

DuPont Chambers Works FUSRAP Site Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Project History/Overview
- Proposed Plan
- Community Involvement/Upcoming Meetings



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Manhattan Engineer District (MED) Background

- ✓ Work in support of Nation's early atomic energy program
- ✓ 1940s – 1960s
- ✓ Several federal and private sector facilities
- ✓ Research and production level activities

More than 40 locations across the country supported the Nation's early atomic energy program.



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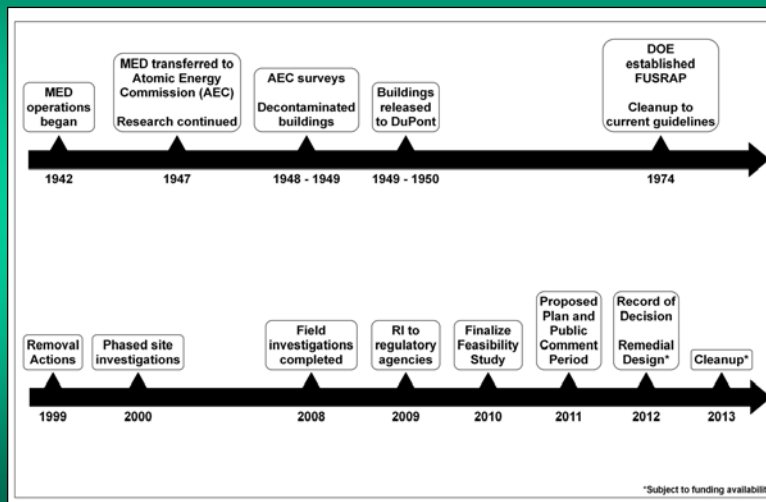
MED Activities at Chambers Works

- ✓ DuPont converted uranium oxides to uranium tetrafluoride and uranium metal
- ✓ No uranium enrichment or depletion occurred
- ✓ End products shipped offsite for uranium enrichment at other locations



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MED and FUSRAP Activities at Chambers Works



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FUSRAP Activities at Chambers Works

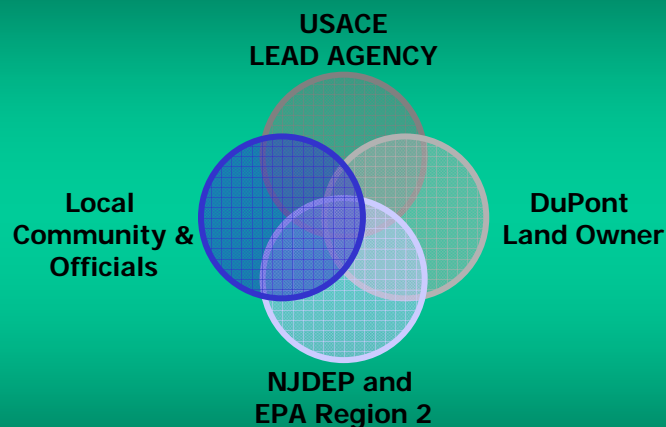
- ✓ Investigation and cleanup conducted in accordance with CERCLA
- ✓ Seven year phased investigation – all media
- ✓ Remedial Investigation and Baseline Risk Assessment completed
- ✓ Feasibility Study (engineering study) in review by regulatory agencies

***FUSRAP = Formerly Utilized Sites
Remedial Action Program***



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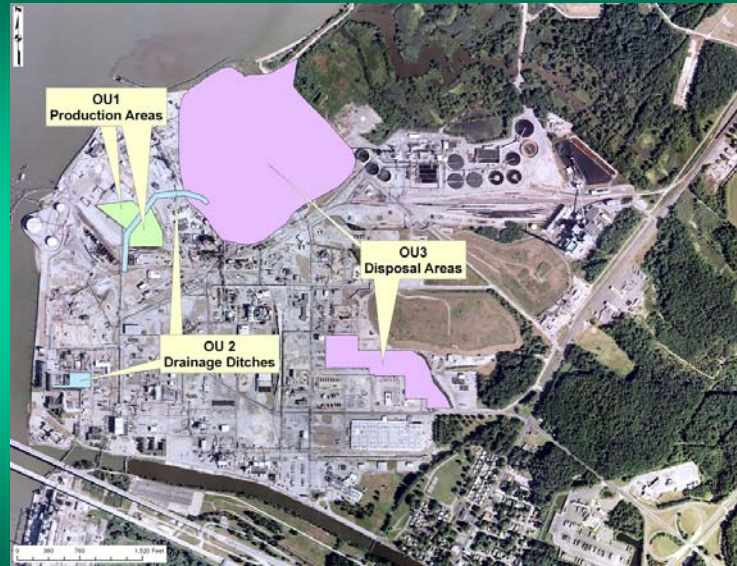
Environmental Cleanup Stakeholders



