



Veteran-Focused Integration Process (VIP) Life Cycle Components:

Module 9— Release Preparation

Agenda

- What's Happening?
- Who's Involved?
- What's Next?





What's Happening?

Release Preparation

- Occurs after receiving release approval in Critical Decision 2
- Is completed within a two-week time span

Key Activities



Release
Communications



Final
Environment
Updates



Site Logistics
Finalization



POLARIS
Approvals

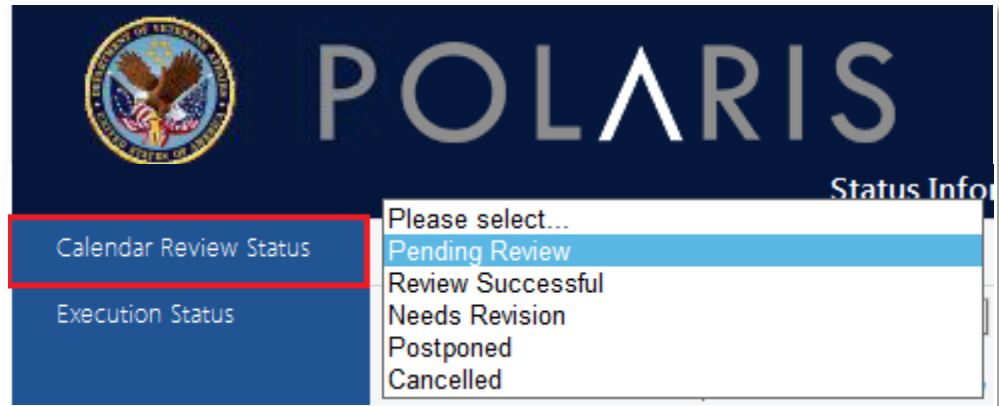
POLARIS Approval

- POLARIS entry is reviewed prior to release
- Project details are discussed
- Product Release may be delayed if no one with project knowledge attends the meeting



New Calendar Item Entered

- Default entry is Pending Review
- Review Successful means the review is complete



The screenshot displays the POLARIS system interface. At the top left is the Department of Veterans Affairs seal, and to its right is the word "POLARIS" in large, light blue capital letters. Below the seal, there are two buttons: "Calendar Review Status" and "Execution Status". The "Calendar Review Status" button is highlighted with a red border, and a dropdown menu is open next to it. The dropdown menu contains the following options: "Please select...", "Pending Review" (highlighted in blue), "Review Successful", "Needs Revision", "Postponed", and "Cancelled". To the right of the dropdown menu, the text "Status Info" is partially visible.

Calendar Review Status
Please select...
Pending Review
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POLARIS Approval Criteria

- No conflict in deployment schedule
- Deployment resources identified and available
- Deployment, Installation, Back-Out, and Rollback Guide is available





Who's Involved?

Key Roles

- Release Agent
- Agile Project Team
- Receiving Organization



Release Agent

- Monitors input into Rational
- Ensures stakeholders have complete and up-to-date information



Agile Project Team & Receiving Organization

- Complete the standard deployment process
- Track changes or issues
- Document significance of changes



The image features a large, dark blue arrow pointing horizontally to the right. The arrow is set against a background of a light blue and white geometric pattern, possibly a low-poly or isometric design. A thick green curved line arches over the top of the arrow and under its tail. The text "What's Next?" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font inside the arrow's shaft.

What's Next?

Frequently Asked Question #1

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Answer: PMAS involved a multiple release process. VIP uses a single, streamlined release process.

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Answer: The focus has shifted from documentation review, which gives release oversight organizations more of a proactive role in the delivery process.

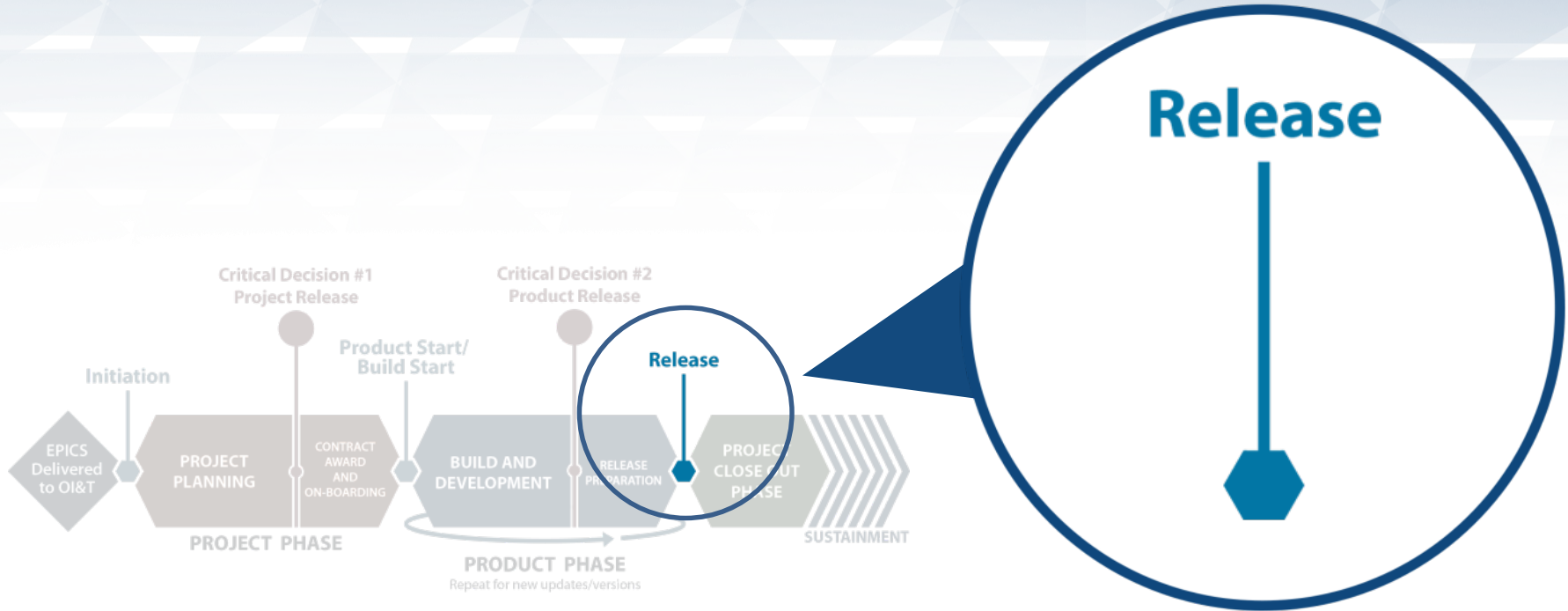
Key Takeaways

- Release Preparation should be completed within a two-week time span
- Release communications are prepared
- POLARIS approvals are given
- Final environment and site logistics are finalized

Learn More

- References Handout
 - VIP Business Office SharePoint website
 - Training information
 - High-level module summaries
 - Acronyms
 - Agile terms and definitions

Next: Release





Thank You