3-4 % of total site universe enters the listing process

OLEM Management Engagement On Issue Sites Occurs Throughout Process

8-12 months in advance

- After exhausting cleanup options, state requests EPA assistance
- Regional Decision Team meeting held to determine most appropriate EPA cleanup program

7 months in advance

- Regional NPL listing staff (with DD approval) present potential new NPL sites at National NPL Listing Panel meeting

5 - 6 months in advance

- OLEM AA briefed to obtain approval to move forward with NPL listing process (only OLEM AA/DAA delegated to make listing decisions)
- After AA approval, Regions request formal written state concurrence & prepare HRS documentation

6 months in advance

- Regions submit draft HRS documentation records to HQ for QA/QC review to assure national consistency, compliance with the HRS and ability to withstand public comment/legal challenges

2-3 months in advance

- States submit written concurrence letters
- OSRTI begins preparing communication materials

2 months in advance

- OSRTI sends site info to OMB for informal concurrence
- OSRTI sends FR notices to OGC for review and concurrence

1-2 months in advance

- OLEM comms briefing held
- HRS QA/QC review is completed and prepared for public docket (regulations.gov)
- OSRTI drafts congressional notification letters

1 – 2 weeks in advance

- OLEM AA signature of NPL rules & congressional notification letters
- All supporting documentation loaded into public docket
- NPL listing web site staged and reviewed

2 days in advance

- Congressional notification letters sent
- Website updated with HRS/site info and state concurrence letters
- HQ and regional press releases issued

Proposal to NPL

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