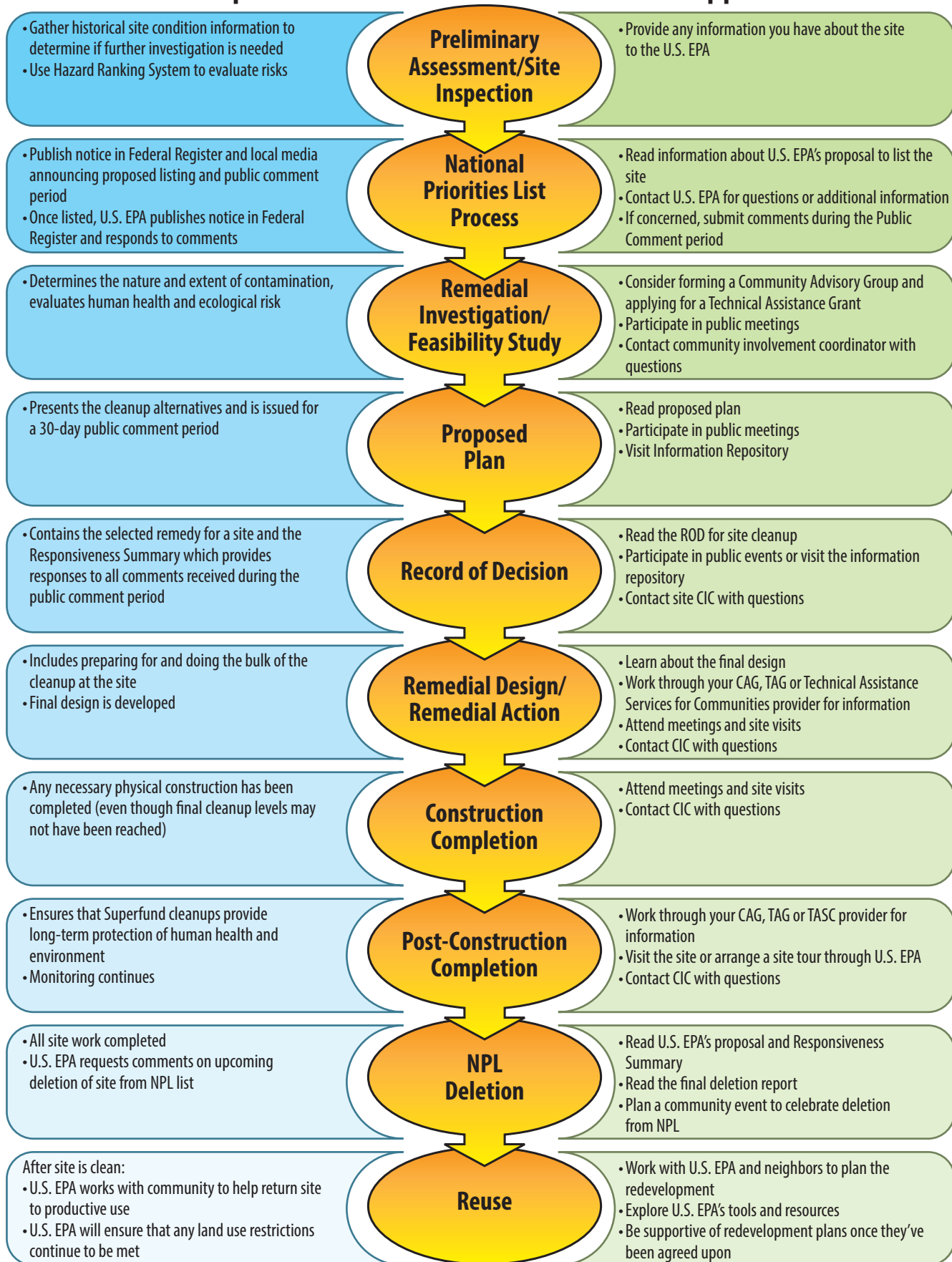


Superfund Process Steps

Community Involvement Opportunities



- Gather historical site condition information to determine if further investigation is needed
- Use Hazard Ranking System to evaluate risks

- Publish notice in Federal Register and local media announcing proposed listing and public comment period
- Once listed, U.S. EPA publishes notice in Federal Register and responds to comments

- Determines the nature and extent of contamination, evaluates human health and ecological risk

- Presents the cleanup alternatives and is issued for a 30-day public comment period

- Contains the selected remedy for a site and the Responsiveness Summary which provides responses to all comments received during the public comment period

- Includes preparing for and doing the bulk of the cleanup at the site
- Final design is developed

- Any necessary physical construction has been completed (even though final cleanup levels may not have been reached)

- Ensures that Superfund cleanups provide long-term protection of human health and environment
- Monitoring continues

- All site work completed
- U.S. EPA requests comments on upcoming deletion of site from NPL list

- After site is clean:
- U.S. EPA works with community to help return site to productive use
 - U.S. EPA will ensure that any land use restrictions continue to be met

- Provide any information you have about the site to the U.S. EPA

- Read information about U.S. EPA's proposal to list the site
- Contact U.S. EPA for questions or additional information
- If concerned, submit comments during the Public Comment period

- Consider forming a Community Advisory Group and applying for a Technical Assistance Grant
- Participate in public meetings
- Contact community involvement coordinator with questions

- Read proposed plan
- Participate in public meetings
- Visit Information Repository

- Read the ROD for site cleanup
- Participate in public events or visit the information repository
- Contact site CIC with questions

- Learn about the final design
- Work through your CAG, TAG or Technical Assistance Services for Communities provider for information
- Attend meetings and site visits
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- Work through your CAG, TAG or TASC provider for information
- Visit the site or arrange a site tour through U.S. EPA
- Contact CIC with questions

- Read U.S. EPA's proposal and Responsiveness Summary
- Read the final deletion report
- Plan a community event to celebrate deletion from NPL

- Work with U.S. EPA and neighbors to plan the redevelopment
- Explore U.S. EPA's tools and resources
- Be supportive of redevelopment plans once they've been agreed upon