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improved Record of Decision (iROD)

Example iROD

Traditional ROD

ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION

The purpose of the iROD is to provide the full rationale for remedy decision in a concise document. The iROD must comply with CERCLA, the NCP and follow EPA guidance.

iROD Goals Include:

- Facilitate quick access to referenced information.
- Shorten review times.
- Improve readability.
- Enhance public understanding.

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What is an iROD?

The iROD is a traditional ROD that focuses on the use of streamlined text, figures, and tables with appropriate references to supporting documentation in the Administrative Record. The iROD must comply with CERCLA and the NCP and follow EPA guidance. While the full rationale for the remedy selection shall still be presented, the iROD seeks to do so in a more concise and reader-friendly manner. For some sites, this may be done through use of a hard copy document with electronic links on a self launching, interactive, easy navigable CD.

Why is the Navy using the iROD?

The Navy is committed to continual process improvements. Through concise use of text, a greater focus on graphic presentation, and/or the use of modern information management technology, the iROD can significantly reduce document size in a reader-friendly format. The Navy believes this will allow for a better description of the rationale used for remedy selection, shortened review times, and a remedy decision that is easily understood and scalable to all parties.

A goal of the Navy iROD initiative is to be consistent with:

- Department of the Navy (DoN) Streamlined ROD Strategy 31 August 2007 *[DASN (E) Memo dated August 2007].*
- The President's Management Agenda (2002).
- Government Paperwork Elimination Act (44 USC 3504).

What is the Navy's approach to implementing iROD's?

DON *Streamlined ROD Strategy* is applicable to all active and BRAC environmental restoration sites developing RODs and decision documents. Implementation of iRODs must be through consensus by Navy, Federal and/or State regulatory partners.

Implementation Strategy

- Identify proactive project teams to develop iRODs, monitor progress, and evaluate feedback.
- Engage regulators and stakeholders throughout the iROD development process to ensure information is shared in a timely and transparent manner.
- Provide assistance with implementation through consultations and iROD website with resources such as training tools, examples, lessons learned, etc.
- Develop guidance and training.
- Continually improve the iROD concept.

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