

Land Restoration Program

# Technical Review Process



# Getting Started

- Read the Technical Review Process fact sheet and associated request letter template available on MDE's website at:

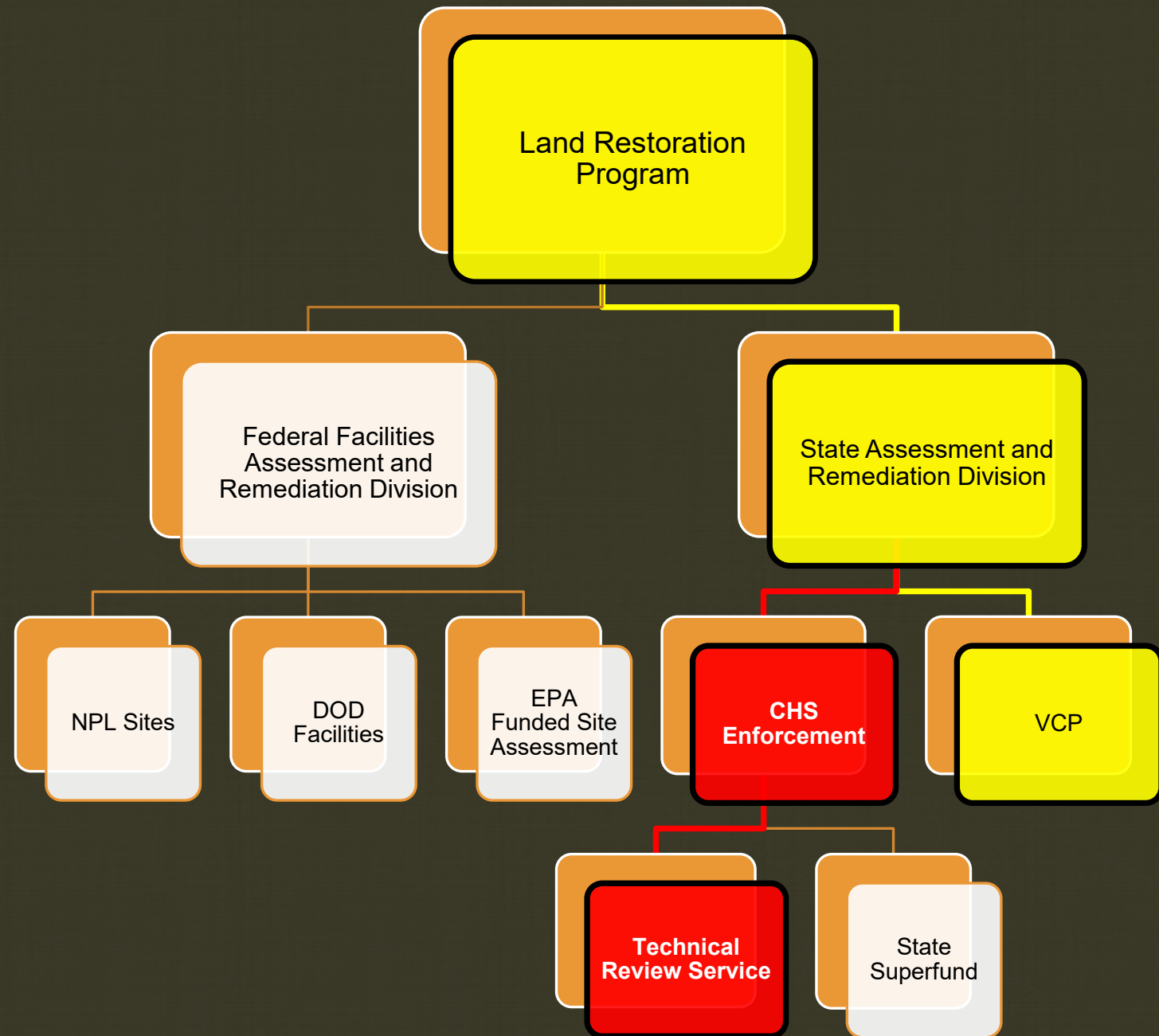
<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/LAND/MarylandBrownfieldVCP/Documents/FS-Fnl-Users%20Guide%20to%20LRP%20Review3.28.18.pdf>

- Call (410-537-3488) or email ([bdietz@maryland.gov](mailto:bdietz@maryland.gov)) me with questions and/or see if the Technical Review Process might be helpful to your project.



