



DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM

WHAT IS THE DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM?

The Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) is how the War Department (DoW) investigates and cleans up releases of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants, and munitions from past military activities.* It protects people's health and the environment while supporting warfighter readiness.

Under DERP, DoW complies with the Federal cleanup law: the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERLA), or "Superfund."

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Investigate DoW releases of contaminants to the environment and determine appropriate cleanup actions



Optimize effective science-based approaches while executing cleanup activities



Maximize communication, collaboration, and public participation during the cleanup process

WHAT IS DERP'S CLEANUP PROCESS?

While actions and timing depend on site-specific conditions, DERP follows the same general process at each location to fully investigate releases, prioritize responses, and determine appropriate cleanup actions.

Investigation



Cleanup



Long-Term Management

DoW works with federal, state and local governments and the public throughout the cleanup process to ensure open communication and effective, lasting cleanup solutions.

DERP efforts prioritize the health and safety of military communities and their neighbors, ensuring that Service members can focus on the mission without concerns about environmental hazards affecting themselves and their families.

For more information on DERP, or to view cleanup data for a specific installation, visit the DERP website: <https://www.denix.osd.mil/derp>.



* DERP addresses contamination from DoW activities at active installations, Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) locations, Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) properties, and National Guard facilities in the United States.



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