance assistance,
 - compliance monitoring,
 - and enforcement activities.

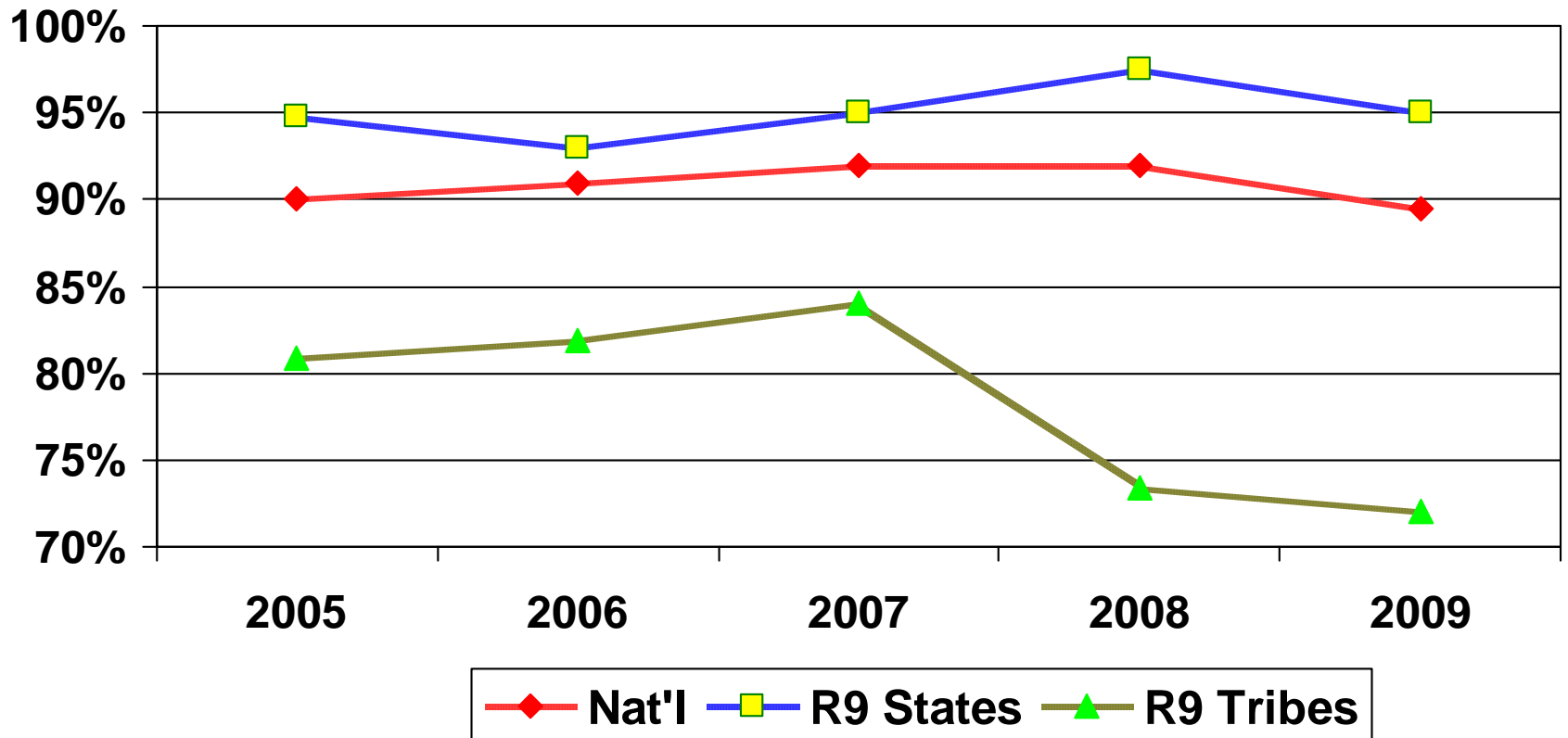
- The focus remains on **improving compliance at public drinking water systems**, improving solid waste management compliance and investigating and reducing threats posed by illegal dumping in Indian country, and improving multimedia compliance at schools.

