

Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan (FCSAP)

What is it?

The Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan (FCSAP) supports government departments, agencies and consolidated Crown corporations to assess, remediate and risk manage the contaminated sites under their responsibility. FCSAP aims to reduce:

- 1) Environmental and human health risks from known federal contaminated sites;
- 2) Federal financial liabilities associated with these sites.

Between 2005 and 2020, the Government of Canada provided \$4.73 billion to address over 11,870 sites through FCSAP.

What are federal contaminated sites?

They are areas owned or leased by the federal government, or where the government has accepted responsibility for the contamination. These sites contain substances at levels above what is considered safe to human health or the environment.



HOW DO WE MANAGE A FEDERAL CONTAMINATED SITE?

1 Identification

Find a potentially contaminated site.

2 Assessment

Understand the source and magnitude of the contamination.

3 Remediation/ Risk Management

Remove contaminants through on-site treatment or off-site disposal, or block exposure to contaminants.

4 Monitoring

Ensure that remediation/risk management remains effective.

5 Closure

Close a site when risks are reduced to levels that are considered safe to human health and the environment.



Sites include abandoned mines, airports, lighthouse stations, and military bases.

BENEFITS OF FCSAP

HUMAN and ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Safeguards the health of ecosystems and of Canadians.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC

Creates jobs and supports skills development, including in Indigenous communities and in northern and rural areas.

INNOVATION

Promotes the development of new technologies by sharing solutions and scientific documents with the federal community and private sector.

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