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***USACE investigation and cleanup follows
administrative, procedural, and regulatory provisions of
CERCLA and the NCP***

The Site - Operable Units



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Sitewide Remedial Investigation FUSRAP Eligible Contaminants

- Radionuclides Only:

- U_{nat}
- Th-230
- Ra-226



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Remedial Investigation Results

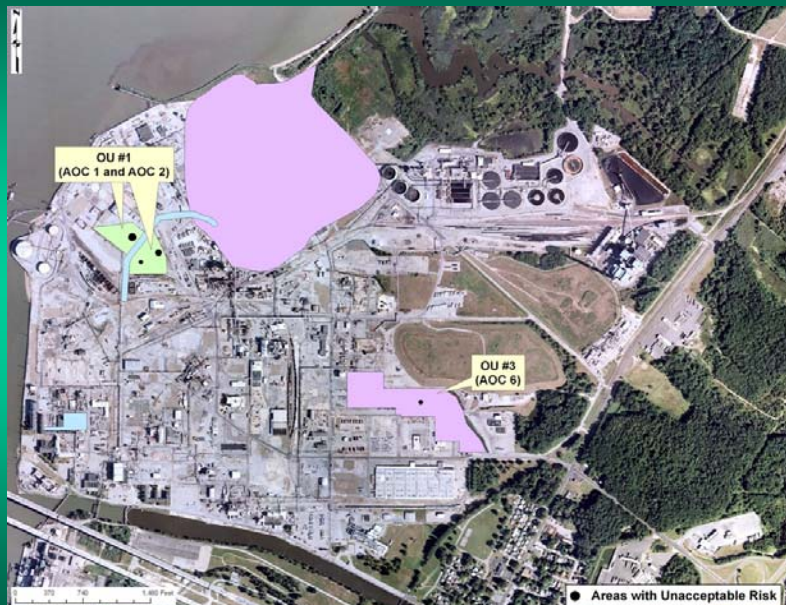
- **Soil:** ~ 2.5 acres in OU 1, <0.1 acre in OU 3.
Shallow contamination primarily <8 feet bgs.
- **Groundwater:** Little or no migration. Vertical impact <20 ft.
- **Sediment:** Limited impact in drainage ditches near source zones.
- **Surface water:** No impact.

*Investigative Screening Value =
14 pCi/g Total Uranium*



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Unacceptable Risk in OU 1 and OU 3 [AOC 6]



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Current Status

- ✓ Sitewide Remedial Investigation
- ✓ Baseline Risk Assessment
- ✓ Feasibility Study

All documents submitted to regulatory agencies and DuPont for review.



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Project Schedule

- FY 11** Proposed Plan – Regulator and Public Review
Public Meeting and Public Comment Period
Responsiveness Summary
- FY 12** Record of Decision and Remedial Design*
- FY 13** Cleanup to Begin*



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** subject to funding availability*

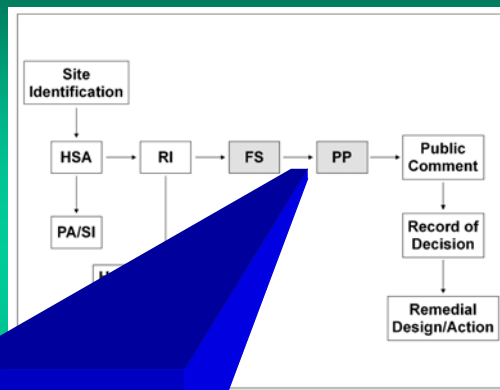
Cleanup Alternatives

Carl Young, Cabrera Services



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Environmental Cleanup Process



Feasibility Study
&
Proposed Plan

We are here, moving
towards cleanup decisions



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Soil Alternatives

Alternative	Description of Alternatives
S1	No Action
S2	Land Use Controls / Site Maintenance
S3	Capping
S4	Excavation / Off-site Disposal
S5	Excavation /Treatment /Off-site Disposal



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Groundwater Alternatives

Alternative	Description of Alternatives
GW1	No Action
GW2	Land Use Controls / Site Maintenance
GW3	Ex-Situ Treatment
GW4	Monitored Natural Attenuation



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Before Making Cleanup Decisions..... CERCLA Requires

- Possible cleanup alternatives to be evaluated against nine specific criteria
- Grouped into 3 categories
 1. Threshold Criteria – must be met
 2. Balancing Criteria – which will work best
 3. Modifying Criteria – acceptable to stakeholders

Stakeholders review and comment on all cleanup alternatives and proposed plan.



