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#### IV. PROGRAM INVENTORY

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Achieving the purposes of the NEP will require compiling and analyzing large quantities of physical, chemical, and biological data and other information. Most existing information is scattered among various institutions, representing a variety of projects, parameters, study locations, and periods of record. Making use of this information will require that a Program Inventory be conducted to identify and describe all federal and state programs (and other information sources) related to Galveston Bay. Only the Federal portion of this Inventory is required by OMEP, but most existing data have been collected by State agencies. The purposes of this Program Inventory are:

- o To compile and publish project/program descriptions, each containing an overview of significant findings and management activities, and to make the source generally available.
- o To characterize existing data sets to a level of detail necessary to determine potential usefulness in a DIMS during scientific/technical investigations, and as an ongoing general archive.
- o To characterize federal and state agency regulatory roles and jurisdictions in order to integrate overall governmental efforts during scientific/technical investigations and management implementation.

This work specifically addresses OMEP guidance element number 2. The following program components describe work to be completed for the Program Inventory:

- o Develop a program list for all agencies, universities, institutions, and other groups with past, present, or planned research/management programs related to Galveston Bay.
- o Submit draft program list to Management Committee and Region VI for completeness review.
- o Prepare draft Program Inventory, including individual program summaries for each agency/institution. Summaries are classified by federal, state, local government, academic, or other involvement. The summaries emphasize detailed descriptions of data bases and regulatory criteria related to Galveston Bay, including periods of record, parameters, computer formats, quality assurance and control (QA/QC), summaries of findings, and publication references. Draft Program Inventory submitted for review to all committees, the general public, and Region VI.
- o Submit final Program Inventory for review by Management Committee, approval by Policy Committee, and distribution as a basis for determining data available to

address priority problems, for possible roles of various programs during characterization, and for federal and state regulatory program consistency.

Distribute Program Inventory to the public, with copies to EPA Region VI and OMEP.