

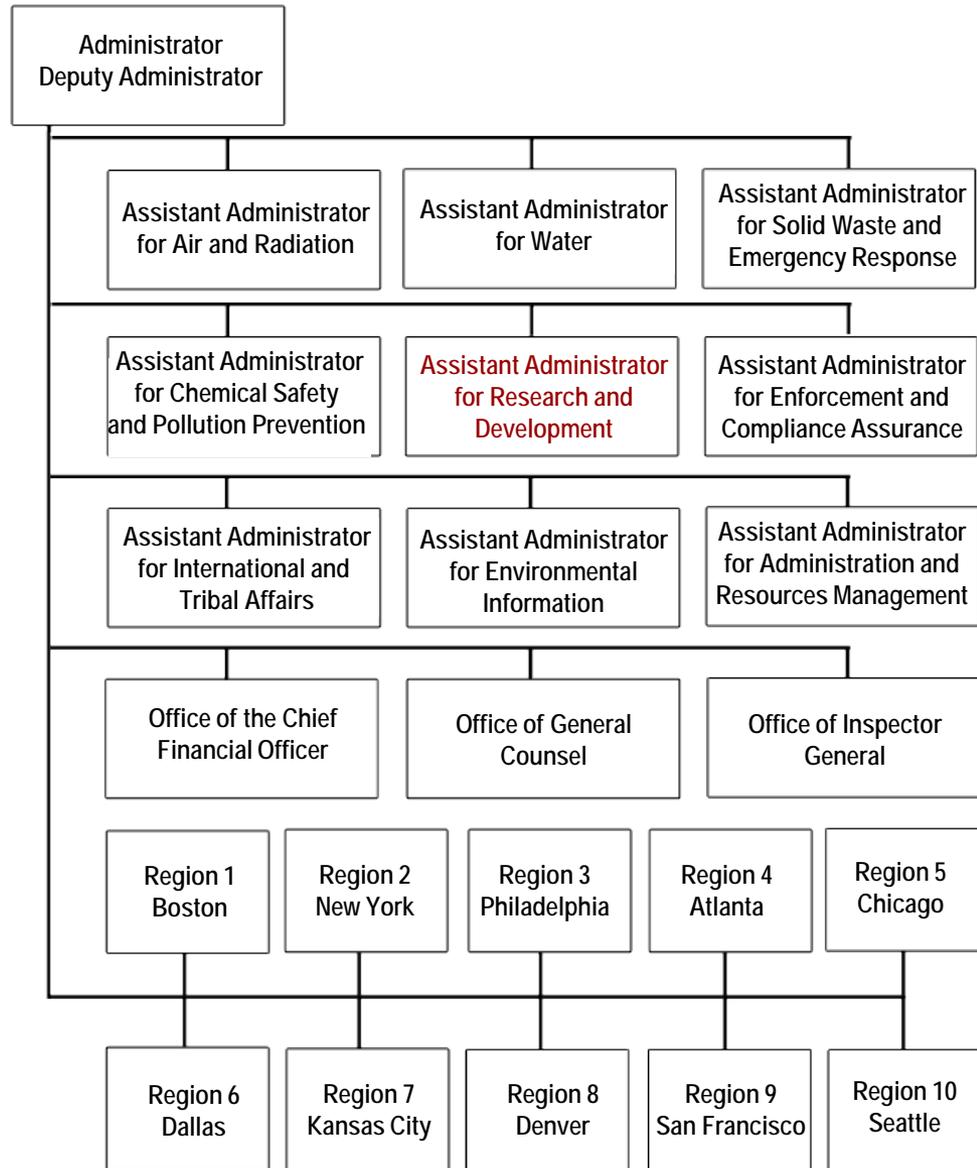
Introduction to the Office of Research and Development

