

## Environmental Protection Agency

## § 312.20

the foregoing definition may assist in the conduct of all appropriate inquiries in accordance with this part if such person is under the supervision or responsible charge of a person meeting the definition of an environmental professional provided above when conducting such activities.

*Relevant experience*, as used in the definition of environmental professional in this section, means: participation in the performance of all appropriate inquiries investigations, environmental site assessments, or other site investigations that may include environmental analyses, investigations, and remediation which involve the understanding of surface and subsurface environmental conditions and the processes used to evaluate these conditions and for which professional judgment was used to develop opinions regarding conditions indicative of releases or threatened releases (see §312.1(c)) to the subject property.

*Good faith* means: the absence of any intention to seek an unfair advantage or to defraud another party; an honest and sincere intention to fulfill one's obligations in the conduct or transaction concerned.

*Institutional controls* means: non-engineered instruments, such as administrative and/or legal controls, that help to minimize the potential for human exposure to contamination and/or protect the integrity of a remedy.

### § 312.11 References.

The following industry standards may be used to comply with the requirements set forth in §§312.23 through 312.31:

(a) The procedures of ASTM International Standard E1527-05 entitled "Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process."

(b) [Reserved]

### Subpart C—Standards and Practices

#### § 312.20 All appropriate inquiries.

(a) "All appropriate inquiries" pursuant to CERCLA section 101(35)(B) must be conducted within one year prior to the date of acquisition of the subject property and must include:

(1) An inquiry by an environmental professional (as defined in §312.10), as provided in §312.21;

(2) The collection of information pursuant to §312.22 by persons identified under §312.1(b); and

(3) Searches for recorded environmental cleanup liens, as required in §312.25.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this section, the following components of the all appropriate inquiries must be conducted or updated within 180 days of and prior to the date of acquisition of the subject property:

(1) Interviews with past and present owners, operators, and occupants (see §312.23);

(2) Searches for recorded environmental cleanup liens (see §312.25);

(3) Reviews of federal, tribal, state, and local government records (see §312.26);

(4) Visual inspections of the facility and of adjoining properties (see §312.27); and

(5) The declaration by the environmental professional (see §312.21(d)).

(c) All appropriate inquiries may include the results of and information contained in an inquiry previously conducted by, or on the behalf of, persons identified under §312.1(b) and who are responsible for the inquiries for the subject property, provided:

(1) Such information was collected during the conduct of all appropriate inquiries in compliance with the requirements of CERCLA sections 101(35)(B), 101(40)(B) and 107(q)(A)(viii);

(2) Such information was collected or updated within one year prior to the date of acquisition of the subject property;

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (b)(2) of this section, the following components of the inquiries were conducted or updated within 180 days of and prior to the date of acquisition of the subject property:

(i) Interviews with past and present owners, operators, and occupants (see §312.23);

(ii) Searches for recorded environmental cleanup liens (see §312.25);

(iii) Reviews of federal, tribal, state, and local government records (see §312.26);