



Superfund Process Acronyms

PA/SI Preliminary Assessment/
Site Inspection

NPL National Priorities List

RI/FS Remedial Investigation/
Feasibility Study

ROD Record of Decision

RD/RA Remedial Design/
Remedial Action

National Priorities List Listing Process

- Based on data from the PA/SI stage a Hazard Ranking System score is established based on human health and environmental risks.
- Meetings are held with the community, local health departments, local elected officials and other stakeholders to explain the benefits of placing a site on the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL).
- It is important for EPA to gain community acceptance and a letter of support from the elected officials requesting the governor's support from his office.
- A site is proposed to the NPL and an announcement is published in the Federal Register.
- After the site is listed in the Federal Register there is a 60-day comment period. EPA responds to the comments and addresses any concerns.
- Once concerns have successfully been addressed, the site receives its final listing to the NPL and is again announced in the Federal Register.