

## TRAINING

The FFF provides courses at the NARPM Training Program that have covered topics such as radioactive site investigations, cleanup, and health and safety issues; emerging contaminant issues; munition site investigation approaches and technologies; and cutting-edge technologies for RPMs. The FFF provides additional training during its business sessions at NARPM and sponsors several federal facility focused trainings. Most recently, a FFF member and Co-Chair proposed creating “[Federal Facility RPM](#)” (Remedial Project Manager) training class and collaborated with the FFF, FFRRO and the CERCLA Education Center to develop a half day course for NARPM along with a two and a half day course that will be introduced in 2018 as a national training course for federal facility RPMs.



*Expanding ordnance under open burning and open detonation (OB/OD) practice.*

The FFF's conference calls (held second Thursday of each month) often include short training presentations. In addition, participants are alerted to relevant workshops and webinars and discuss programmatic changes, as appropriate.

## FEDERAL FACILITIES FORUM ISSUE PAPERS

- [Site Characterization for Munitions Constituents](#) (EPA 505-S-11-001)
- [Perchlorate Treatment Technology Update](#) (EPA 542-R-05-015)
- [Field Sampling and Selecting On-Site Analytical Methods for Explosives in Water](#) (EPA 600-S-99-002)
- [Field Sampling and Selecting On-Site Analytical Methods for Explosives in Soil](#) (EPA 540-R-97-501)

## JOIN THE DISCUSSION!

If you have a site-specific federal facility issue you would like the FFF to address, or would like more information on joining the forum, please contact one of the Regional FFF members or friends of the forum located on this website: [www.epa.gov/remedytech/technical-support-project-cleaning-contaminated-sites-federal-facilities-forum](http://www.epa.gov/remedytech/technical-support-project-cleaning-contaminated-sites-federal-facilities-forum)



*FFF attendees at the 2010 TSP training meeting in Cape Canaveral, FL.*



Technical Support Project

## Federal Facilities Forum

**PROVIDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT  
TO REGIONAL FEDERAL FACILITY  
SITE MANAGERS**

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## WHO WE ARE

As one of the U.S. EPA Technical Support Project's (TSP) three technical forums, the **Federal Facilities Forum (FFF)** provides technical and regulatory support pertaining to federal facilities to RPMs. The FFF also maintains a line of communication between the regional offices, Headquarters, and the laboratories of EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD). The FFF encourages information exchange among these organizations regarding site characterization, cleanup, and policy issues. Site-specific cleanup issues include problems encountered and solutions, lessons learned, new technologies, and guidance/policy differences with other federal agencies. Forum membership comprises engineers, geologists, environmental scientists, and other technical professionals from each EPA Region working on federal facility cleanup issues. "Friends of the forum" representing the ORD laboratories, Headquarters program offices, and state agencies also participate in forum activities. The activities consist of monthly teleconferences, technical training, development of issue papers, and participation on other forum projects and committees.

Through its activities, the FFF aims to:

- **Facilitate** resolution of technical and regulatory problems encountered by site personnel at federal facilities.
- **Develop and present** training and technical presentations to meet the needs of federal facility site managers.
- **Maintain and enhance** technology transfer among cleanup programs within EPA.
- **Formulate and review** issue papers, guidance/policy, and other technical documents.
- **Provide** EPA programmatic and regional personnel with a focal point for site information exchange and technical support for federal facility site managers.
- **Exchange** technical and guidance/policy information among EPA regional offices, ORD laboratories, Headquarters (particularly the Federal Facility Restoration and Reuse Office (FFRRO) and the Federal Facility Enforcement Office), and state partners.

## SUBCOMMITTEE/WORKGROUP PARTICIPATION

FFF members participate on the Engineering Forum's subcommittees on greener cleanups, containment, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and incremental sampling as well as on other workgroups focusing on site optimization and cross-agency policy consistency. They are also active in the National Association of Remedial Project Managers (NARPM) and the Superfund Task Force. The FFF co-chairs participate in the Federal Facility Leadership Council's monthly conference calls and annual meetings.



*Application of aqueous film forming foam (AFFF) at Dover Air Force Base, DE. Photo by Greg L. Davis of USAF*

## CURRENT FEDERAL FACILITIES FORUM ISSUES

- Considering when it is appropriate to sample for other isomers of dinitrotoluene (i.e., 2,3-DNT, 2,5-DNT, 3,4-DNT, and 3,5-DNT) in addition to the standard isomers, 2,4-DNT and 2,6-DNT.
- Determining whether it is appropriate to sample for other emerging contaminants, such as PFAS.
- Evaluating national consistency of characterization and pesticide contamination cleanup where buildings are demolished.
- Assessing the national consistency of groundwater cleanup levels at Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) compared to the cleanup levels at NPL sites.
- Participating in Superfund Task Force subcommittees.
- Ensuring munitions cleanup is consistent across EPA Regions.
- Radiation cleanup.

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