

Flow Chart - Good Sam Permit

START - EPA issues guidance and solicits applications (for max 15 Good Sam and max 15 Investigative Sampling permits)

EPA action

Applicant decision

Notes to process

Pre-Application Discussions (EPA, OFAs, States, Potential Good Sams)
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Is the Good Sam eligible to apply?
Is the site eligible per law?

EPA Admin says criteria not met (this decision made in coordination with FLMAs for projects on fed land), fix or don't proceed

Criteria: Is the project - In USA, remediating (partial or complete) AML historic residue, low risk to environment, have adequate finances (for work and financial assurance), have adequate work experience, will you complete the work, **are you a Good Sam?**

EPA publishes guidance with detailed criteria based on law text

EPA Admin says criteria met (in advance of permit application or as part of permit application), proceed (EPA decision coordinated with FLMAs for projects on federal land)

Good Samaritan
Permit track

Applicant's
Choice

Investigative Sampling Permit Track

Good Sam submits permit application to EPA Administrator

Not
complete,
go fix

Good Sam submits application to EPA Administrator

<15 Good
Sam
permits,
proceed;
otherwise
stop

EPA says yes,
it's complete

Complete, EPA reviews - grants or denies

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<15 permits  
    ISP,  
    proceed;  
otherwise  
    stop
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Within 14 days, EPA provides application to local, state, tribes, & FLMAs, as required

Approval, Good Sam
begins investigating

Convert to Good Sam permit (w/in 1yr)

Not converting
(but may
extend)

