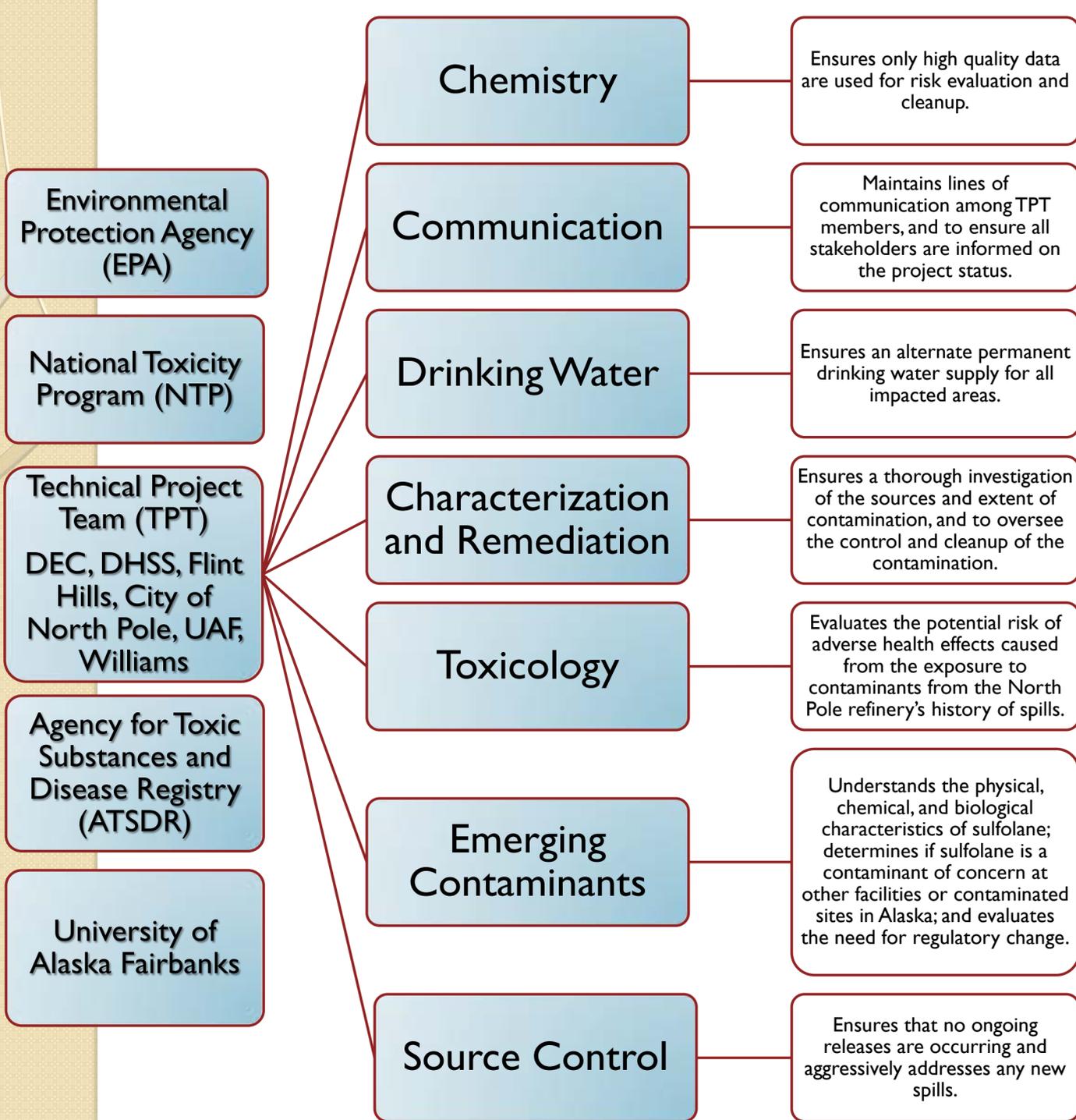


# Project Organization and Federal Involvement

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## National Toxicology Program Accepts Sulfolane, Initiates Toxicity Studies

1. Design of toxicity studies to evaluate the health effects of exposure to sulfolane is now underway after the chemical compound was officially accepted into the National Toxicology Program (NTP).
2. Final approval came shortly after the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors' endorsement of the sulfolane nomination in December. Funding for the initial studies has already been secured, and the first phase of studies is planned within the year.
3. Dr. Chad Blystone, an NTP toxicologist and sulfolane project leader, has completed the initial study design that will be provided to a laboratory to conduct the research, scheduled to begin this year.

# DEC Priorities

1. Eliminate current exposures to sulfolane that pose a risk to human health
2. Pursue aggressive on-site remediation
3. Establish monitoring network that adequately measures success of remediation
4. Achieve and maintain source control:
  - a. Determine an inspection process and operational policies that eliminate systemic releases or leakages and minimize potential for new spills
  - b. Aggressively respond to and clean up any new spills
5. Determine extent of contamination down gradient and potential movement of the plume to develop a remedial strategy that will control exposure until final cleanup levels are achieved via engineered and/or natural mechanisms
6. Complete a risk evaluation that accounts for all exposure pathways and cumulative risk

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