

Galena Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)

Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2014

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Larsen Charlie Community Hall

Galena, Alaska

Welcome

AL Weilbacher, AFCEC

- Introductions - See attached attendance list.

Public Involvement Update

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- There presently are a few open slots on the RAB for Galena residents. If you are interested in supporting your community by becoming a RAB member, please contact Tim Bodony (RAB co-chair) or Gail Graban (AFCEC).

Real Estate Update

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- The Air Force has been working with Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) to transfer the remaining Air Force leased and reserved land back to the State of Alaska. The remaining approximately 100 acres of property (majority is Parcel D which is the former military munitions demolition area) is planned to be returned to the State of Alaska by September 2015.

Overview of Environmental Restoration

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In spite of the flood and the late start to the field season, data gap sampling at the Galena sites was completed in 2013. Two contractors, CH2M HILL and Parsons, performed the data gap sampling field activities. A third contractor, TetraTech, conducted an interim removal action (soil excavation) at Site SS016, initiated treatment of trichloroethylene (TCE) soil stockpile, and expanded the landfarm in 2013. The only field work that was delayed due to the flood was the sampling and field activities under the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) and that work will be done in 2014.

2013 Accomplishments

Interim Removal Action at SS016

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- Approximately 8,800 cy of petroleum-contaminated soil was excavated from Site SS016 and either placed in landfarm or stockpiled at the landfarm for future treatment. The Site SS016 excavation was backfilled and re-graded prior to the end of the 2013 field season.
- Refer to attached slides for additional details and photos.

Landfarm Expansion

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- The Galena Landfarm located on the old Campion runway was expanded and is now 1,570 ft. long x 78 ft. wide with a total capacity of 5,800 cubic yards (cy). Approximately 5,600 cy of treated soil from the old biopile was also transferred to the City of Galena Landfill to accommodate for the landfarm expansion.
- By the end of the 2013 field season, approximately 2,300 cy of soil has been treated at the landfarm and transferred to the City of Galena Landfill for use as interim cover. Tipping fees were paid by the Air Force to the city.
- Refer to attached slides for additional details and photos.

Data Gap Sampling – Petroleum, Oil, Lubricant (POL) Sites **Win Westervelt, CH2M HILL**

- Data gap sampling for site characterization was conducted at 14 sites and included:
 - Installation of 22 new groundwater monitoring wells
 - Drilling of 37 direct push or hand-auger borings for soil sampling
 - Collection of groundwater samples from 113 permanent or temporary monitoring wells
 - Repair of existing monitoring wells (as needed)
 - Collection of groundwater level data from data loggers
- Refer to attached slides for additional details.

Data Gap Sampling – Non-POL/POL Sites **Bruce Henry, Parsons**

- Data gap sampling for site characterization (POL sites) and remedial investigation (non-POL sites) were conducted at 10 sites and included:
 - Installation of new groundwater monitoring wells (8)
 - Drilling of direct push borings (36) for soil sampling
 - Collection of groundwater samples from temporary monitoring wells (18)
 - Digging three test pits for soil sampling and visual identification of debris
 - Installation of gore sorbers (18) for passive soil gas survey
 - Installation of vapor sampling points (24) at four buildings
- Refer to attached slides for additional details.

2014 Field Activities

Groundwater Sampling Event **Win Westervelt**

- CH2M Hill will be sampling 40 existing monitoring wells in April 2014.

Site SS015 Bioreactor O&M and Vapor Intrusion Evaluation Sampling **Bruce Henry**

- Parsons will continue operation and maintenance of the bioreactor that was installed at Site SS015 this summer.
- Parsons will collect soil gas data air samples for a vapor intrusion evaluation at four buildings (Building 1499, Building 191, Building 1858, and Building 1859) in April and June 2014.

TCE Soil Stockpile Treatment and Landfarm O&M **AL Weilbacher**

- Tetra Tech began treating TCE contaminated soil in August 2013, but was not able to meet treatment goals by the end of the 2013 field season. So, Tetra Tech will be doing field activities in June/July 2014 to complete treatment of the soil.
- The operation and maintenance of the Landfarm will continue this summer by Bhate/CH2M HILL.

Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) **AL Weilbacher**

- Five munitions response areas (MRAs) will be investigated this summer to determine presence or absence of Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC). Ahtna will be conducting field activities in June/July 2014.
- Refer to attached slides for additional details.

Performance-based Remediation Contract Update **AL Weilbacher/Bruce Henry**

- In March 2014, the Air Force awarded a 6.5 year Performance-based Remediation Contract to Parsons with CH2M Hill and Ahtna as teaming partners. The PBR includes 31 sites and a remedy should be in place for these sites by September 2019. Parsons has

elected to set stretch goals for 16 sites and is planning to get response complete or site closeout status for these sites.

- Refer to attached slides for additional details.

Questions/Comments from the Public

AL Weilbacher (Facilitator)

1. Are there monitoring wells in the Yukon River?

Temporary wells were installed in the river during past investigations. No permanent monitoring wells have been installed in the river, but there are monitoring wells adjacent to the river.

2. How is the work going to be divided among PBR team partners and are they subject to the same PBR milestone?

The work will be divided by site and each contractor will be responsible for achieving the milestone for that site; Parsons will be responsible for the program as a whole. Yes, the team partners are subject to the same milestones as Parsons and will be expected to meet those milestone goals.

3. Will local labor and equipment be utilized under the PBR contract?

Local labor and equipment will be utilized as much as possible. Ron Burgett stressed the importance of using local hires and the positive impact that it has on the community.

4. Was there an issue with the volume of treated soil being sent to the landfill? Will there be an issue this year?

There were no issues with the volume of soil that was sent to the landfill last year and the City of Galena used this soil to cover the debris from the flood. With the continued demolition and rebuilding of Galena, the City of Galena will continue to need soil for interim cover on the landfill this year.

5. The new road is under construction and will not be completed until the end of this summer. Will the Air Force be utilizing the road to Campion this year?

The operation and maintenance of the landfarm is the only field activity on-going at Campion this summer. The Air Force contractors will be advised to continue to use caution and low-speed when navigating the road to Campion.

Closing Remarks

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The Air Force thanks the stakeholders, RAB members, and the community for attending this RAB meeting. The next RAB meeting is tentatively scheduled for the third Wednesday of October (October 15, 2014). Please let the Air Force know of any conflicts with this date.

Adjournment

For more information about the Galena Environmental Cleanup program, please contact the AFCEC Public Affairs hotline at 1-866-725-7616 or via email at AFRPA.PA@us.af.mil.

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Former Galena Forward Operating Location

SITE SS016 INTERIM REMOVAL ACTION, LANDFARM EXPANSION AND OPERATION, AND MILLION GALLON HILL TCE SOIL STOCKPILE

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Project Team

- Air Force Civil Engineer Center
- Tetra Tech EC – Prime Contractor
- Bethel Environmental Solutions LLC – Prime Subcontractor
- Local Labor and Equipment



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Work Areas



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Galena Landfarm Projects

- **Galena 2013 Landfarm Expansion**
 - Expanded Existing Landfarm by 100% – Landfarm is now 1,570 ft. long x 78 ft. wide with a total capacity of 5,800 CY
 - Transferred 2,300 yd³ of Treated Soil to Galena Landfill for Re-use
 - Transferred 5,600 yd³ of Treated Biopile Soil to Galena Landfill for Re-use
- **Galena 2013 Landfarm Operation**
 - Transferred 950 yd³ of Petroleum-contaminated Soil from Biopile to Landfarm for Treatment
 - Transferred 4,600 yd³ of Petroleum-contaminated Soil from Site SS016 to Landfarm for Treatment
 - Began Treatment of 5,800 yd³ of Petroleum-contaminated Soil; Treatment will Continue during the 2014 Field Season

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Site SS016 Interim Removal Action Project

- Removed ~ 8,800 yd³ of Petroleum-contaminated Soil from Site SS016
 - Transferred 4,600 yd³ of soil to the Galena Landfarm for Treatment during 2013/2014.
 - Transferred 3,200 yd³ of soil to the Galena Landfarm South Stockpile 1 for Future Treatment
 - Transferred 1,000 yd³ of soil to the Galena Landfarm South Stockpile 2 for Future Treatment
- Surveyed Excavation Boundaries
- Backfilled Excavation and Re-graded the Site and approved by all stakeholders.

