

Site Cleanup at HPNS

What guides the Navy's cleanup activities at HPNS?

The Navy's environmental cleanup at HPNS follows the requirements set forth in the **Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980**. CERCLA was amended by the **Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA)** in 1986.

What is CERCLA?

CERCLA, also known as Superfund, was created by Congress in 1980 to create a program to identify, investigate, and clean up identified sites in response to environmental problems created by past hazardous waste disposal practices.

CERCLA also established the **National Priorities List (NPL)**, which guides federal agencies in determining which sites require further investigation. HPNS was placed on the NPL in 1989.

How can the public be sure that the Navy is following CERCLA?

Several regulatory agencies provide oversight of the environmental cleanup program activities and the environmental closeout process at HPNS. These regulatory agency representatives and Navy program personnel work together as members of the BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) to evaluate and monitor the schedule for completing the investigation and cleanup of sites at HPNS.

The CERCLA Cleanup Process

Preliminary Assessment /
Site Inspection (PA/SI)



Remedial Investigation /
Feasibility Study (RI/FS)



Proposed Plan /
Public Comment Period



Record of Decision (ROD)



Remedial Design /
Remedial Action (RD/RA)



Operation & Maintenance /
Land Use & Institutional Controls



Site Closure /
Transfer to City of San Francisco