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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

One Cleanup Program

WHAT IS THE ONE CLEANUP PROGRAM?

Pennsylvania is making it easier to do business in the commonwealth. In 2004, an innovative community project led by the Lehigh Valley Industrial Park Inc. successfully converted 1,000 acres of an abandoned Bethlehem Steel Corporation site into the beginning of a thriving business park. That project served as the basis for an historic agreement between the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that establishes Pennsylvania as the first and only state in the nation to serve as a "one-stop shop" for state and federal standards guiding the cleanup of brownfield sites. Under a signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), sites remediated according to Pennsylvania's Land Recycling Program may also satisfy requirements for three key federal laws: the **Resource Conservation and Recovery Act** (RCRA), the **Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation Liability Act** (CERCLA or Superfund), and the **Toxic Substances Control Act** (TSCA). Since the signing of the MOA, sites subject to RCRA Corrective Action have been able to satisfy the federal RCRA obligations and obtain liability relief under Pennsylvania's Act 2 program.

A ONE CLEANUP PROGRAM SUCCESS STORY

The Lehigh Valley Industrial Park Inc. successfully remediated and redeveloped the former Bethlehem Steel Corporation site, the largest privately owned brownfield property in the nation. In May 2004, Lehigh Valley Industrial Park acquired 1,000 acres of the site and embarked on redevelopment. The property contained the remnants of 140 years of steel manufacturing—buried building foundation, abandoned infrastructure lines, contaminated soil and groundwater. Through the use of engineering and institutional controls such as capping impacted soils and limiting groundwater use through environmental covenants, redevelopment of the property was made economically feasible while protecting human health and the environment.

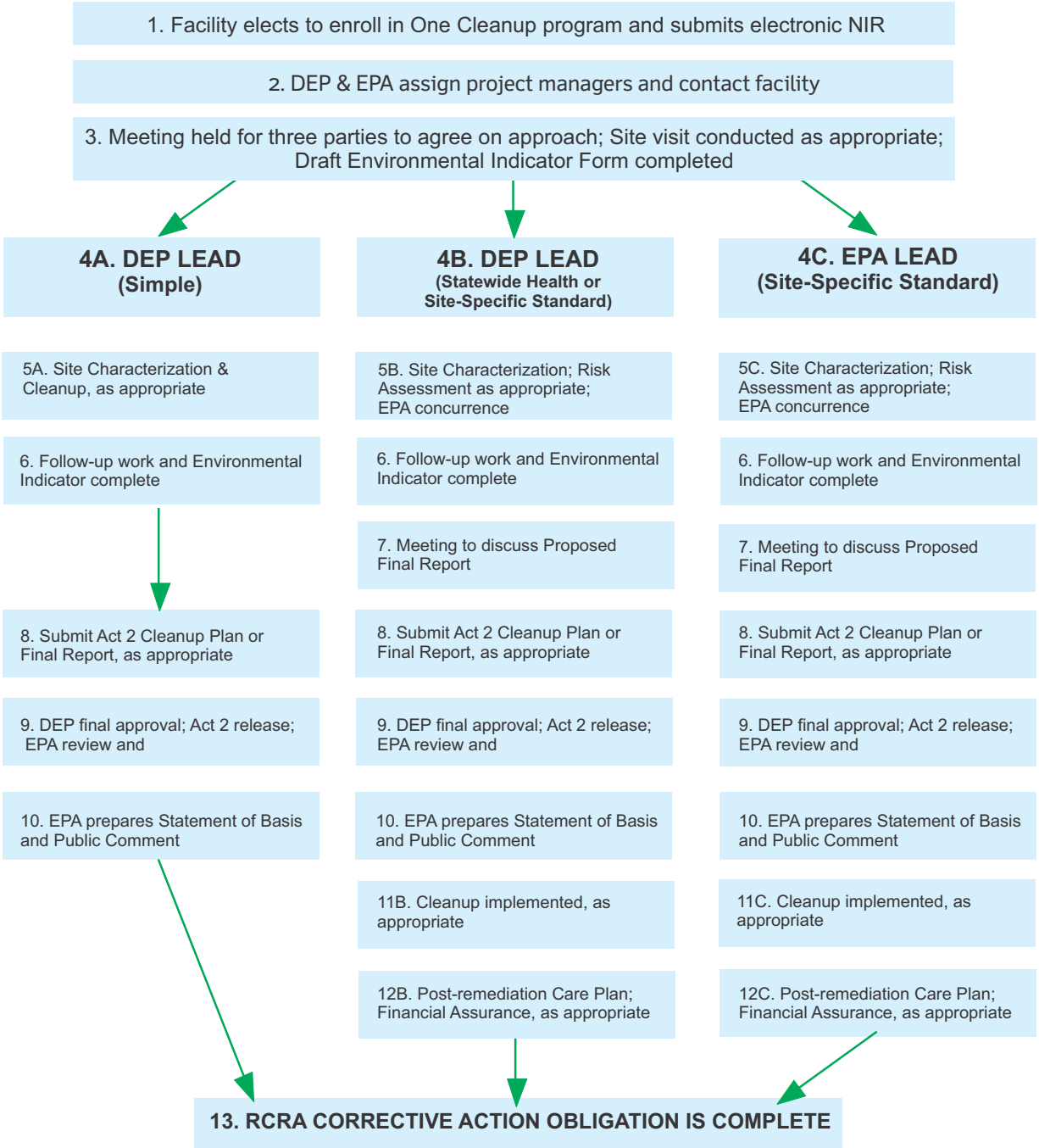
In April 2005, U.S. Cold Storage, a nationwide refrigeration company that stores and distributes frozen food, became the first business to open in Bethlehem Commerce Center. The $14 million, 175,000-square-foot facility has expanded to 625,000 square feet. U.S. Cold Storage has invested $37 million in the project, which created 90 jobs and $800,000 in annual property taxes.

Bethlehem Steel Facility prior to closing in 1996

United States Cold Storage at Lehigh Valley Industrial Park

WHAT IS THE ONE CLEANUP PROGRAM PROCESS?

The Land Recycling Program (Act 2) and the EPA Region III RCRA program have developed a streamlined process to guide these joint efforts. Key features are a lead project manager to serve as a single point of contact for the client, simplified process steps on most projects, and much faster approvals. The process is outlined below:



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