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Million Gallon Hill Stockpile and IDW Drums Project

- **MGH Stockpile Soil Treatment**
 - Constructed Soil Vapor Extraction System
 - Moved Stockpiled Soils to SVE Treatment Pad
 - Began Treatment of 120 yd³ of VOC-contaminated Soil by SVE

- **Investigation-Derived Waste 55-Gallon Drums**
 - Characterized 45 Drums Containing IDW
 - Added 31 IDW Drums to MGH Stockpile for SVE Treatment
 - Segregated 14 IDW Drums Pending Approval for Disposal at the Galena Landfill

- **2014 Field Season Activities**
 - Complete SVE Treatment of VOC-contaminated Soil
 - Transfer 14 IDW Drums to Galena Landfill

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2013-2014 SUPPLEMENTAL SITE CHARACTERIZATION WORK CH2M HILL

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Objectives for Supplemental Site Characterization Fieldwork

- Address remaining “data gaps” for delineating the nature and extent of contamination and provide sufficient data for developing cleanup plans
- Install monitoring wells at key locations within the airfield and downgradient of source areas that will be important for future monitoring and cleanup
- Perform groundwater monitoring in Summer 2013 and Spring 2014 to sample new wells and evaluate trends over time

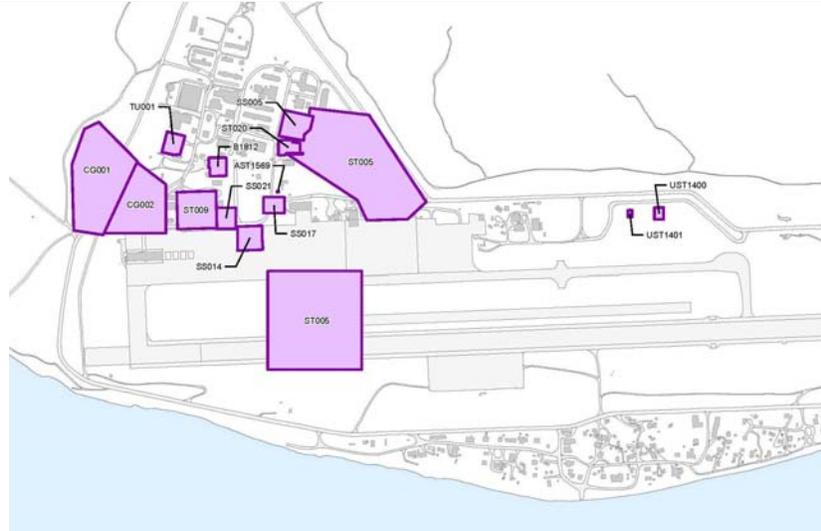
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SC Sites for Data Gap Sampling



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What Was Accomplished in 2013?

- Field work had a delayed start due to the severe flooding event, but was able to begin the end of July and continued through September 21st. All planned work was completed.
- The work included 3 weeks of nighttime drilling in the airfield installing monitoring wells within the groundwater plume area downgradient of the POL Tank Farm (Site ST005).

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What Was Accomplished in 2013? (cont'd)

- Overall, the following was accomplished in 2013
 - Installed 22 new groundwater monitoring wells to better characterize contaminant plumes and allow for future monitoring during cleanup.
 - Installed 31 soil borings and hand augered at 6 locations to address “data gaps” in the nature & extent characterization of contaminant source areas.
 - Sampled 104 permanent monitoring wells and 9 temporary wells to further delineate groundwater plumes.
 - Other related activities included repairs to existing monitoring wells and collecting groundwater level data from data loggers.
 - Finalized and received ADEC approval on Site Characterization/ Remedial Investigation Reports for 24 sites.

