



# Environmental Activities at the Former Victory Ordnance Plant Battery Disposal Area

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## History

The Former Victory Ordnance Plant (VOP) is an approximate 237-acre site located in Decatur, Illinois. DoD activities began at the site in 1943 when the VOP was built. The Battery Disposal Area, which is now being investigated following the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) process, is approximately 3.7 acres.

Under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program-Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS), the U.S. Army is responsible for environmental restoration of all properties that were formerly owned by, leased to, or otherwise possessed by the United States and under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Defense.

Corps environmental cleanup programs focus on protecting human health and the environment and seek to reduce risk to human health and the environment in a timely and cost-effective manner.



## History of Environmental Investigations

The Department of Defense is responsible for evaluating and cleaning up Department-generated environmental contamination at FUDS properties. The U.S. Army oversees the FUDS program for the Defense Department. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) manages the evaluation and cleanup of these properties. USACE is responsible for environmental restoration of the former VOP. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency provides regulatory oversight. Environmental activities at the former VOP have been under way since 1987.

To evaluate the nature and extent of the potential contamination associated with the Battery Disposal Area, at the Former Victory Ordnance Plant, various environmental investigations have been performed, including a Contaminant Evaluation in 1987, a Preliminary Assessment in 2006, a Site Inspection in 2007, a Remedial Investigation (RI) in 2009, and additional RI activities in 2012.

## What's Next?

The USACE will be performing a Time Critical Removal Action (TCRA) to be completed by 01 DEC 12. After the TCRA is completed, a Proposed Plan and a Decision Document will be prepared under CERCLA recommending No Further Action. The Proposed Plan will be released in early 2013 and the public will be invited to provide comments and input during the 30-day public comment period.

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