

Category 1

Category 1 includes most leaking underground fuel tank (LUFT) sites and many small commercial facilities, such as dry cleaners. Category 1 sites are characterized by soil or groundwater contamination that does not pose an immediate human health threat and does not extend off-site onto neighboring properties. Off-site groundwater plumes that extend only into the public right of way are also included in this category. We expect little or no public interest at Category 1 sites.

Category 2

Category 2 includes larger industrial or commercial sites with significant soil and groundwater contamination. At these sites, the groundwater plume extends off-site beyond the public right of way (or is assumed to extend off-site until investigation shows otherwise). This category includes many solvent sites. A few LUFT sites will fall into this category.

This category also includes:

- sites where moderate public concern or interest exists (or is anticipated)
- RCRA analogous sites, where we have agreed to follow an oversight process that's equivalent to the RCRA corrective action program CLRRRA sites, where a buyer or landowner has applied for liability relief pursuant to this Brownfield legislation

Category 3

Category 3 includes federal Superfund sites and other large or complex contamination sites. These sites have significant soil and groundwater contamination and/or threaten human health. Contamination from these sites may be significantly impacting existing or future land uses, groundwater users, or ecological receptors, or is perceived as such. These sites may also be the focus of other sensitive issues such as a change in land use. There may be significant public interest in Category 3 sites.