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Example Soil Investigation Site – Former Building 1812 Site

- Located northeast of the Water Treatment Plant
- Previously unknown contaminant source area that was found during site inspection sampling and investigation of an adjacent underground storage tank (UST) site in 2010.



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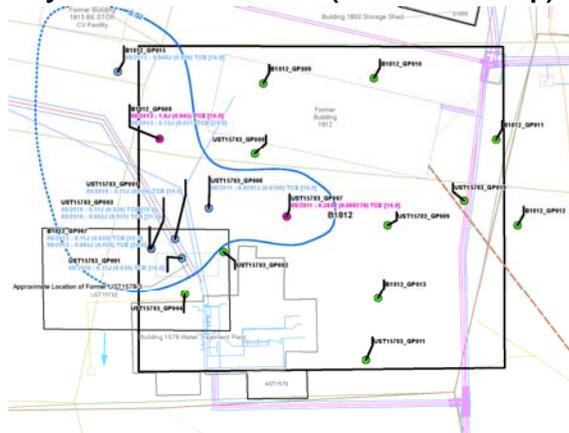
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Example Soil Investigation Site – Former Building 1812 Site (cont'd)

- Trichloroethene (TCE) above the ADEC Cleanup Level (0.02 mg/kg) in the variably saturated zone soils (9 to 33 feet deep).



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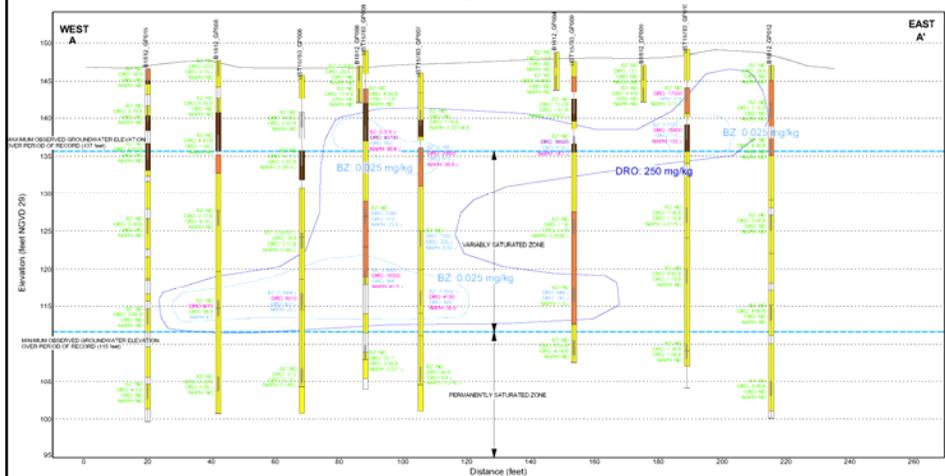
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Example Soil Investigation Site – Former Building 1812 Site (cont'd)

- East-west cross-section through Site B1812



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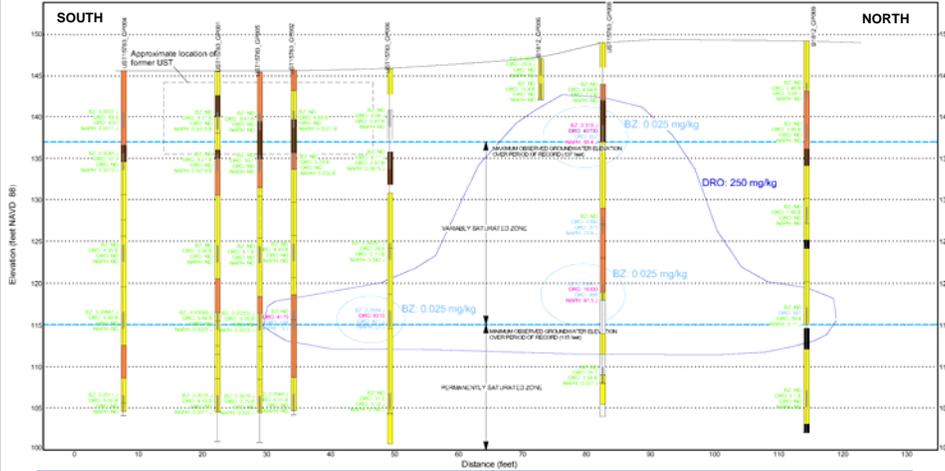
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Example Soil Investigation Site – Former Building 1812 Site (cont'd)

■ North-south cross-section through Site B1812.



