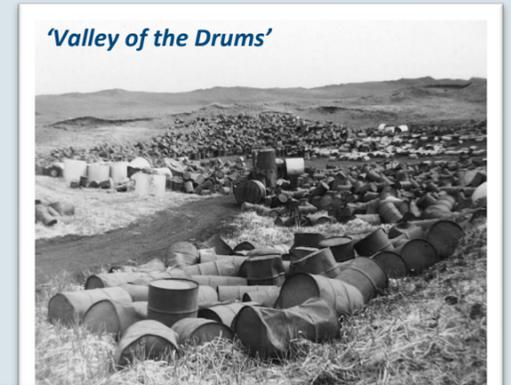




What is CERCLA?

CERCLA stands for the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. The law was passed in 1980 as a response to the discovery of contaminated sites such as “Love Canal” in New York and “Valley of the Drums” in Kentucky. The law provides the federal government authority to respond to contaminated sites that exist due to the disposal of wastes being dumped or otherwise improperly managed. These sites include manufacturing facilities, processing plants, landfills and mining sites. CERCLA and the related National Contingency Plan (NCP) regulations provide the framework for the federal government to follow to assess and clean-up contaminated sites.

Although the Kenilworth Park Landfill Site does not contain the levels of contamination seen at many contaminated sites, by following CERCLA and the NCP, the National Park Service ensured a thorough characterization and assessment of the Site was completed.



How does CERCLA work?

As shown below, assessing and cleaning-up CERCLA sites is a complex, multi-step process:

