



# ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION

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## COST-TO-COMPLETE

### What is Cost-to-Complete?

The Restoration Cost-to-Complete (RCTC) is a comprehensive estimate, *by site*, of the total cost for completing all environmental restoration activities under both the Installation Restoration Program (IRP) and the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Environmental Restoration Program. Cost-to-complete estimates form the basis of the environmental liability reported in the annual financial statements developed by DoD Components.

### Why Cost-to-Complete?

Prior to FY96, the Army's IRP budget was based on RCS 1383 Report requirements and the Army's Priority Sort Code System. In FY95, the DoD required that all Services develop a comprehensive estimate, *by site*, of the total cost for completing all environmental cleanup under the environmental restoration programs. The CTC estimates, along with Relative Risk Site Evaluations are now the basis of the Army's environmental restoration budget. Each Defense Site Environmental Restoration Tracking System (DSERTS) site with any future planned cleanup activity must have an estimate of the cost-to-complete for those restoration activities.

The Defense Planning Guidance (DPG) requires an annual update of this estimate of cost to complete. The estimates include:

1. The cost of completing all remaining studies, restoration, remedial action operations (including operations and maintenance of remedial systems)
2. Long-term monitoring, five-year reviews, maintenance of land use controls
3. Site closeout and deletion from the National Priority List (NPL), where appropriate

The estimates will, to the extent possible, reflect site-specific considerations and realistic assumptions about cleanup levels and technology applied. Estimates are adjusted to reflect new information.

### When is Cost-to-Complete?

The RCTC is updated annually in the summer. Requirements are developed in the Restoration Cost-to-Complete System (RCTCS) and programmed during the Fall DSERTS update. The RCTCS is maintained and updated as a centralized effort through the U.S. Army Environmental Center (USAEC). Installations, through their Major Army Commands (MACOMs), provide information to support the centralized effort.

In June, the MACOMs are advised of their Annual Funding Plan for the next fiscal year as well as each year through the Program Objective Memorandum (POM) years (FY+5) or until there are no requirements (whichever is shorter). Installations are notified by their MACOM of their annual environmental allocations in June and must then "program" their RCTC estimates to meet their allocations. The total number of an installation's *programmed* cleanup requirements is submitted to the USAEC through DSERTS by October 15 and is used to develop the IRP budget.

## More Information

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