1. Given the research objectives articulated in the Strategic Research Action Plan (StRAP), are the topics and project areas planned and organized appropriately to make good progress on these objectives in the 2016-2019 time frame?
2. How effective are the approaches for involving the EPA partners (program offices and regions) in the problem formulation stage of research planning?
3. How well does the program respond to the needs of EPA partners?
4. SHC has committed to integrating ecological and human health to better address issues of human and community well-being. Does the research program contain the elements necessary to integrate these two critical elements of EPA’s mission?
5. SHC’s portfolio includes both hypothesis-driven research and the development of decision-support tools to aid Agency, state, and community stakeholders. Is the balance of research and tool development appropriate for this program?
6. SHC has a mission to address the short-term needs of EPA’s Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) for research on contaminated sites, oil and fuel spills, and sustainable materials management. How can SHC best leverage these short-term research goals with longer term community sustainability and environmental justice goals?