

Water Technology Clusters as Hubs of Innovation

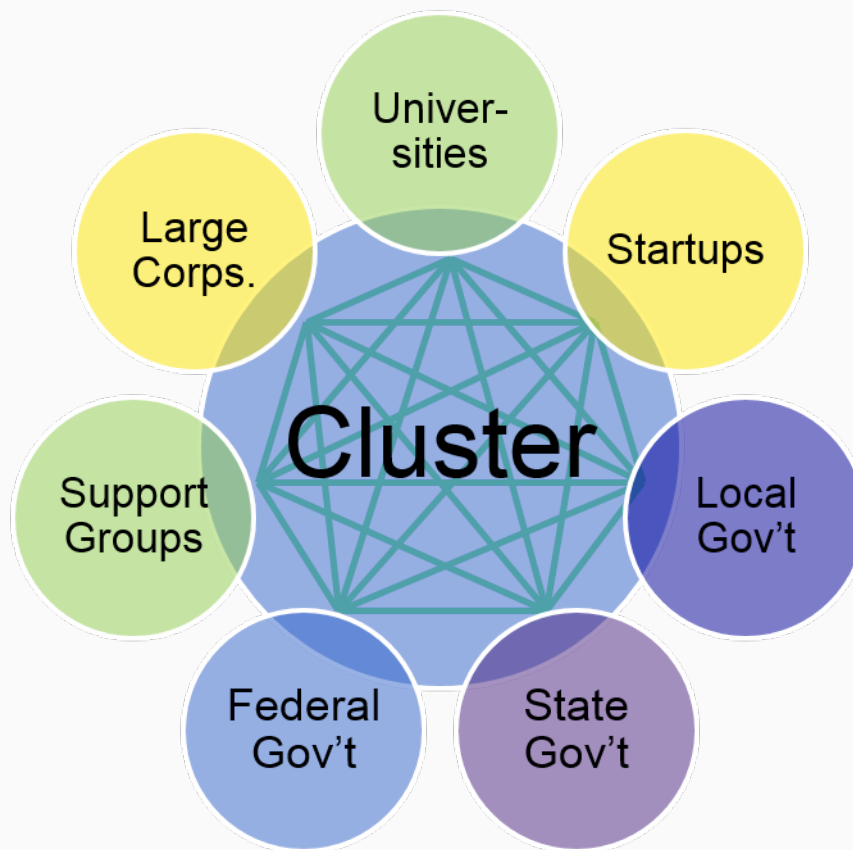


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The Cluster Concept

Clusters are **dense, regional networks** of companies and other groups in the same industry.

