

5.0 TIMESCALES AND PROGRESSION INDICATORS

5.1 General timescales

During the implementation of the EPA 1990 Part IIA the following timescales can be anticipated;

- Requests for information should be made in writing. Any person(s) submitting a written request for information on the state of contaminated land can expect to receive a response from the EPU within 10 working days of receipt of the letter.
- The appropriate person(s) for sites falling within the definition of 'Special' can expect to be notified of this designation within 5 working days, after the 21 day objection period for the EA.
- The appropriate person(s) for sites being designated under the EPA 1990 Part IIA can expect to receive the official notice of designation within 7 working days of being notified by the CYC that the site will be designated as Contaminated Land.
- Once a Designation Notice has been served on a site, the appropriate person(s) for that site can expect a Remediation Notice to be issued by the CYC within 7 working days, unless voluntary remediation is initiated.

5.2 Implementation and timescales for Stage One

The tasks that are required for the completion of Stage One can be used as progress indicators, the anticipated completion date for each task is detailed below, this has been further expanded in Appendix E of this Strategy:-

Objective	Completion date
Identification of all receptors set out in Appendix F	12/01
Identification of controlled waters	12/01
Identification of potentially contaminated land where the Local Authority is the 'appropriate person'	12/01
Identification of all areas of potential contaminated land	06/02
	08/02
Analysis of risks to controlled waters	09/02
Completion of initial risk assessment of land where the CYC may be the appropriate person	11/02
Completion of initial risk assessment for sites identified as areas of potential concern	Ongoing
Investigation and evaluation of evidence of recorded incidence of contamination	Ongoing
Review of records/work undertaken on previously developed sites	12/02
Prioritise sites	Ongoing
Design a GIS program to increase accessibility and cross reference ability for future developments	Ongoing
Undertake regular reviews of assumptions and priorities and update all documentation/reports	

The timescales outlined above do not account for time taken by planning applications or issues relating to contaminated land that may arise and require immediate attention. As such scenarios can not be predicted in advance, the completion dates above may be subject to review and alteration.

Stage One for site identification and assessment will commence following the publication of this Strategy (July 2001). It is anticipated Stage One will be completed by December 2002. The proposed approach outlined in this Strategy will be reviewed and where necessary amended once this initial assessment has been completed. The findings of the review will be submitted to the Environmental Protection Manager of the EPU and amendments made to this Strategy where deemed necessary. If no significant amendments are required, this Strategy will be reviewed and republished every two years.

5.3 Implementation and timescales for Stages Two and Three

Anticipated timescales for the implementation of Stages Two and Three will be published on completion of Stage One. However land owners can expect the following tasks to be undertaken during the implementation of Stage Two;

- Liaison with site owners/occupiers ensuring those with a responsibility for the land are constantly kept informed of progress;
- Site walkover to assess any visual problems on site and identify proximity of sources and receptors;
- Review of all documentation relevant to the site, to include all information held by the site owners/occupiers, CYC, Environment Agency and other relevant bodies;
- Review of past and present site activities;
- Liaison with statutory consultees and investigation into any past incidents.

Stage Three of the implementation of the EPA 1990 Part IIA deals with the designation and remediation of contaminated land. Land owners can therefore expect the appropriate timescales indicated within this section to be adhered to.

It is proposed that all work undertaken to complete Stages One, Two and Three will be reviewed in the year 2004 and a revised Strategy detailing the CYC way forward on contaminated land will be produced.