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Updated Groundwater Plume Delineation

■ Diesel fuel groundwater plumes, based on Fall 2011 and 2013 data.



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Updated Groundwater Plume Delineation (cont'd)

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- Benzene groundwater plumes, based on Fall 2011 and 2013 data.



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Updated Groundwater Plume Delineation (cont'd)

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- TCE groundwater plumes, based on Fall 2011 and 2013 data.



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2014 Field Schedule

- April 2014: Spring groundwater well sampling (up to 40 wells including all of the new wells installed in 2013)
- August 2014: Water levels, demobilization

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Questions?

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SUPPLEMENTAL REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION AND SYSTEM EVALUATION AT THE FORMER GALENA FORWARD OPERATING LOCATION, ALASKA

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Sites in Triangle Area



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Triangle Area Results

- OWS1833: Sampled 5 soil borings to delineated TCE in soil in an area around a former drywell.
- SS019/SS006: Delineated TCE in groundwater, including downgradient extent. Confirmed TCE is one single plume and not two separate plumes.
- West Perimeter Road (SS025) – Delineated TCE in shallow unsaturated soil beneath West Perimeter Road. Sampled groundwater at the toe of the Perimeter Road to determine that TCE does not impact groundwater.

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Triangle Area Results

- Building 1499 (power plant), Buildings 1858/1859 (dining/cold storage area) and Building 191 (ERA Terminal) – installed vapor sampling points, will be sampled in April and June 2014
- Disposal Area West of Dike (DSWD) – test pits encountered debris at base of West Perimeter Road, including a drum full of waste oil. PCBs were detected in soil at one test pit.

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DSWD Test Pits



Debris pulled from the test pits included old pipe, cables, timbers, vehicle parts, empty drums (below), and one drum of oil at Test Pit 3 (left)



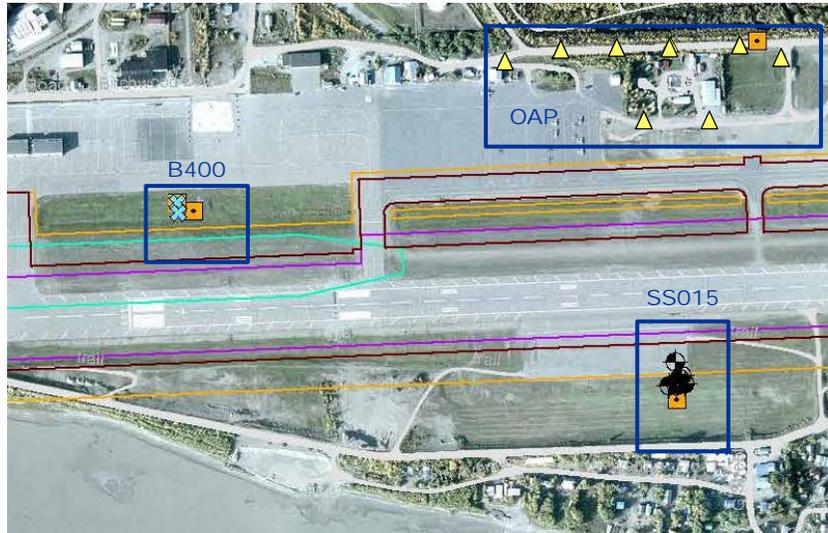
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Sites in Western Airfield Area



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Western Airfield Area Results

- Former Weather Station (B400) – Installed 2 monitoring wells, sampled 2 soil borings and sampled groundwater from 1 boring to delineate the extent of TCE in soil and groundwater. Delineated TCE in soil and groundwater to less than cleanup levels downgradient of a former AST. TCE still exceeds its extent screening level in soil and groundwater to the south.
- Old Abandoned Pipelines (OAP) – Conducted a passive soil gas survey to determine there are no fuel releases along old pipelines along the Taxiway and Perimeter Road areas. Sampled one soil boring to confirm no fuel compounds in soil exceed screening levels.