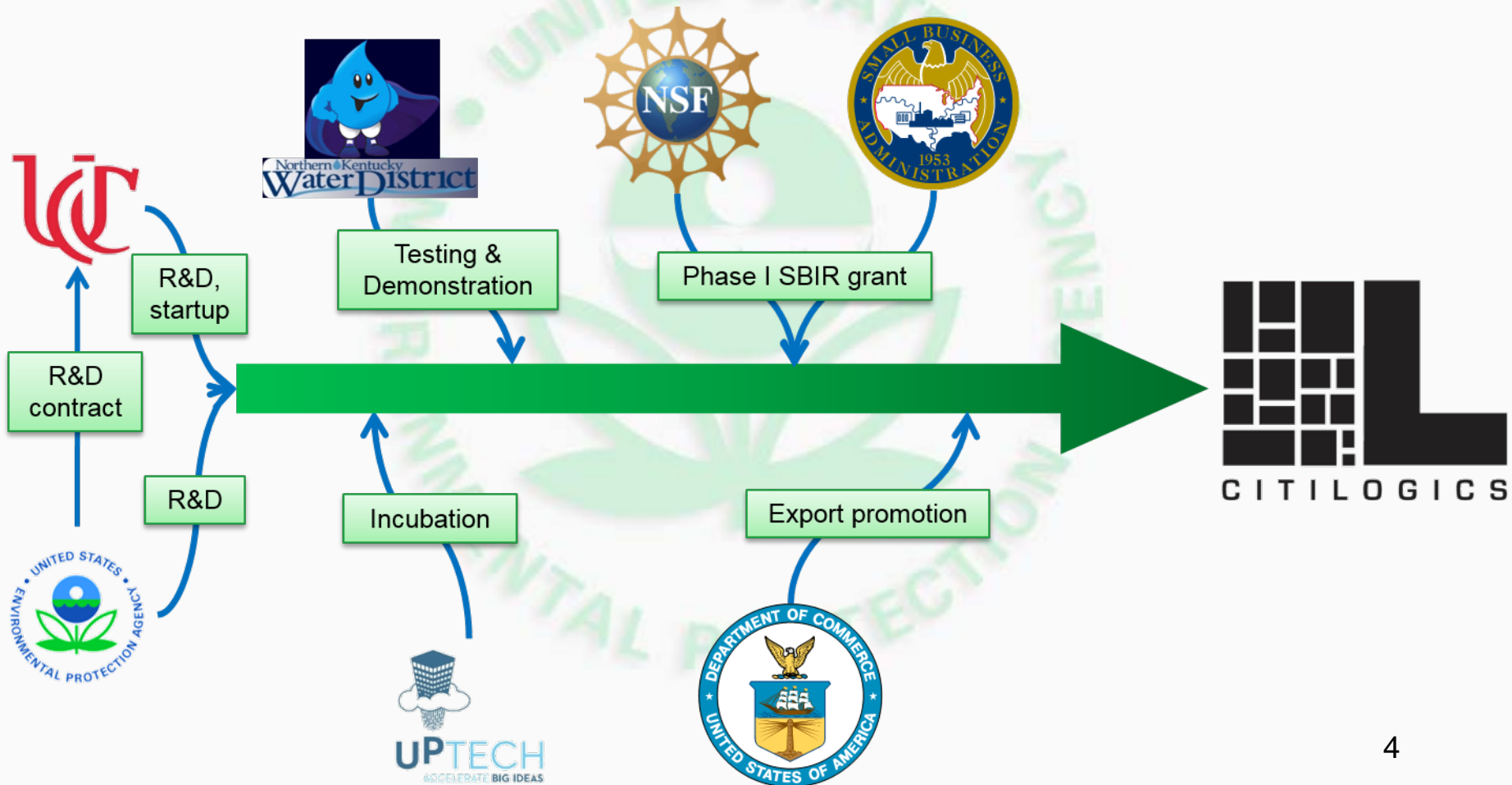




Do Clusters Matter?