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Threshold Criteria

- ❖ Does the alternative protect human health and the environment?
- ❖ Does the alternative comply with federal and state regulations?

If the answer to either question is "NO" then the alternative is not evaluated further.



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Balancing Criteria

- ❖ Is the alternative effective for long-term solution?
- ❖ Does the alternative reduce toxicity, mobility, or the volume of the contamination?
- ❖ Is the alternative effective for short-term solution?
- ❖ Can the alternative be implemented at the Site?
- ❖ Is the alternative cost effective?

Law requires evaluating benefits and consequences of taking no action.



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Modifying Criteria

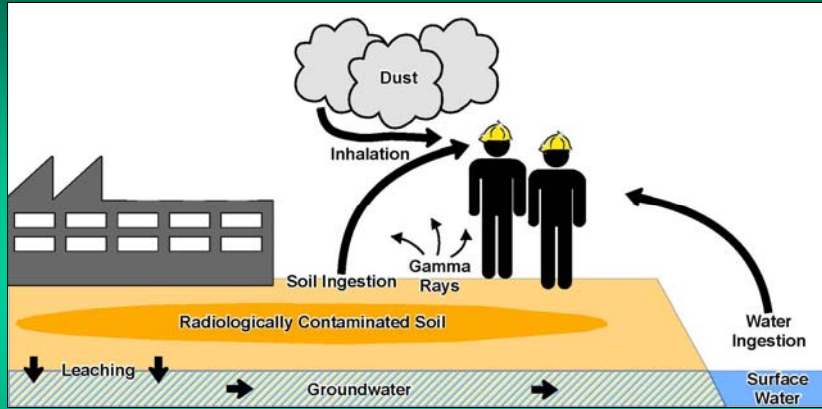
- ❖ Will regulatory agencies support the alternative?
- ❖ Will the community accept the alternative?

These criteria are evaluated after the public has the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed plan and preferred alternative.



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Remediation Goal



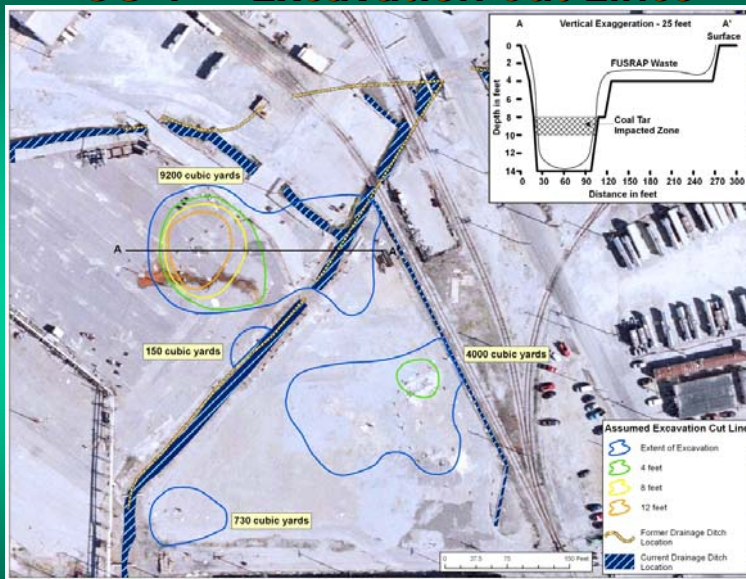
Proposed Remedial Action Objectives:

*Minimize human exposure to contaminants in soil and groundwater;
Limit migration until Groundwater Quality Standards are achieved.*



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OU 1 – Excavation Cut Lines



Offsite Disposal: 21,000 yds³ of soil



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OU 3 [AOC 6] – Excavation Cut Lines



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Offsite Disposal: 1,200 yds³ of soil

Purpose of Proposed Plan

- ✓ Summarize alternatives evaluated in FS
- ✓ Describe USACE's preferred alternative
- ✓ Solicit Public Review and Comments

***Public comment period –
minimum of 30 days***

***Encourage stakeholders to review all
alternatives considered and comment on
preferred alternative***



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Potential Cleanup Costs*



Soil: \$28 M

Construction Phase (<1 year)

