



# Phase 6 2025 Projections

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# EPA's Phase III WIP Expectations

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## Accounting for Growth

- EPA's preference for jurisdictions to use 2025 forecasted conditions to account for growth early on in the Phase III WIP development process
  - Jurisdictions' WIP input decks would be run on forecasted 2025 conditions.
  - Greater certainty that loads from growth are accounted for and will be fully offset.
  - As part of jurisdiction's 2-year milestones, there will be opportunities to factor in updated future growth projections.



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- If Partnership decides not to use 2025 forecasted conditions in WIPs, EPA expects each WIP will describe the specific procedures, underlying data sources, and programmatic commitments for regular accounting of growth – and the operational tracking mechanisms for ensuring all new or increased pollutant loads are fully offset.





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### Accounting for Growth

- In either approach, EPA strongly encourages jurisdictions to utilize Partnership-approved approaches, data, and decision support tools for forecasting conditions to fully account for growth at appropriate geographic scales and for each source sector in their WIP development process as well as in their succeeding 2-year milestones.