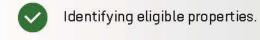# CERCLA PROCESS
Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) program work is executed in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP).

CLEANUP PROCESS

CERCLA work includes:

- ✓ Identifying eligible properties.

- ✓ Investigating their condition and addressing any contamination that was the result of DOD activities.

- ✓ Remediation of military munitions that may remain on a site.

Under the CERCLA process, projects can take several years to complete, and each is unique.

Active communication, coordination and collaboration with property owners, state and federal regulators, tribal and local governments, local communities and other potentially responsible parties are critical in planning and carrying out cleanups.

USACE works closely with the current owner of the property and the public to choose the best alternative when it conducts the response action.

Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection	Remedial Investigation	Feasibility Study	Proposed Plan/Record of Decision	Remedial Design and Action	Long-Term Management
• Identify projects posing potential risk. • Eliminate projects that pose no unacceptable risk. • Determine if a removal action is warranted.	• Determine nature/extent of contamination. • Assess risks to human health and the environment. • Support development of remedial alternatives.	• Develop and evaluate remedial alternatives to support remedy selection. • Evaluate alternatives against CERCLA criteria.	• Provide documentation from RI/FS supporting preferred remedial alternative. • Obtain stakeholder input and provide opportunity for public comment on the preferred alternative. • Selection and approval of the final remedy for the site.	• Develop design plans, specifications of selected remedy. • Implement selected remedy.	• Verify that the remedy continues to be protective of human health and the environment.

Safety is a priority. If you encounter suspected military munitions, please visit: https://3Rs.mil

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