Groundwater: \$4 M

Monitoring (20 years)

** subject to funding availability*



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Offsite Transportation and Disposal

Rail and Truck Transport of Radioactive Materials Occurs Every Day



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Shipments transported only by licensed waste haulers to disposal facility



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Offsite Transportation and Disposal

Typical Disposal Facilities



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TOOLS FOR ASSURING EFFECTIVE CLEANUPS

- Pathway Scenarios
- DCGLs
- Applications of DCGLs

Claude Wiblin, CHP, Cabrera Services



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Dose Limit

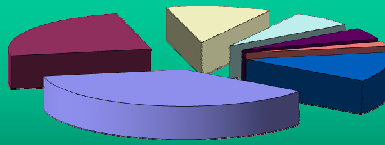
- New Jersey's *Soil Remediation Standards for Radioactive Materials (NJAC 7:28-12)*, a dose limit criterion of 15 millirem per year (mrem/yr)



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Sources of Radiation Exposure In The U.S. Annual Average Exposure (from NCRP Report No. 160, 2009)

- The U.S. total radiation exposure from all sources, natural and man-made, is approximately 620 mrem/yr
- Typically an average person receives less than 100 mrem per year from natural sources (excluding radon)



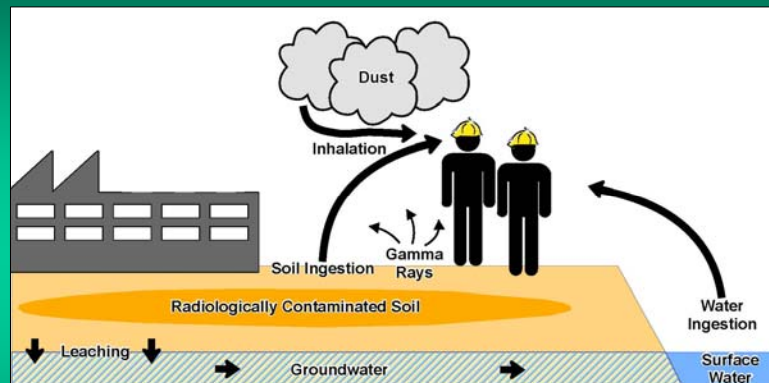
■	Radon & Thoron (228 mrem)
■	Computed Tomography (150 mrem)
■	Nuclear Medicine (75 mrem)
■	Interventional Fluoroscopy (44 mrem)
■	Conventional Radiography / Fluoroscopy (31 mrem)
■	Consumer / Occupational / Industrial (13 mrem)
■	Other Background (83 mrem)



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Remediation Goal



Proposed Remediation Goals:
Soil - 65 pCi/g Total Uranium
Groundwater - 30 ug/L Uranium



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Pathway Scenarios

- Various pathways and scenarios are used to translate a dose standard to residual radioactivity levels (measurable quantities)
- Construction worker scenario



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Derived Concentration Guideline Levels (DCGLs)

- DCGLs refer to average levels of residual radioactivity above background levels
- Provided for soil contamination (pCi/g)
- DCGLs will be obtained from regulatory guidance or from site-specific pathway modeling



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Final Status Survey



Several agencies responsible for radioactive material safety and cleanup

Guidelines for consistent survey methods to:

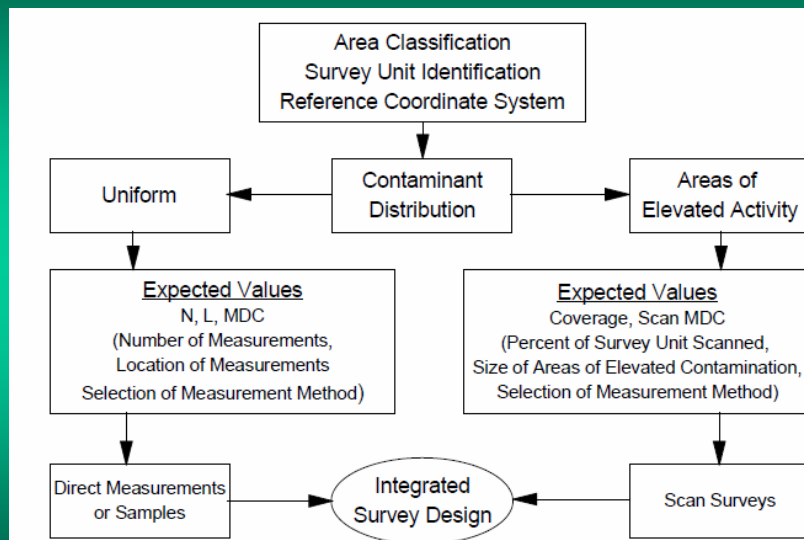
- demonstrate cleanup is complete
- residual radioactivity < cleanup level

