



Contaminated Sites Program

Program Purpose:

- To return NPS contaminated sites to unimpaired conditions.

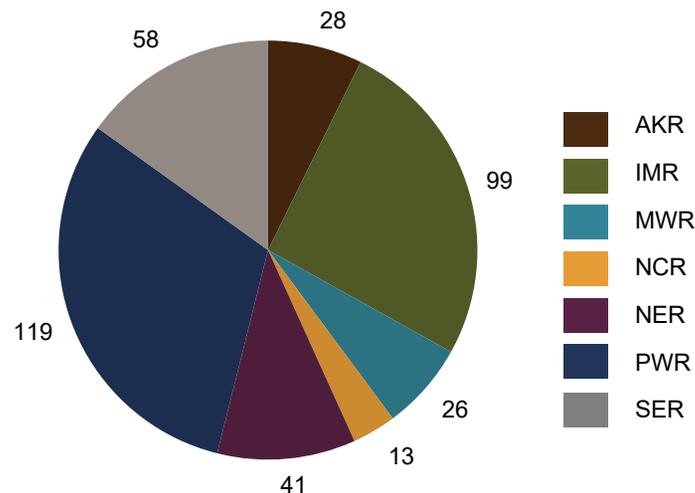
Benefits:

- Provides the strategic vision to ensure site cleanup advances the best interests of the NPS.
- Optimizes site cleanup through a standard framework, guidance and systems.
- Increases cleanup funds, in tandem with the Office of the Solicitor and the Department of Justice, through third-party enforcement efforts.

FY15 Highlights:

- Spearheaded the development of the Department's Contaminated Sites (CS) Initiative to transform CS practice in alignment with industry standards.
- Convened NPS personnel working on CS cleanup to build capability and to identify innovations.
- Deployed the *CSPortal*, an intranet site for accessing NPS best practices and collaborative site management platforms.

Number of Contaminated Sites by NPS Region*



*As reported in the Environmental and Disposal Liabilities Database

Every Park Superintendent, at some point in her/his career, will face critical contaminated sites challenges. The Contaminated Sites Program (CSP) advances the Agency's capability to meet these challenges.



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Looking Ahead:

- The long-term objective of CSP is to eradicate contamination on lands under NPS stewardship.

Program Impacts:

- 20 years of the agency's Cost Recovery/Avoidance practice, launched by CSP in 1995.
- Since its inception, CSP has added \$150M to DOI's Central Hazardous Materials Fund (CHF), representing an additional 75% of the overall Congressional appropriation.
- Since 2010, 56 sites have been removed from the Environmental and Disposal Liability Database and significant progress has been made on the agency's 22 most challenging sites, including the Washington Gas site (see below).
- In 2015, CSP better equipped NPS personnel to optimize cleanups and the associated resources for the benefit of the American people.
- These efforts are laying the foundation for NPS to become an industry leader in this critical area of federal land management.



Before and After Washington Gas Site, National Capital Parks-East

Washington Gas and Light operated adjacent to NPS land, manufacturing gas on its own property from 1888 until the mid-1980s. Manufactured gas by-products such as metals, oil, tar, and coal, were placed on the NPS property as fill material or were transported via groundwater movement through the site. NPS worked in tandem with the District of Columbia to return this highly-populated river bank to its intended recreational use.



CSPortal: NPS's "One Stop Shop" for All Things Contaminated Sites

The *CSPortal* is the agency's platform for accessing contaminated sites information and cleanup practice knowledge. This intranet site supports leadership and project management teams throughout the phases of the cleanup process. Visit: <https://connect.doi.gov/nps/csportal/Pages/Home.aspx>



Body of best practices developed over two decades.

NPS personnel access more than 100 tools to support the standard activities of CS cleanup. The results of access to this body of knowledge are: faster cleanups, consistent methodology, and resource efficiency.

Virtual platform for collaborative site management.

The CS Workspace is a customized interactive platform where project management teams collaborate on documents, action items, events and milestones, and stay abreast of project progress.

The CSPortal is enhancing NPS capability to protect the resources under its stewardship and ensure the preservation of those resources for future generations.