Background Information for SAB Research Budget Workgroup

March 1, 2012



U.S. EPA Organizational Chart

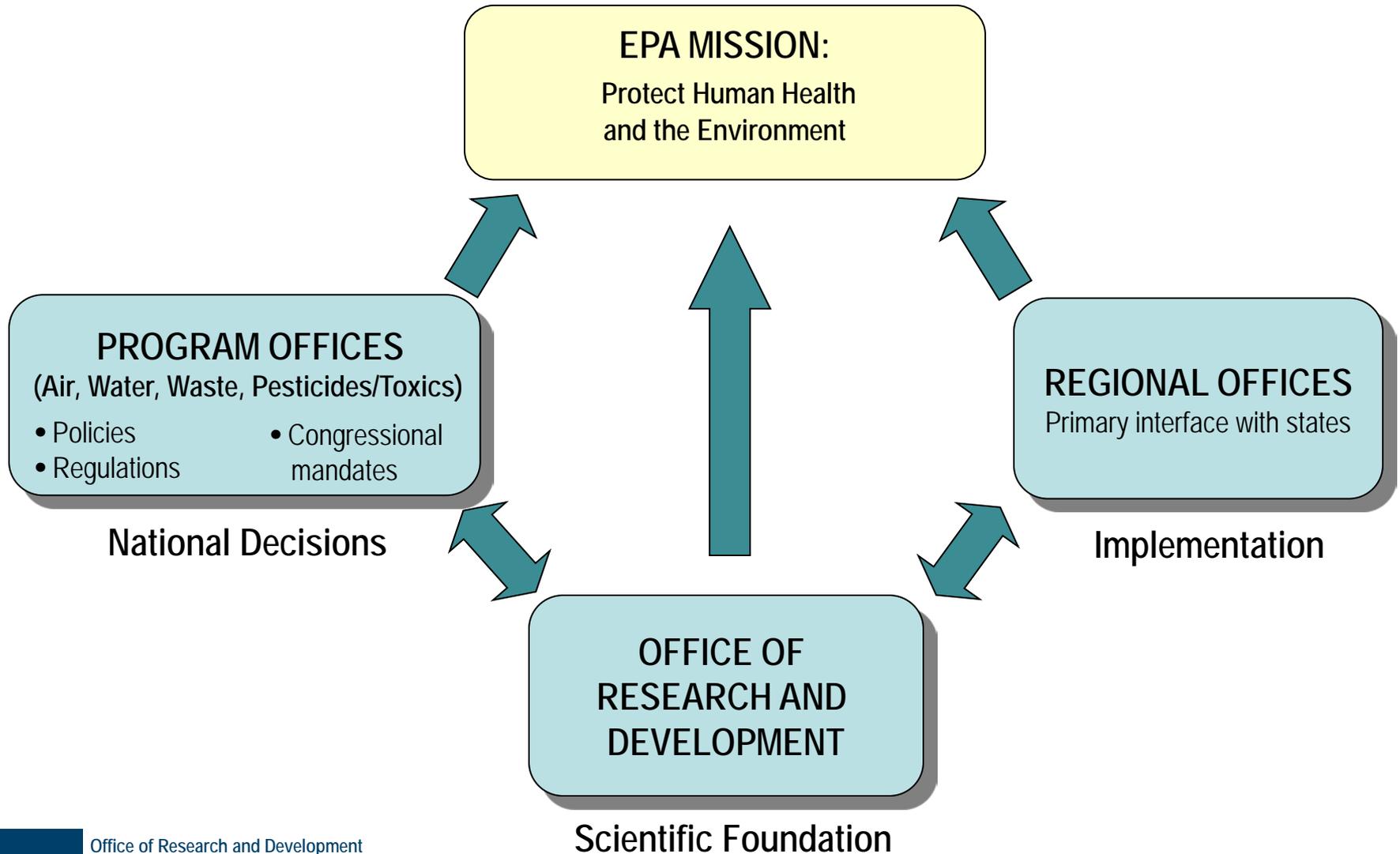


ORD Mission

Provide the scientific foundation to support EPA's mission by:

