



CERCLA, which stands for **The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act**, was enacted by the United States Congress on 12-11-1980.

It is also known by the name, **SUPERFUND**, and addresses abandoned hazardous waste sites in the United States.

By creating a tax on the chemical and petroleum industries and providing broader federal authority to respond directly to releases or possible releases of hazardous substances, CERCLA provides a fund for the clean up of hazardous sites. Also, the fund provides resources for enforcement of liability on persons responsible for these hazardous sites. When no responsible party can be identified, the fund provides for clean up.

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