



**FORMERLY UTILIZED SITES REMEDIAL ACTION PROGRAM (FUSRAP)
ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD FILE FOR BLISS AND LAUGHLIN FUSRAP SITE,
NEW YORK**

A - INTRODUCTION

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986, requires the establishment of administrative record files. Section 113(k) of CERCLA states:

(1) Administrative record -- The President shall establish an administrative record upon which the President shall base the selection of a response action. The administrative record shall be available to the public at or near the facility at issue...

Through Executive Order 12580, "Superfund Implementation," the President has delegated responsibility for administrative record files to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for sites controlled by USACE.

Through these regulations, USACE is required to compile and to make available to the public, at or near the site, administrative record files containing documents upon which USACE bases its decisions regarding selection of response actions authorized under CERCLA and SARA.

Section 113(j)(1) of CERCLA states that judicial review of any issues concerning the adequacy of any response action is generally limited to the administrative record compiled for the site at issue. This administrative record file and administrative record file index have been compiled in accordance with applicable provisions of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) Directive No. 9833.3A-1, "Final Guidance on Administrative Records for Selection CERCLA Response Actions."

Following this introduction, successive sections in this binder contain the Administrative Record File Index (Section B), the Administrative Record File Subject Guide (Section C), and the Guidance Documents (Section D). The index lists the documents that have been made a part of this administrative record file. The guide explains the coding of subject fields in the administrative record file index.

Guidance documents include technical literature and policy documents used in the selection of response actions. FUSRAP-specific, State-specific, and Site-specific guidance documents will be included in the index and collection of documents. Guidance documents listed in Section D are located in the master administrative record file located in the USACE, Buffalo District Office. This section is being assembled and will be added to the Bliss and Laughlin FUSRAP Site administrative record file at a later date.

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The documents included in this administrative record file are a subset of information included in the FUSRAP files for the site. Documents contained in the administrative record file are sorted chronologically by subject code to assist in tracking and retrieval of documents.

The documents listed in the index and included in the administrative record file are contained in binders. To assist in locating these documents, an index is included with each subject code division and a subject guide is inserted in the front of each volume. The subject codes included in each binder are listed on the binder spine and tabs are inserted in each binder to separate subject codes.

The index and file will be updated approximately once each quarter. As the updates are issued, the file will be inventoried against the new index to ensure its completeness.

In accordance with OSWER Directive No. 9833.3A-1, certain documents are not physically included in this administrative record file but are hereby included for reference. Among these documents are chain-of-custody forms (which document transfers in possession of environmental samples) and sampling data, such as laboratory analytical results. For each group of environmental samples, there are typically several chain-of-custody forms and up to several hundred pages of sampling data. The sampling data are summarized in the reports included in the administrative record file. Typically, the sampling data and related chain-of-custody forms are retained by the contractors that published the reports and their subcontractors. To obtain further information concerning specific sampling data and chain-of-custody forms, please reference the document number of the report, the subject code, and the title and write to the address below.

Please forward any other questions or requests for additional information, referencing document numbers, subject code, and title to:

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