



# **SUPERFUND: A Program Update**

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# Program Priorities and Focus

- Superfund Task Force
- Transition to the Remedial Acquisition Framework (RAF)



# Superfund Task Force

- Background
- Five Overarching Goals
- Summary of Accomplishments to Date



# Background

- Administrator Pruitt's May 2017 memo established the Superfund Task Force to "streamline and improve the Superfund program"
- Task Force report released in July 2017 with 42 recommendations with many sub-tasks
- Accompanying directive emphasized 13 more urgent activities
- Scope was from site assessment to deletion, including enforcement



# Five Overarching Goals

- 1. Expediting Cleanup and Remediation**
2. Re-Invigorating Responsible Party Cleanup and Reuse
3. Encouraging Private Investment
- 4. Promoting Redevelopment & Community Revitalization**
5. Engaging Partners and Stakeholders



# Overview of Progress

- Superfund Task Force Report provides start dates for all recommendations
- Actions have started for all 42 recommendations
- EPA has convened internal workgroups and identified numerous specific implementing tasks
- Most work will be done in calendar year 2018
- Formulating a flexible strategy for external engagement that will depend on recommendations and output



## Major Accomplishments To Date

- Developed Administrator's Emphasis List (AEL) of 21 sites targeted for immediate, intense action (12/17, updated 4/18)
- Published Redevelopment Focus List of Superfund sites to direct interested developers/potential owners to sites with redevelopment potential (1/18)
- Released new Superfund Task Force Website with accomplishments and public participation opportunities (1/31)

<https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-task-force>



## Major Accomplishments To Date (Cont.)

- Released Superfund Human Exposure Dashboard with status of EPA's site-wide human exposure environmental indicator for each NPL and SAA site (1/31)
- Published Quarterly Report for First Quarter FY 2018
- Administrator participated in decision-making process for at least 8 sites with planned remedies over \$50M
- Deleted/partially deleted 6 sites in 2017; 10 planned for 2018





## Major Accomplishments To Date (Cont.)

- EPA issues guidance on disbursement of special account funds to entities performing cleanup work at Superfund sites
- Memorandum Issued to Spur Investment and Address Liability Concerns for Third Parties at Superfund Sites
- EPA Releases Two Technical Documents to Further Use of In Situ Remediation Technologies

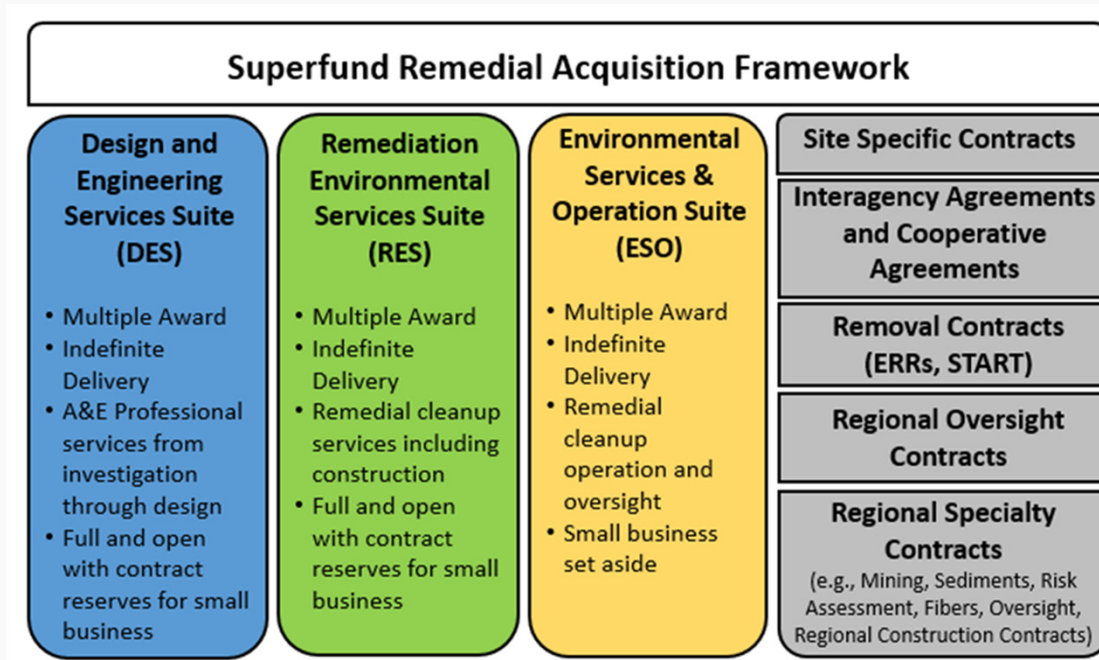


## Major Accomplishments To Date (Cont.)

- 2 upcoming technical webinars:
  - Mining Webinar Series: Successful Implementation of Biologically-Based Passive Remediation Systems.  
May 1, 2018, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Eastern
  - Combined Remedies: Adaptive, Flexible, Attentive Use of the Right Tools  
May 21, 2018, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. Eastern
- Registration links on the Superfund task force website



# Transition to the RAF



***EPA national, multiple award contracts intended to save Agency costs through increased competition and promoting contractor innovation***



# RAF Preparation Considerations

- RAF, and a number of other government initiatives, require a fundamental change to Superfund program planning and management
- Increased Superfund program and contracting time and effort to plan, award, and manage task orders under multiple award contracts
- EPA is currently conducting a comprehensive training effort to increase awareness and begin preparation