

National Science Foundation Current Performance Effectiveness Measures National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program

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National Science Foundation Performance Metrics – 1 of 3

(Reference: Interim Report on NEHRP Performance Metrics, FEMA 2005)

Performance Metric:	NSF/NEES Time to Decision (dwell time)
Goal/Measure:	For 70 percent of proposals, be able to inform applicants whether their proposals have been declined or recommended for funding within six months of deadline or receipt date, whichever is later.
Purpose:	To make proposal decisions available in a timely manner in order that investigators may more effectively plan activities.
Results:	FY 2006 - 91% FY 2007 - 91%





National Science Foundation Performance Metrics – 2 of 3

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Performance Metric:	NSF/NEES Operation of Research Facilities
Goal/Measure:	For 90 percent of the operating facilities, keep scheduled operating time lost to less than 10 percent.
Purpose:	To minimize lost operating time at NSF-funded facilities.
Results:	FY 2006 - Operational time was 93.8% FY 2007 - Operational time was 95.4%





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Performance Metric: NSF/NEES Qualitative Assessment

- **Measure:** A qualitative assessment by external experts* of whether NEES is enabling people working at the forefront of discovery to make important contributions to earthquake engineering knowledge.
- Target:An affirmative finding documented in the Division's next
Committee of Visitors report.
- Results: To be determined. (The Division's last Committee of Visitors report was FY 2004 and NEES began operation in FY 2005. Due to Engineering Directorate reorganization effective FY 2007, next Committee of Visitors review of NEES will be in FY 2009.)

*In addition, the NSF-wide Advisory Committee on GPRA Performance Assessment meets annually to assess NSF performance.