Multi-Agency Radiation Survey & Site Investigation Manual



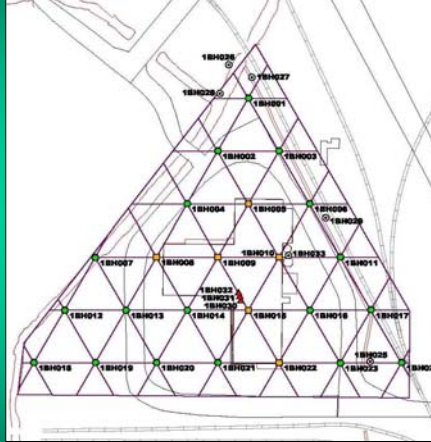
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Approach – Final Status Survey



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Suggested Final Status Survey Units



- Class I
- Class II
- Class III

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Suggested Final Status Survey Units

Classification	Suggested Area
Class 1	
Structures	up to 100 m ²
Land Areas	up to 2,000 m ²
Class 2	
Structures	100 to 1,000 m ²
Land Areas	2,000 to 10,000 m ²
Class 3	
Structures	no limit
Land Areas	no limit



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Recommended Survey Coverage

Area Classification	Structures		Land Areas	
	Surface Scans	Surface Activity Measurements	Surface Scans	Surface Soil Measurements
Class 1	100%	Number of data points from statistical tests (Sections 5.5.2.2 and 5.5.2.3); additional direct measurements and samples may be necessary for small areas of elevated activity (Section 5.5.2.4)		Number of data points from statistical tests (Sections 5.5.2.2 and 5.5.2.3); additional direct measurements and samples may be necessary for small areas of elevated activity (Section 5.5.2.4)
Class 2	10 to 100% (10 to 50% for upper walls and ceilings) Systematic and Judgmental	Number of data points from statistical tests (Sections 5.5.2.2 and 5.5.2.3)	10 to 100% Systematic and Judgmental	Number of data points from statistical tests (Sections 5.5.2.2 and 5.5.2.3)
Class 3	Judgmental	Number of data points from statistical tests (Sections 5.5.2.2 and 5.5.2.3)	Judgmental	Number of data points from statistical tests (Sections 5.5.2.2 and 5.5.2.3)



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Statistical Tests

Survey Result	Conclusion
Difference between maximum survey unit measurement and minimum reference area measurements is less than $DCGL_W$	Survey unit meets release criterion
Difference of survey unit average and reference area average is greater than $DCGL_W$	Survey unit does not meet release criterion
Difference between any survey unit measurement and any reference area measurement greater than $DCGL_W$ and the difference of survey unit average and reference area average is less than $DCGL_W$	Conduct WRS test and elevated measurement comparison



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Community Involvement Program DuPont Chambers Works FUSRAP Site

FUSRAP Community Board Same group, new name

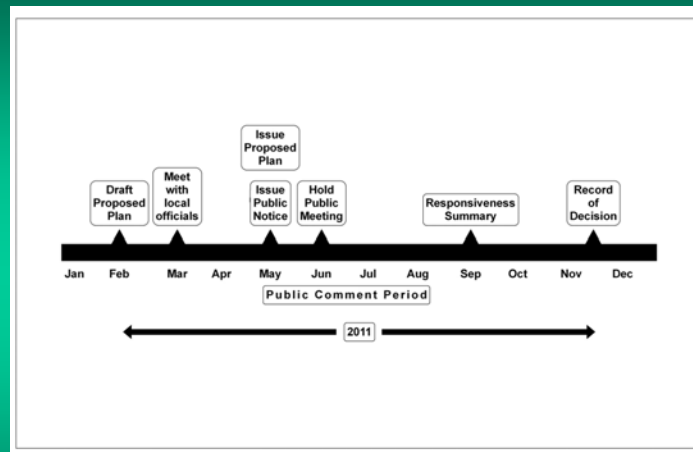


Working with USACE for
effective cleanup decisions



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Increased Community Involvement



To discuss the proposed plan and
preferred cleanup actions



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