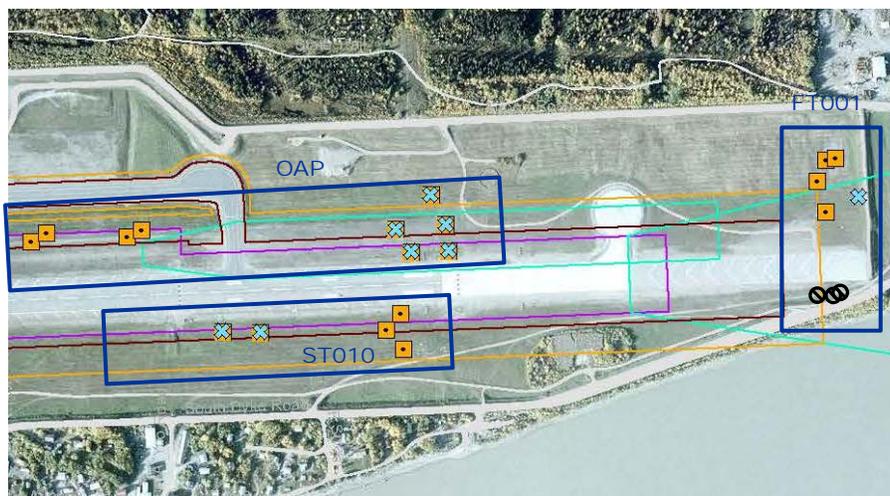
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Sites in Eastern Airfield Area



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Eastern Airfield Area Results

- Old Abandoned Pipeline (OAP) – Sampled soil from 9 borings and groundwater from 5 borings to delineate the extent of fuel hydrocarbons in soil and groundwater.
- ST010 – Sampled soil from 5 borings and groundwater from 2 borings to delineate the extent of fuel hydrocarbons in soil and groundwater.
- Former Fire Training Area (FT001) – Installed three monitoring wells at toe of plume to delineate DRO and benzene in groundwater. Installed one boring with groundwater sample to delineate benzene to east of the fire training area.

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SS015 Bioreactor

- Operated SS015 solar powered bioreactor from June to September
- Bioreactor is effective at degrading trichloroethene (TCE) to dichloroethene (DCE) and vinyl chloride (VC)
- Further degradation of DCE and VC is limited by the quantity of bacteria in groundwater that can degrade these compounds
- Bioreactor will be operated and monitored from May to September 2014, and will be optimized to enhance degradation of DCE and VC



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Parsons 2014 Field Work Summary

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2014 Supplemental Remedial Investigations

- Collect soil gas and air samples for a vapor intrusion evaluation at four buildings in Triangle area
- Operate, evaluate, and optimize SS015 bioreactor
 - Add organic substrate to enhance biodegradation
 - Consider adding microbes to completely degrade DCE and VC



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Parsons 2014 Field Schedule

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- April 21 to 29: Sample vapor intrusion sites and sample bioreactor monitoring wells (3 man crew for 8-10 days)
- May 19 to 23: Sample bioreactor and start up solar powered recirculation system (2 man crew for 4 days)
- June 16 to 25: Sample vapor intrusion sites and monitor bioreactor (3 man crew for 8-10 days)
- Mid-July and Mid-August: Bioreactor monitoring (2 man crew for 2 days)
- Mid-September: Bioreactor final monitoring and shut down (2 man crew for 3-4 days)