# Talking Points

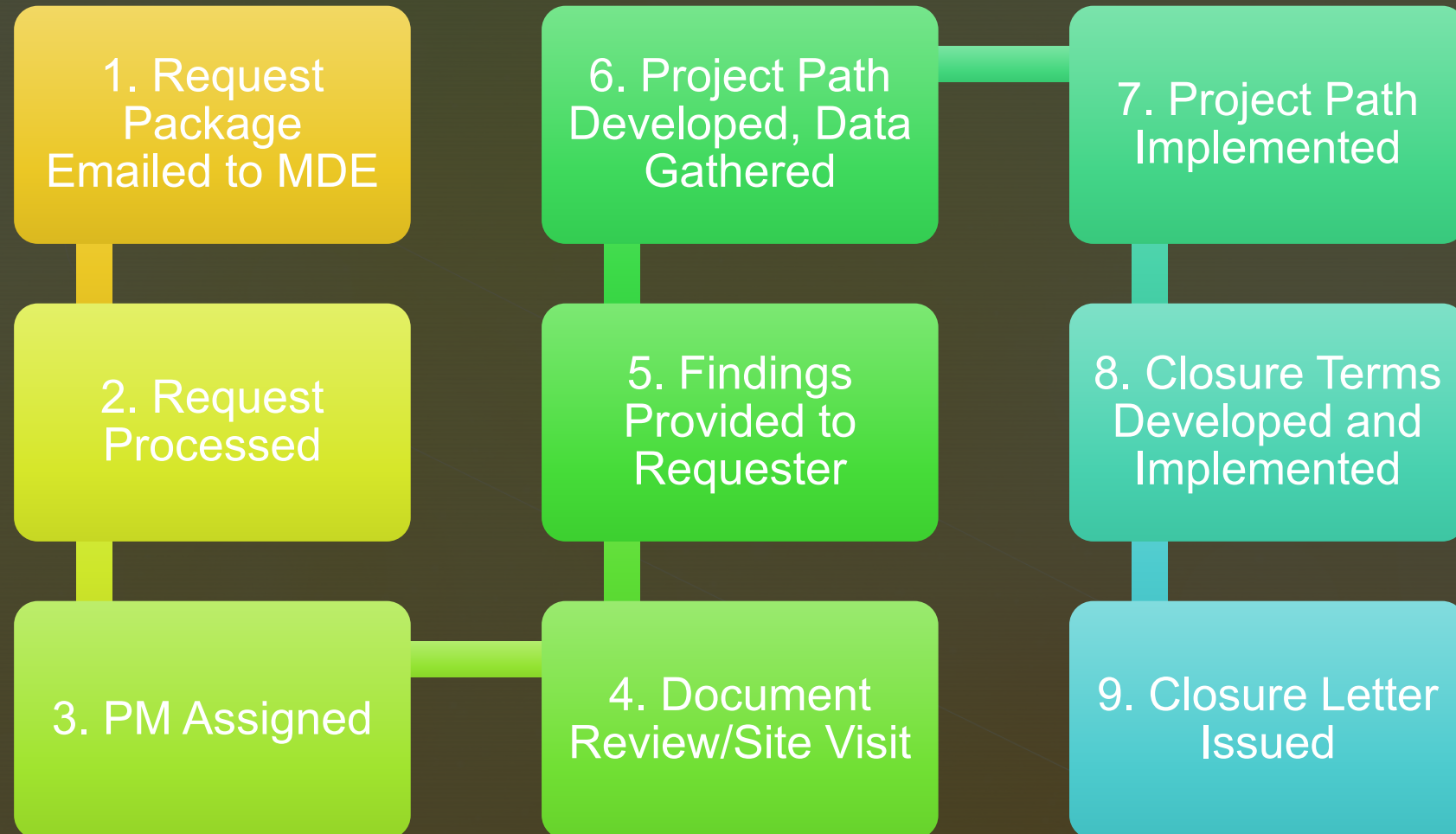
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- Process Flow Chart
- Approximate Timeframes
- Questions to Ask Yourself
- Things to Expect



# What is the Process?

- A formalized way for one to have MDE's Land Restoration Program review the environmental condition of his/her project site from a regulatory standpoint and provide regulatory guidance on how best to manage the conditions, project oversight, and, ultimately, a site closure letter.
- A way for MDE to cost recover for the time PMs spend performing the project reviews that the regulatory community requests of them on a regular basis.
- A somewhat more flexible and scalable way of addressing site contamination issues.
- Basic Components: Request Package Submittal; Document Review; Project Path Development; Project Path Implementation; Closure Terms Development and Implementation; and Closure Letter Issuance.

# Process Flow



# Approximate Time Flow



Does the CHS  
Technical  
Review Process  
Make Sense for  
My Project?





Maybe. Especially if you find yourself saying yes to one or more of the following statements...

I am being told that my project needs, "a letter from the State" confirming that the site's environmental issues are not a regulatory concern.

My project does not require any of the tax credits, grants, Brownfield incentives, and/or liability protections that are only available through the Voluntary Cleanup Program.

My project's environmental concerns are relatively limited in scope and do not require a VCP caliber investigation and/or remedy.

I want to do environmental work at my project site to better position it for later VCP participation.

My site's contamination is controlled hazardous substances, not petroleum.

I am not averse to MDE billing its review and oversight time to the project.

# Things to Expect

Regulatory Scrutiny  
of Your Project's  
Environmental  
Concerns

Institutional  
Controls, Reporting  
Requirements, and  
Future LUC  
Inspections

Possibility of New  
Environmental  
Concerns Being  
Discovered

Unanticipated  
Investigation,  
Remediation, and/or  
O&M Costs

Added Time and  
Regulatory  
Constraints

Unanticipated  
Project Modifications

Please call or email me if  
you have questions.

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