Region 9 Drinking Water Enforcement Strategy

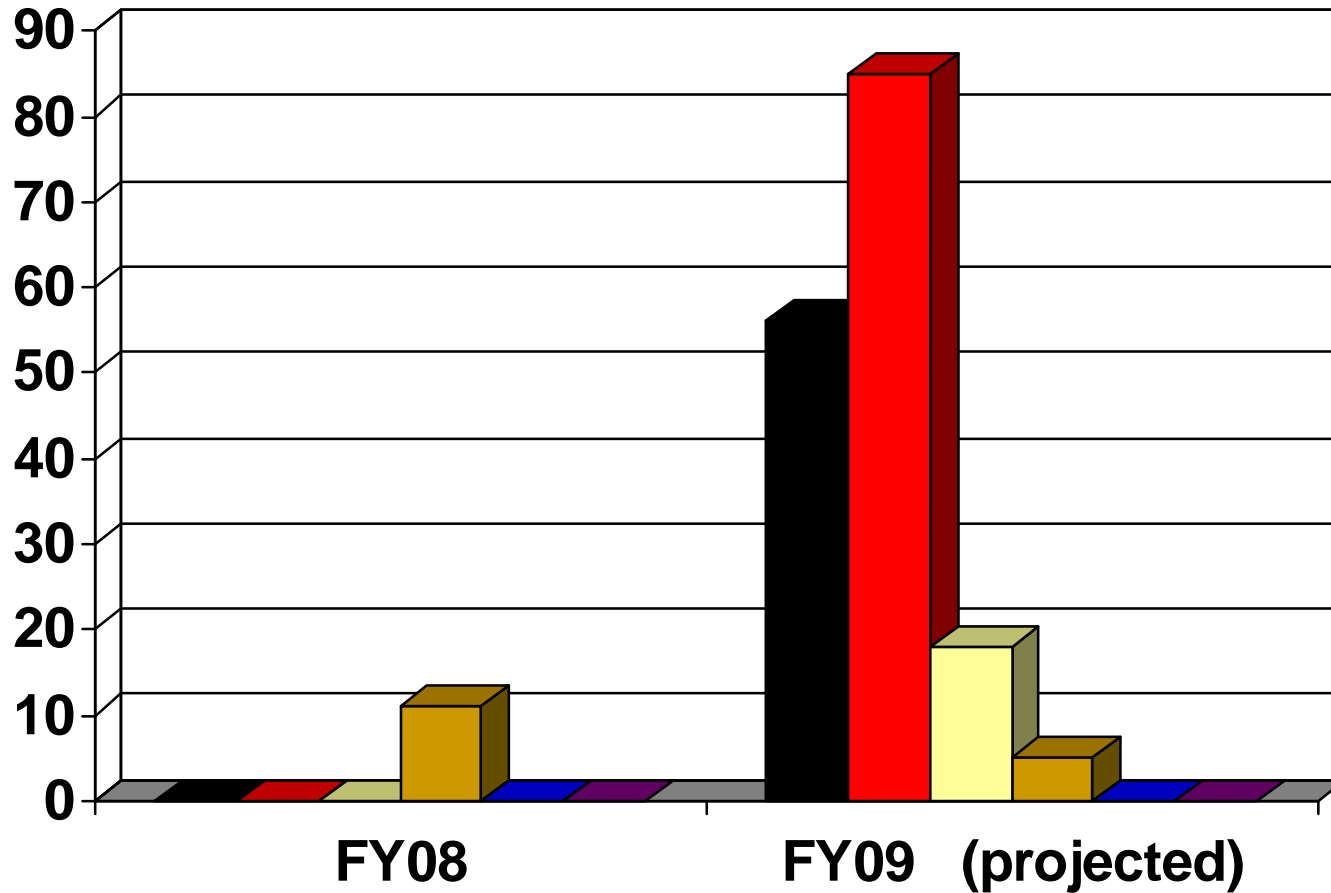
- ❑ Improve drinking water quality for all Region 9 communities
- ❑ Address all arsenic MCL violations within 2 years (i.e., systems should have complied with new arsenic standard by January 2008)
- ❑ Respond to Senator Boxer's concerns re implementation of drinking water rules
- ❑ Leverage increased water infrastructure funding to address highest priority needs

PWSS Drinking Water Compliance

US population served meeting all health-based standards



Region 9 Enforcement Actions Addressing Arsenic MCL Violations



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Region 9 Drinking Water Enforcement Strategy

- Develop Compliance Assistance Plans (CAPs) for all Tribally-owned systems
- Formal enforcement actions for BIA-owned/operated systems
- Compliance assistance and formal enforcement on case-by-case basis for privately-owned/operated systems

Option: Administrative Orders on Consent for all systems

Region 9 Drinking Water Enforcement Implementation Process

- Statutory Language
 - The SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-11(a)(b), authorizes the Administrator to treat Indian Tribes as States.

- Guidance
 - 1984 Indian Policy
 - Memorandum: *Enforcement at Public Water Systems in Indian Country* (March 31, 2009)

More Information / Questions



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