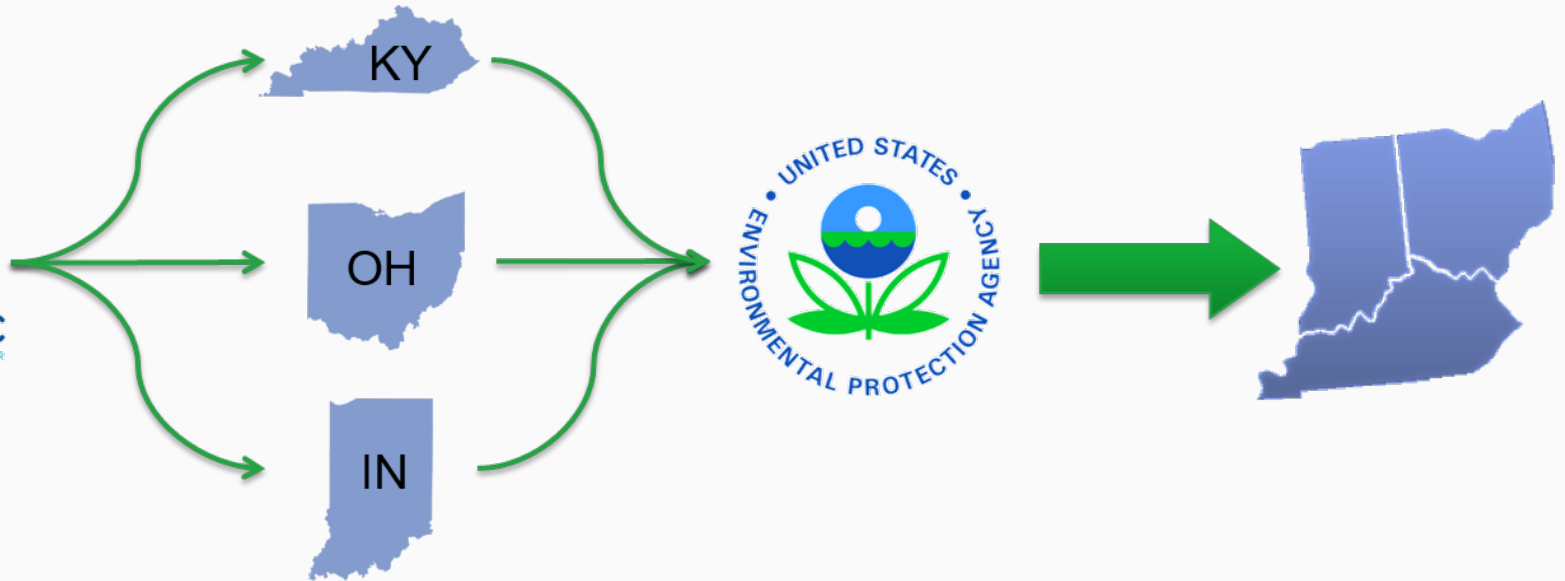
- **Clusters contribute to the growth of *existing* industries**
 - Industries participating in a strong cluster register higher growth of wages and innovation (as well as higher employment growth)
- **Clusters contribute to the creation of *new* industries**
 - New industries are more likely to emerge if they can integrate into an existing cluster, or if related or neighboring clusters are strong
- **Strong clusters contribute to the *overall growth* of the region**
 - Strong traded clusters in a region contribute to the employment growth of other traded and local activities in that region

