



5.0 Conclusion

EPA and outside parties continued to consider *Updating Remedy Decisions* a successful Reform in both FY00 and FY01. The number of remedies updated by each Region during FY00 and FY01 clearly shows that all ten EPA Regions are implementing this Reform, with half of the Regions reporting estimated cost savings above \$50 million for the two fiscal years combined. All ten EPA Regions continue to evaluate requests to review early Fund-lead remedies, as well as consider updates to more recent remedies that may not be up-to-date with current science or technology. Regions also continue to encourage outside parties to submit remedy update requests to EPA when new technical information exists to support them. Typically, EPA and outside parties share the benefits of both cost and time savings as a consequence of implementing the updated remedy.

Interested parties should review the existing Reform Guidance (OSWER Directive 9200.2-22) for basic information concerning the Reform. Additional guidance on remedy updates is included in the updated Record of Decision Guidance (see “*A Guide to Preparing Superfund Proposed Plans, Records of Decision, and Other Remedy Selection Decision Documents*,” OSWER Directive 9200.1-23P, July 1999). Specific questions on implementation of the Reform may be directed to Matt Charsky of the Office of Emergency and Remedial Response by telephone at (703) 603-8777, e-mail at charsky.matthew@epamail.epa.gov, or FAX at (703) 603-9133. Each Region also has a remedy update contact who can be reached by contacting the Superfund Program office in any of EPA’s ten Regional offices.

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