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Military Munitions Response Program
(MMRP) Supplemental Comprehensive Site
Evaluation (CSE) Phase II
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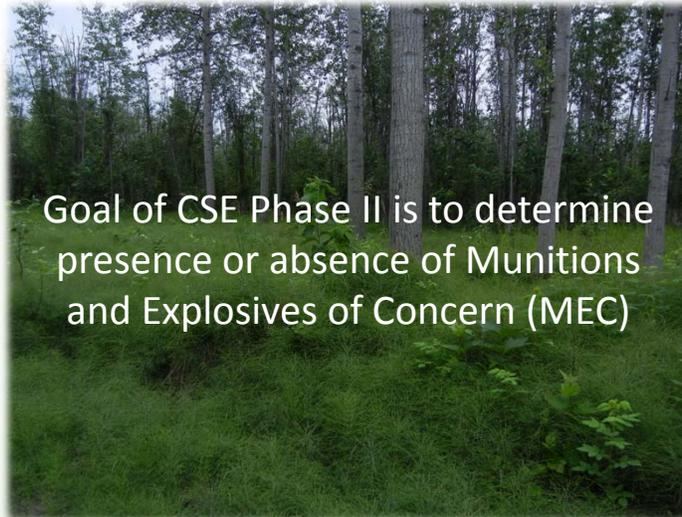
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The Project Team



The logos for the project team are arranged in two rows. The top row features the US Army Corps of Engineers logo (a shield with a globe and a compass) and a red square icon with a white castle. The bottom row features the WESTON SOLUTIONS logo (blue and white text), the Ahtna Environmental Inc. logo (black and green text), and the Bay West logo (green and black text).

Project Overview



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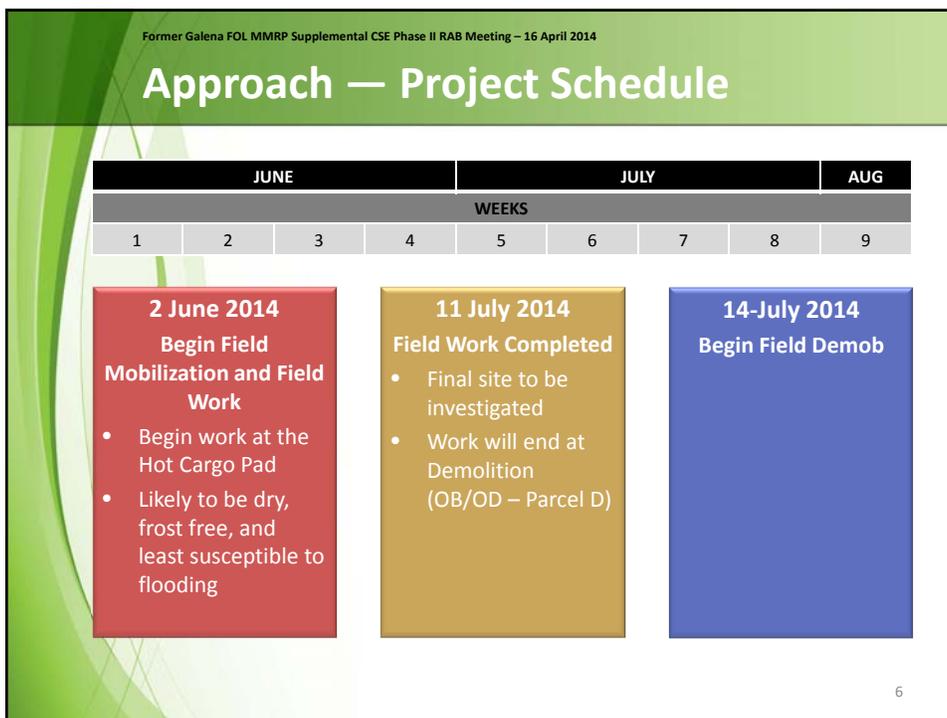
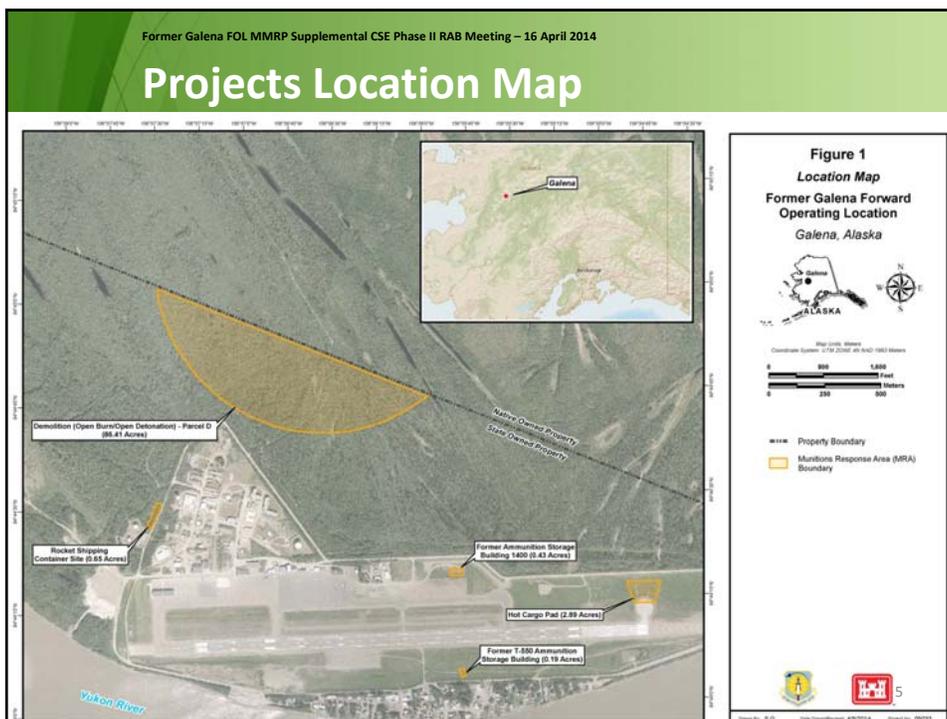
Project Overview