Cluster in Action: CitiLogics





Cluster in Action: Addressing Regulatory Barriers



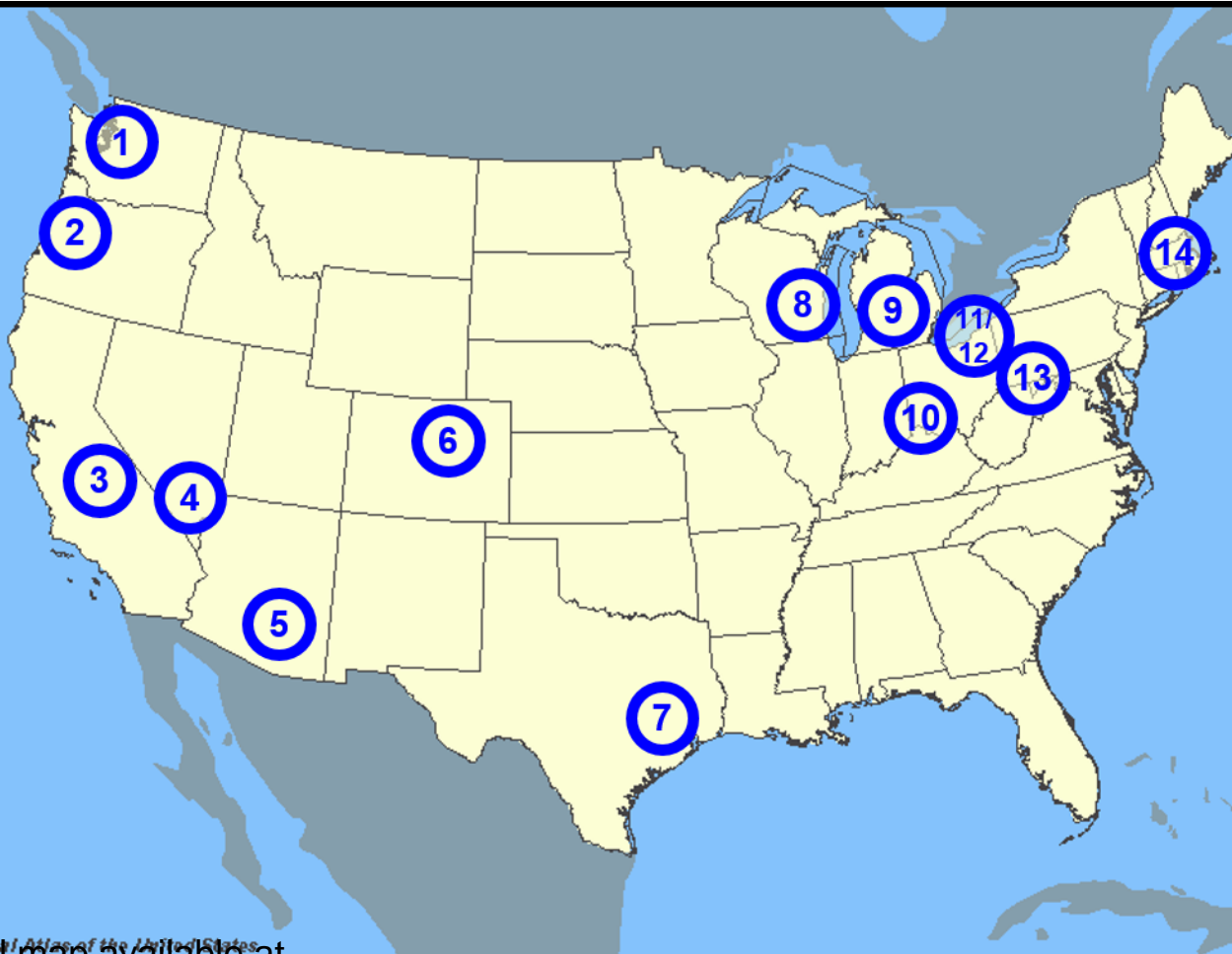
Confluence
proposes
agreement

States negotiate
MoC

EPA and states
develop protocol
EPA and local
utilities test

States adopt
harmonized approval,
potentially fast-tracking
permitting

Locations of U.S. Water Clusters



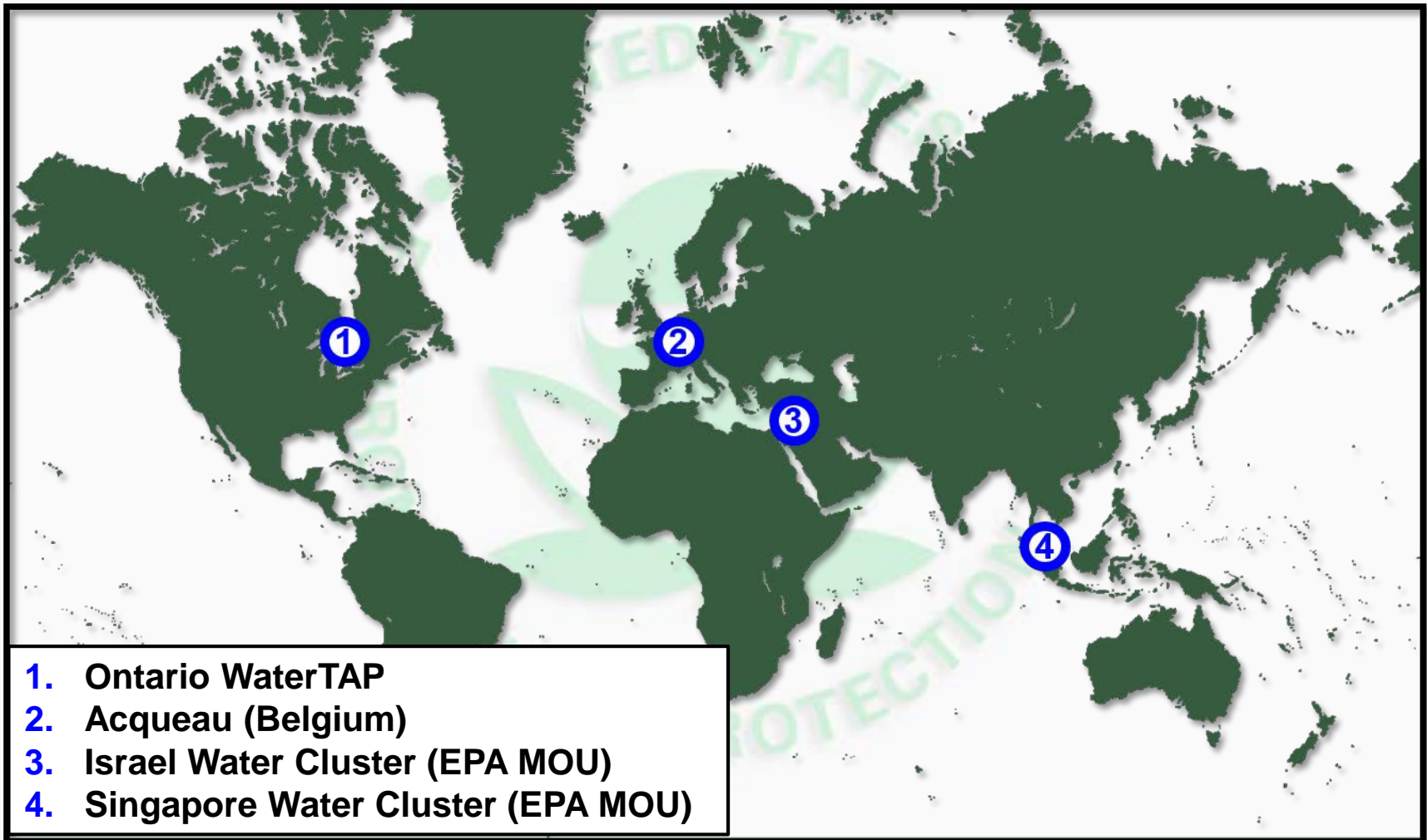
1. **Clean Urban Water Technology Zone** (Tacoma, WA)
2. **Oregon Water Cluster**
3. **The BlueTechValley** (Central and San Joaquin Valleys, CA)
4. **Las Vegas Cluster Effort** (Nevada)
5. **Southwest Water Technology Cluster** (Tucson, Arizona)
6. **Colorado Water Innovation Cluster** (Fort Collins, CO)
7. **Surge Accelerator** (Houston, TX)
8. **The Water Council** (Milwaukee, MI)
9. **Michigan Water Technology Initiative**
10. **Confluence WTIC** (SW Ohio/N Kentucky/SE Indiana)
11. **Cleveland Water Cluster** (NE Ohio)
12. **Akron Global Water Alliance** (Akron, OH)
13. **Water Economy Network** (Pittsburgh, PA)
14. **New England Water Innovation Network** (Massachusetts)

Full map available at

www2.epa.gov/clusters-program/clusters-map.

This map is not intended to be comprehensive, and may not include some emerging water clusters.

International Water Clusters



1. Ontario WaterTAP
2. Acqueau (Belgium)
3. Israel Water Cluster (EPA MOU)
4. Singapore Water Cluster (EPA MOU)



Clusters Program Support Activities

- Advises on best practices
- Maintains inventory of water clusters
- Works to convene water cluster leaders

A screenshot of the EPA website's "Environmental Technology Innovation Clusters" page. The page features a navigation bar with the EPA logo and various menu items. The main content area includes a section titled "Building a Successful Technology Cluster" with a circular diagram showing the involvement of Local Government, State Government, Large Corporations, and Emerging Companies. To the right, there is a list of characteristics for successful clusters, such as being Fortune 500 HQs, having major sales and/or R&D centers, and involving major employers. Below this, there is a paragraph explaining that environmental technology clusters are regional groupings of businesses, government, and research institutions. Further down, there are three featured articles: "Cluster Basics", "Technology Innovation at EPA", and "Cincinnati Water Cluster".

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