

Site Characterization Screening Initiation Status

April 1, 2013

Beginning January 1, 2013, the BPSS Administrative Services Contractor commenced the initial contractor designation form (CDF) confirmation/solicitation and site manager assignment process for Site Characterization Screening (SCS) at eligible sites with priority scores of 31 points and below at an approximate rate of 90 per month starting with the oldest eligibility dates first. As of April 1, 2013, this activity included sites scored 30 with eligibility dates of September 1988 and earlier.

The validity of the most recent CDF received will be confirmed and a notice sent to the property owner or RP either requesting an initial CDF or confirming the last valid CDF and informing them of our intent to work with that contractor unless a new CDF is submitted within 30 days. If a valid CDF has not previously been submitted or received within 30 days, the site will be referred to State Cleanup for SCS activities only. After the CDF process has been completed, the site will be assigned to a site manager and no CDF switches will be authorized for the SCS portion of the cleanup. Work order proposals should not be submitted until requested by the assigned site manager. More information is available in the most recent Procedural and Technical Guidance for SCS and other information on the BPSS web site.

Due to the numerous and variable factors outlined below that affect decisions to proceed with SCS, the BPSS will no longer be posting a list of "potential" SCS sites. However, a monthly update will be posted indicating the approximate point at which the initial SCS process has commenced in priority order. A complete list of all eligible discharges can be found on the main Petroleum Cleanup Program web page under the Commonly Requested Reports section @ <http://www.floridadep.gov/waste/petroleum-restoration>.

Factors that may render a site unsuitable for SCS include:

1. Site is active under Preapproval out of priority order based on:
 - a. Bankruptcy/Court Order
 - b. Continuing O&M/PARM/LTNAM
 - c. Continuing PBC
 - d. Imminent Threat
 - e. Free Product Recovery Initiative
 - f. PAC Agreement
 - g. SRFA for combined eligible/ineligible cleanup out of priority order - State or RP lead
 - h. Bureau Chief discretion
2. SRFA for combined eligible/ineligible cleanup in priority order with cost share that has not been pre-paid in full (*SRFA that asserts no cost to ineligible discharge or for which the cost share has been pre-paid in full may do SCS*);
3. Potential SRFA under review for combined eligible/ineligible cleanup;
4. Site (*or eligible discharge*) undergoing voluntary cleanup activities out of priority order;
5. Site over the eligibility funding cap (*may or may not be District lead*);

6. Site subject to a non-program Consent Order that provides for State-funding and the RP(s) no longer owns the site or is no longer living;
7. Site qualifies for SRCO, but SRCO on hold pending payment of deductible, cost share, etc.; and
8. Site has recent assessment data upon which SCS data can be obtained.

Factors that may require a State Lead contractor for SCS include:

1. Owner/RP designated SC on a valid CDF;
2. No CDF received by the deadline in written request;
3. Owner/RP unable or unwilling to pay required costs associated with eligible cleanup (*deductible, cost share, LCAR, indigent ATRP...*);
4. State funding is based on, or use of SC contractor is specified in, a non-program Consent Order, final judgment or settlement agreement;
5. Owner/RP unable or unwilling to pay non-compliance fines, penalties or repayments required under enforcement actions, final judgments or settlement agreements (*simple out of compliance in site inspection or initial non-compliance letters, as well as cases where prior non-compliance has been corrected and fines paid are not grounds for State Lead cleanup only*);
6. Historic State-Lead contractor site (*Note, one-time only SC work such as disposal of IDW or removal of remediation of equipment at parked sites or sampling for school noticing are not reasons for State cleanup only. Also sites with Preapproval work after prior State cleanup work are not required to be State cleanup for SCS*);
7. Source site now located entirely in a DOT ROW or otherwise State-owned land; and
8. Bureau Chief discretion.