

# Superfund Reform

## Scorecard of Third Round (October 1995)

(FY03)

### Superfund Reforms Completed

✓	<p><b>Establish National Remedy Review Board (NRRB) (1A)</b>  NRRB established (1/96)  Reviewed 59 site decisions for an estimated savings of approximately \$80 million (9/01)</p>
✓	<p><b>Establish New Remedy Selection Management Flags/Rules of Thumb (1B)</b>  Issued consolidated guide to consultation procedures for Superfund response decisions (5/97)  Issued guidance on rules of thumb for Superfund remedy selection (8/97)</p>
✓	<p><b>Update Remedy Decisions at Select Sites (2)</b>  Issued final implementation memorandum (9/96)  Total estimated future cost savings of approximately \$1.78 billion from updating 458 remedies (through FY03)  Issued Summary reports for FY96-FY97, FY98-FY99, FY96-FY99, and FY00-FY01</p>
✓	<p><b>Clarify the Role of Cost in the Remedy Selection Process (3A)</b>  Issued memorandum and fact sheet on the role of cost (9/96)</p>
✓	<p><b>Directive on National Consistency in Remedy Selection (3B)</b>  Issued national consistency memorandum (9/96)</p>
✓	<p><b>Clarify Information Regarding Remedy Selection Decisions (4)</b>  Developed interim remedy selection summary sheet (12/96)  Issued "A Guide to Preparing Superfund Proposed Plans, Records of Decision, and Other Remedy Selection Documents" (8/99);  supercedes interim remedy selection summary sheet</p>
✓	<p><b>Institute New Role for Stakeholders in Designing Reasonable Risk Assessments (5A)</b>  Issued "Supplement to Part A of Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund: Community Involvement in Superfund Risk Assessments" (3/99)  Developed citizen brochure to accompany guidance (4/99)  Prepared video about risk assessment and public involvement (9/99)</p>
✓	<p><b>Issue Guidance on PRPs Conducting Risk Assessments (5B)</b>  Issued guidance clarifying PRP role in risk assessments (1/96)</p>
✓	<p><b>Establish National Criteria to Plan, Report, and Review Superfund Risk Assessments (6A)</b>  Issued Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund (Part D) (Interim) (1/98)  Launched the RAGS Part D website (2/98)  Conducted RAGS Part D training for risk assessors and risk managers (9/98)  Revise RAGS Part D based on use experience (FY 2001)</p>
✓	<p><b>Utilize Expert Workgroup on Lead (6C)</b>  Established Lead Technical Review Workgroup and the Lead Sites Workgroup  Issued "Clarification to the 1994 Revised Soil Lead Guidance" (8/98)  Conducted workshops on lead exposure and bioavailability (9/98) and modeling and probabilistic risk (6/99)  Provide site-specific consultations upon request</p>
✓	<p><b>Establish Lead Regulator for Federal Facilities (7)</b>  Issued final guidance on lead regulator (11/97)</p>
✓	<p><b>Consider Response Actions Prior to NPL Listing (8)</b>  Amended October 1992 NPL policy (4/97)</p>
✓	<p><b>Delete Clean Parcels from the NPL (9)</b>  Deleted clean parcels at 21 sites; issued notice of intent to delete clean parcels at 3 sites (9/00)</p>

### Superfund Reforms Completed (Cont.)

✓	<p><b>Promote Risk-Based Priority Setting at Federal Facility Sites (10A)</b>            Issued “Interim Final Policy on the Use of Risk-Based Methodologies in Setting Priorities for Cleanup Actions at Federal Facilities” (8/98)</p>
✓	<p><b>Promote Risk-Based Priority for NPL Sites (10B)</b>            Evaluated over 130 projects during FY98-FY01 with a value in excess of \$500 million, 33 during FY01 (9/01)</p>
✓	<p><b>Orphan Share Compensation (11)</b>            Issued interim final guidance on orphan share compensation (6/96)            Issued addendum to expand orphan share compensation to cost recovery settlements (9/97)            Offered \$235 million in orphan share compensation at 160 negotiations across the United States between FY96 - FY03</p>
✓	<p><b>Site Specific Special Accounts (12)</b>            Reached agreement that interest can accrue directly to special accounts (6/96)            Collected over \$1.1 billion, established 345 accounts, and accrued over \$177 million in interest (9/03)</p>
✓	<p><b>Equitable Issuance of Unilateral Administrative Orders (13)</b>            Issued memorandum to Regions directing changes in procedures for UAO issuance (8/96)            Independently reviewed documentation for over 240 UAOs (9/00)</p>
✓	<p><b>Revised De Micromis Guidance (14)</b>            Issued de micromis guidance and models which doubled the number previously identified for small party protection, as well as streamlined and simplified the settlement process (6/96)</p>
✓	<p><b>Adopting Private Party Allocations (15)</b>            Used private party allocations as basis for settlement at several sites (9/96)            This reform was merged with the orphan share reform (FY97)</p>
✓	<p><b>Reduce Oversight of Cooperative PRPs (16)</b>            Issued directive on reducing oversight (7/96)            Revised process for FY99 extending coverage to PRPs working under enforcement agreements; new measure requires Regions to offer a meeting to discuss oversight expectations and to issue an oversight bill, as appropriate            Issued “Interim Guidance on Implementing Superfund Administrative Reform on PRP Oversight” (5/00)            Administered reduced oversight at 243 sites (9/01)</p>
✓	<p><b>Authorize Remedy Selection by Selected States (17)</b>            Issued formal solicitation for pilot sites (6/97)            Developed process and procedures for State remedy pilots            Compiled lessons learned on pilots (FY 2000)            Issue report on lessons learned (FY 2001)            Closeout report issued (6/02)</p>
✓	<p><b>Pilot Community-Based Remedy Selection Process (18)</b>            Issued compendium of lessons learned in regional experiences with the public (6/99)</p>
✓	<p><b>Establish Superfund Ombudsman in Every Region (19)</b>            Appointed an Ombudsman in each Region (6/96)            Conducted investigations and mediations on a variety of cases (ongoing)</p>
✓	<p><b>Improve Communication with Superfund Stakeholders (20)</b>            Created Headquarters Superfund home page (4/96)            Update and improve home page on an annual basis            Superfund Reforms Home Page at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/reforms/">www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/reforms/</a></p>

### Superfund Reforms Underway

	<p><b>Standardize Risk Assessments (6B)</b>            Issued the following guidance documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Guidance on the proposed asbestos cancer risk assessment methodology</li> <li>- Guidance radionuclide preliminary remediation goals for Superfund</li> <li>- Detailed technical analysis of five unsaturated zone fate transport models for radionuclides (7/02)</li> </ul>
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