



# **SUPERFUND: Building on the Past, Looking to the Future**

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## Acronyms

ARAR	applicable or relevant and appropriate requirement
ASTSWMO	Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980
CLP	Contract Laboratory Program
DOJ	U.S. Department of Justice
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
EPM	Environmental Programs and Management
FTE	full-time equivalent
FY	fiscal year
IAG	Interagency Agreement
IGMA	Integrated Grants Management System
LTRA	long-term response action
NPL	National Priorities List
OARM	(U.S. EPA) Office of Administration and Resources Management
OCFO	(U.S. EPA) Office of the Chief Financial Officer
OECA	(U.S. EPA) Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance
OIG	(U.S. EPA) Office of Inspector General
OSC	on-scene coordinator
OSWER	(U.S. EPA) Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response
PRP	potentially responsible party
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RI/FS	remedial investigation/feasibility study
ROD	record of decision
RPM	remedial project manager
SACM	Superfund accelerated cleanup model

## **Glossary**

*Construction Complete:* a site at which the physical construction of all cleanup actions is complete, all immediate threats have been addressed, and all long-term threats are under control.

*Environmental Programs and Management:* appropriation that supports all regulation development and implementation, administrative support and non-research activities for the non Trust Fund programs (Superfund, LUST, and Oil programs)

*Five-Year Reviews:* reviews done every five years to ensure remedies remain protective of human health and the environment

*Long-Term Response Action:* long-term cleanup work at sites, e.g., operation of ground water restoration systems for up to 10 years following completion of construction; states assume responsibility for system operations after 10 year period

*National Remedy Review Board:* A national board consisting of EPA personnel that evaluates all remedies which cost more than \$20 million or where the proposed remedy would cost more than twice the next ARAR compliant remedy. The board evaluates the remedy to see if there is a less expensive, equally protective remedy and makes non-binding recommendations.

*Non-Time Critical Removal:* a removal action that, based on a site evaluation, the lead agency determines does not need to be initiated within the next six months.

*Orphan Sites:* sites where there are no identified responsible parties or none with the financial capability to pay for a remedy.

*Pipeline:* is the process of cleaning up a Superfund site and covers all of the activities from listing through remedy design. This includes the remedial investigation and feasibility study, selection of remedy, and its design.

*Potentially Responsible Parties:* an individual, business, or other organization that is potentially liable for cleaning up a site.

*Record of Decision:* the public document in where EPA identifies the cleanup alternative to be used at a site.

*Remedial Action:* the actual construction or implementation of a remedy at an NPL site or portion thereof.

*Remedial Investigation/feasibility study:* site studies that involve gathering data to determine the type and extent of contamination at a site (or portion thereof), establishing cleanup criteria, and analyzing the feasibility and costs of alternative cleanup methods.

The study can be conducted by EPA, contractors, state agencies, or potentially responsible parties.

*Science and Technology:* appropriation that supports all science and research activities carried out by the Office of Research and Development and program office laboratories

*Superfund Alternative Site:* a site which resembles an NPL site in the scope and magnitude of its contamination, and is cleaned up by PRPs using processes which are equivalent to those required under the National Contingency Plan, but never listed on the NPL.

*Time-Critical Removal Action:* a removal action that, based on a site evaluation, the lead agency determines must be initiated within six months.