



ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION

U.S. Army Environmental Center

DEFENSE SITE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION TRACKING SYSTEM

DSERTS

What Is It?

The DSERTS is a database accessible to Department of Defense (DoD) activities on the Internet. The DSERTS is used Armywide by major Army commands (MACOMs), installations and program managers. The DSERTS is managed by the U.S. Army Environmental Center (USAEC). There are approximately 150 reporting locations. DSERTS provides an automated method to manage, track and query data on activities conducted under the Army's Installation Restoration Program (IRP) and Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) program.

Why?

The Army is required by the DoD to submit data bi-annually on the status of the environmental restoration programs. The DSERTS is the Army's primary means for collecting the required data. The DSERTS data is used as a source of information for the:

- ◆ Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) Annual Report to Congress
- ◆ Program Objective Memorandum
- ◆ President's Budget
- ◆ Site-Level Cost to Complete
- ◆ Relative Risk Site Evaluation
- ◆ IRP Obligation Plans
- ◆ BRAC Workplan
- ◆ DoD In-Progress Reviews/Measures of Merit
- ◆ Installation Action Plans
- ◆ Program Review Crosswalks/In-Progress Reviews

What?

1. The Army's environmental restoration programs are managed and tracked at the site-level. The DSERTS maintains the data for locations on the installations that have been identified through the restoration programs. The DSERTS also collects data on initiatives that have been implemented to facilitate the investigation and cleanup activities.

a. Site-level data:

- i) **General Information:** Site Description, National Priority List (NPL) status, Site Type, Regulatory Statute, Legal Agreement, Program (IRP or BRAC), Phase Status, and Remedial Action.
- ii) **Relative Risk Site Evaluation:** For specific media (soil, groundwater, surfacewater, sediment); maximum contaminant concentration, likelihood of contaminant migration, and present or future contaminant receptors. The DSERTS derives a relative risk category — of high, medium, or low — for the site based on the entered data.

iii) **Funding:** Funding programmed for a phase to be executed at a site in a given fiscal year. Funding obligation amounts are also collected for current and prior years.

b. Installation-level data:

i) **Record of Decision/Decision Document:** Document title, Document Type, Action Type (interim or final), and Signature dates for Headquarters, MACOM, Installation and/or Regulatory Agency.

ii) **Restoration Advisory Board:** Establishment date or Reason Not Established, Membership, and Activities.

iii) **BRAC:** Tracking of BRAC-specific information on environmental condition of property, property transfers, property leases, narrative on major environmental program areas, and other related fields to complete the BRAC Cleanup Plan abstract.

iv) **Remedial Action Five-Year Review:** Identification of ROD or DDs with requirement to review the site conditions. Collection of Scheduled Date and Actual Review Date.

2. The DSERTS contains numerous reports for the display of collected data. The reports are organized by functional areas, i.e., Site, Installation, BRAC, Relative Risk, Funding, and Quality Assurance. Each report has filter options for defining the specific data that is needed. Reports can be displayed and/or exported in several formats, including data spreadsheets.

When?

A DSERTS data call is conducted bi-annually. Data is entered and maintained at the installation level. Data is submitted to the MACOM for review and forwarding to the USAEC. The USAEC conducts the final data review and submits it to the DoD.

The DSERTS is a secure application and requires users to have a password to access the data. Request for a user account is submitted by the MACOM to the USAEC.

More Information

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