

**Fundamentals (3.b): Site Cleanup
Financial Assurances for Cleanup Sites
April 2013
Revised September 2013**

Ensure that public money will not be used to pay for long-term cleanup projects where the responsible party files for bankruptcy or refuses to fund work, by improving the Financial Assurance system within the Site Cleanup program.

Goal: Improve the Financial Assurance (FA) program within the Cleanup Program so that public money will not be used to pay the cost of long-term cleanup at sites where the responsible party goes bankrupt or refuses to complete the work.

The specific improvements are: 1. Ensure that the existing FA we have on the books is accurate and consistent, 2. Ensure that we have FA at all sites where it is required and allowed, 3. Improve our current tracking system and ensure the data is accurate now and into the future, and 4. Identify gaps in our current policies, regulations or statutes that need modification.

The regulatory requirements and policies vary from program to program and have changed over time. The Cleanup Program needs to assess how these requirements have been applied and ensure consistency. We will also identify where policies, procedures and statutes need to be clarified or changed.

Timeline:

April – June 2013:

- Identify all sites where FA is currently in place
- Identify sites where cost estimates are not accurate or current
- Identify all sites that do not have FA but require it

July – Sept 2013:

- Prepare an Action Plan to implement new and revised FA programs
- Identify gaps in our current FA policies, regulations, or statutes

October 2013 – March 2014:

- Implement an Action Plan for new and revised FA programs
- Create a detailed work plan to implement any changes needed to FA policy, regulations, or statutes