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An EPA task force today released a [list](#) of 42 recommendations for the agency's Superfund program, part of Administrator Scott Pruitt's focus on the long-criticized clean-up initiative.

Pruitt has been critical of what he called indecisiveness on Superfund issues by earlier administrations, although the White House's budget would slash funding from those clean-ups along with most other parts of the agency.

Topline proposals from the task force include creating a "top ten" list of sites to get "weekly attention" from the administrator; finding more third parties to act as investors in sites that could be reused for future projects; several steps to speed up ongoing remediation at Superfund sites; using new technologies to speed up site assessments; streamlining dispute resolution; and requiring "strict adherence to project deadlines."

Pruitt also signed a [memo](#) directing EPA leaders to adopt several specific actions immediately. They include prioritizing sites "where the risk of human exposure is not fully controlled," focusing more on sites with higher potential for new uses, and identifying as many sites as possible for deletion from the National Priorities List.

The task force was chaired by Albert Kelly, the former chairman of Oklahoma-based SpiritBank.

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