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## Finalizing the Standards

The *Draft Quality of Life Performance Standards – Public Review Copy, Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site*, was released on December 19, 2003 by the USEPA for public comment through February 17, 2004. This document has been revised based on public comment.

The USEPA will review the RD to confirm that the design is completed in accordance with the final quality of life performance standards contained in this document. If during design EPA determines that adjustments to the quality of life performance standards are warranted, EPA may adjust the standards and will involve the public in any such adjustment. In addition, the USEPA will enforce these performance standards during the cleanup.

The information and experience gained during the first phase of dredging will be used to demonstrate compliance with the performance standards. Further, the data gathered will enable the USEPA to determine whether adjustments to operations or monitoring requirements are needed in the succeeding phase of dredging or if performance standards need to be reevaluated. However, it is anticipated that the methodology used during reevaluation will not be significantly different than that used to develop the standards. The USEPA will provide the public with data from Phase 1 dredging and an evaluation of the success or failure of the work in meeting the performance standards. Based on the results of Phase 1 dredging, the standards may be modified for Phase 2 dredging.