- Conducting research and development to identify, understand, and solve current and future environmental problems
- Providing responsive technical support to EPA's Programs and Regions
- Collaborating with our scientific partners in academia and other agencies, private-sector organizations, state and tribal governments, and other nations
- Exercising leadership in addressing emerging environmental issues and advancing the science and technology of risk assessment and risk management

ORD's Role in Achieving EPA Strategic Goals



ORD at a Glance

- 1904 full time equivalents*
- \$567 million budget*
 - \$62 million extramural research grant program (STAR)*
 - \$14 million STAR fellowship program*
- 13 lab or research facilities across the U.S.
- Relevant, responsive and timely research results and technical support that inform EPA policy decisions

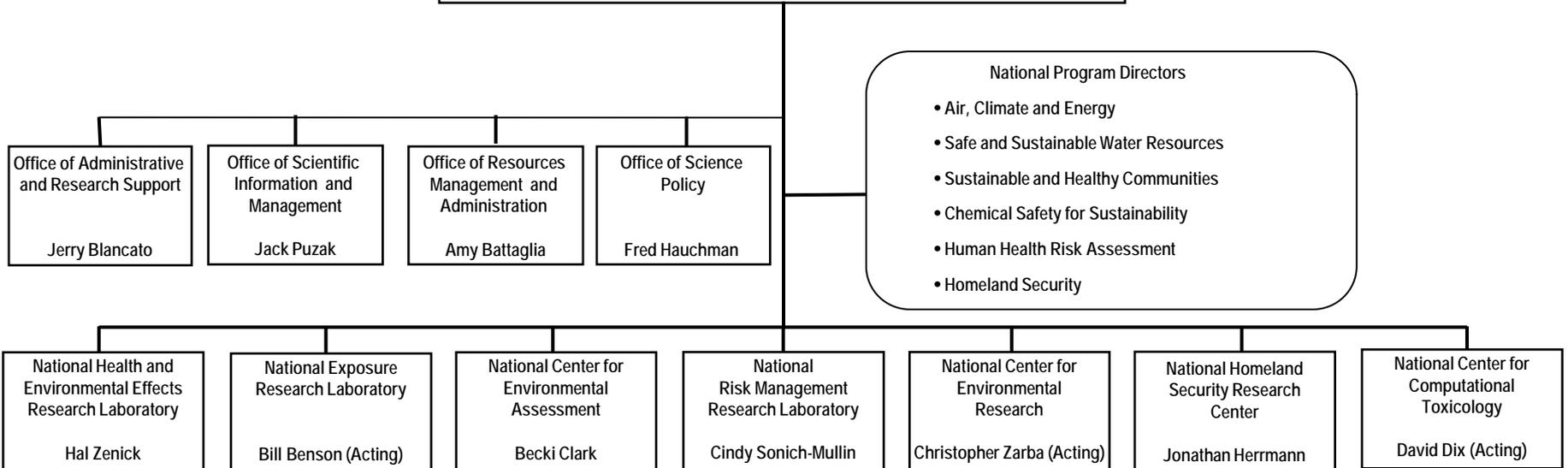
*FY 2012 Enacted Budget Level



ORD's Locations



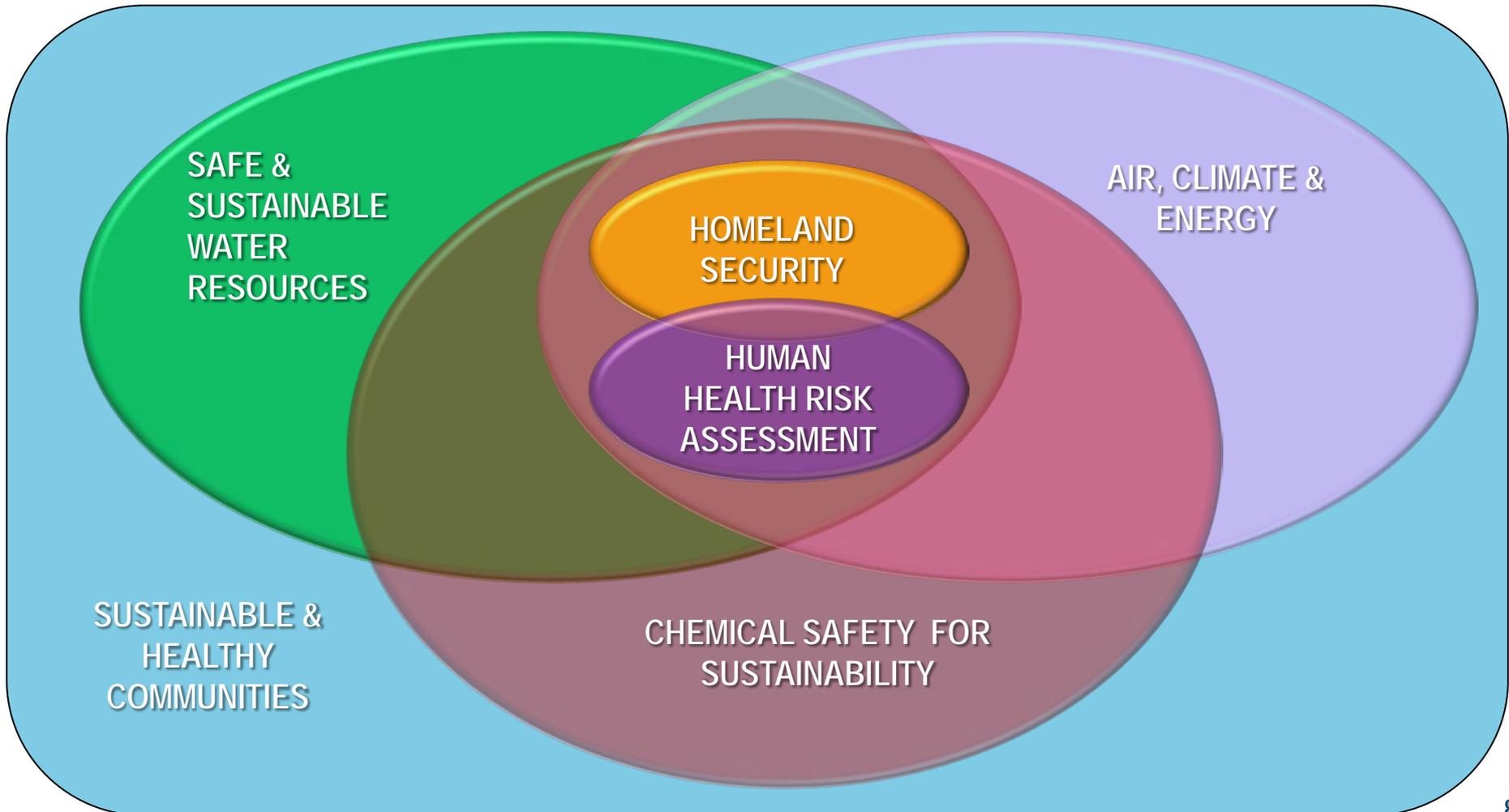
ORD's Organization



EPA Administrator's Priorities

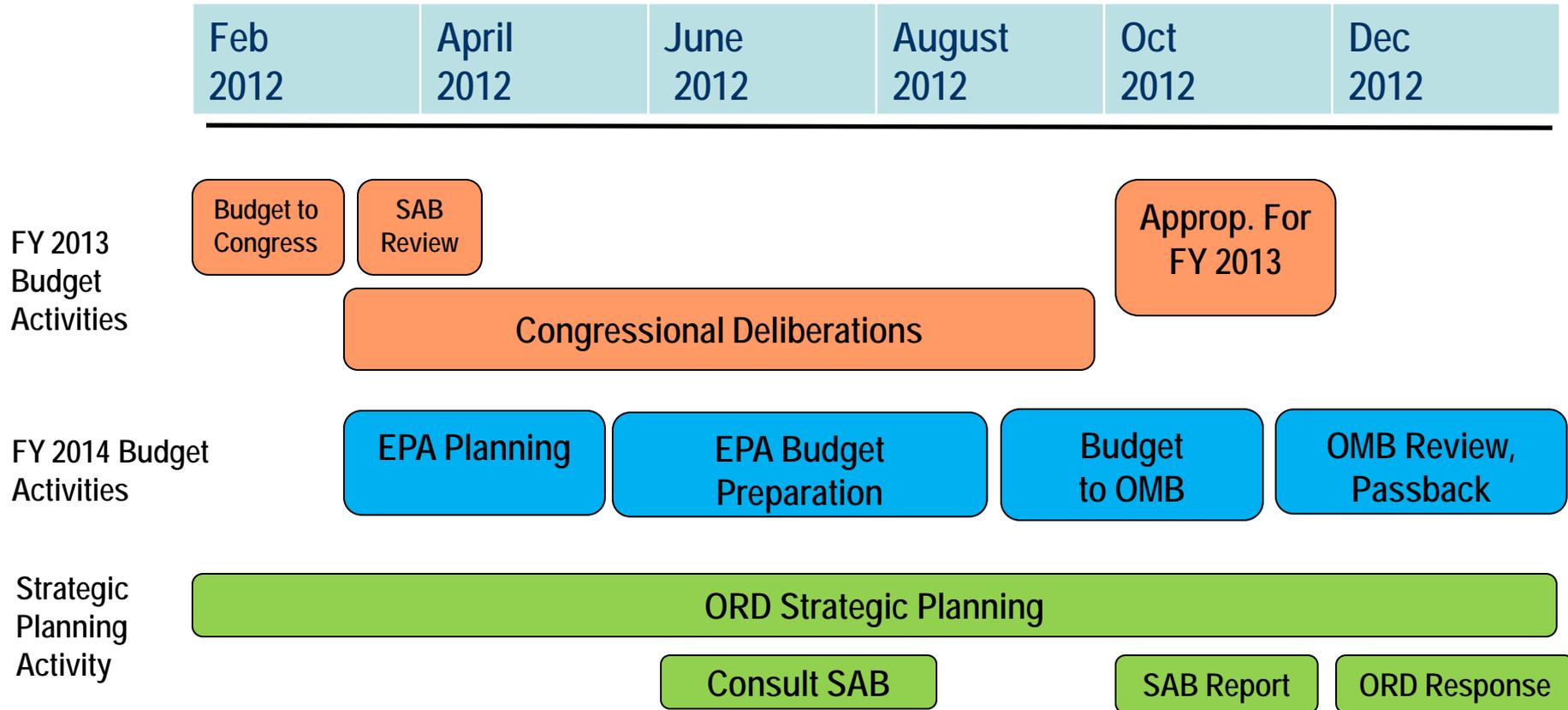
- Improving Air Quality and Taking Action on Climate Change
- Assuring the Safety of Chemicals
- Cleaning Up Our Communities
- Protecting America's Waters
- Building Strong State and Tribal Partnerships
- Expanding the Conversation on Environmentalism and Working for Environmental Justice

Integrated ORD Research Programs



Planning and Budgeting Activities

February 2012-December 2012



Conclusion

- ❖ EPA research is addressing the nation's most critical science and technology priorities to assure that policy and regulatory actions needed to protect public health and our natural environment are based on strong science.
- ❖ EPA research must evolve to effectively solve 21st century environmental challenges.
- ❖ EPA research has shifted towards an integrated, systems approach to develop innovative, sustainable solutions to these challenges.
- ❖ We look forward to continued collaboration with the SAB as we position our research program to anticipate and respond to increasingly complex environmental challenges.