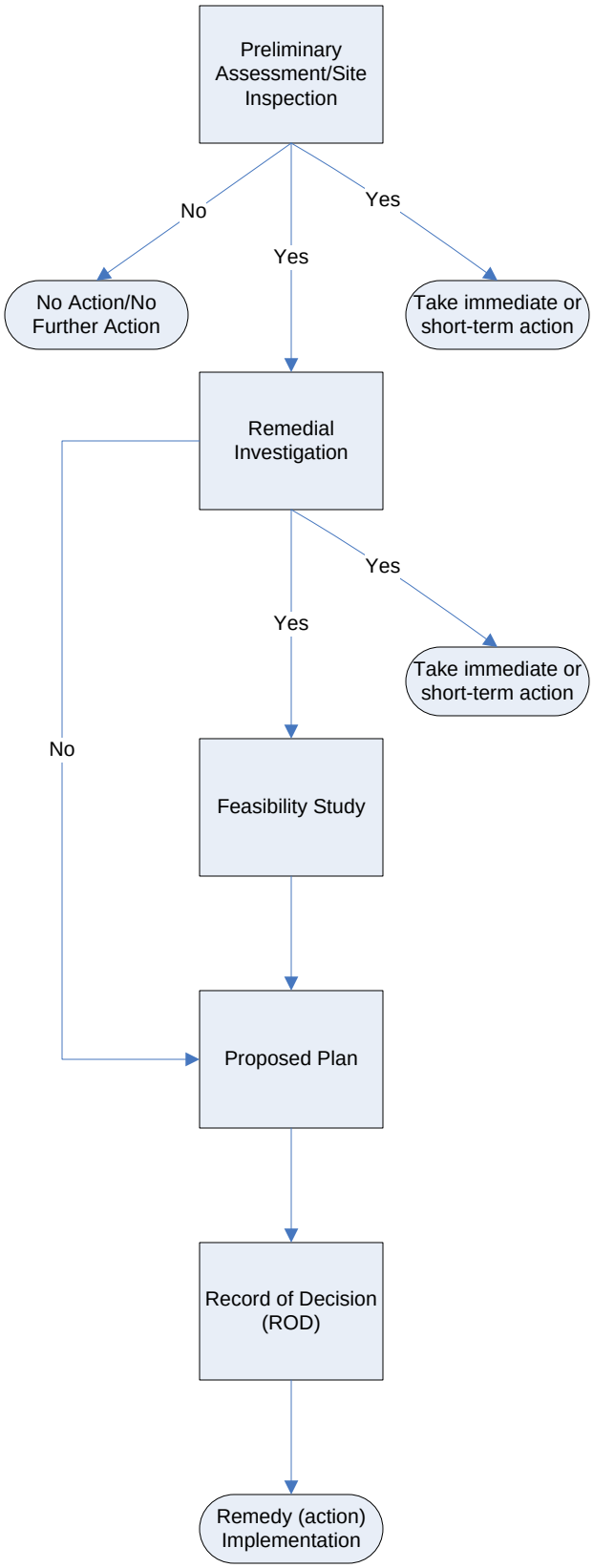
Generalized CERCLA Process



Objective	Questions to be Answered by Phase	
Determine if there has been a release of hazardous substances warranting action or further investigation.	1. Has there been a release of hazardous substances?	2. If so, is further investigation or action warranted?
Determine the nature and extent of contamination and associated risks	1. What is the nature and extent of contamination?	2. What are the associated risks?
	3. Does the nature, extent, and/or risks warrant action?	
Evaluate various remedial alternatives	1. What is optimal remedial alternative?	
Solicit public input on the proposed remedial alternative	1. What are community questions, concerns, and input on proposed remedy?	
Formal selection of the remedy		
Implement the remedy		