5 MRAs to be investigated under this Contract

- Former Ammunition Storage Building 1400
- Hot Cargo Pad
- Demolition Area (Open Burn/Open Detonation [OB/OD]) – Parcel D
- Rocket Shipping Container Site
- Former Ammunition Storage Building T-550



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Field Activities

- Crew of qualified UXO technicians will reacquire anomalies identified during a previous geophysical investigation.
- Each location will be marked with a pin flag.
- Anomalies will be intrusively investigated by a combination of hand digging and rubber tire backhoe.

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Community Awareness/Site Safety

- Roadside work will occur near Rocket Shipping Container Site only.
- During intrusive investigation activities at all sites, site access will be restricted to UXO personnel.
- If needed, removal actions may be implemented to address explosive safety, risks to human health and the environment.
- Prior to performing any removal actions, the UXO team will ensure that all non-essential and non-UXO personnel are out of the Minimum Separation Distance (MSD). The UXO team will also notify and coordinate with the Airport and City Managers.

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PERFORMANCE-BASED REMEDIATION (PBR) AT FORMER GALENA FORWARD OPERATING LOCATION (FOL), ALASKA

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Former Galena FOL Performance Based Contract

- Parsons - Prime Contractor
- Partnering Team – CH2M Hill and Ahtna
- 6.5 year contract
- 31 Sites



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Parsons Team

- Parsons - Bruce Henry (PM), Brian Blicher and Kevin Smith (Field Managers)
- CH2M Hill
 - Win Westervelt (PM)
- Ahtna
 - Jaime Oakley/Nino Muniz (PM)
- Subcontractors (TBD)
 - Analytical Laboratory - EMAX
 - Drilling - TBD
 - Construction/Excavation – TBD
 - Local Resources – lodging, vehicles, equipment and operators

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Performance Objectives

- Remedy-in-Place (RIP): All 31 Sites by 30 September 2019
- Stretch Goals
 - Response Complete (RC): 8 Sites
 - Site Closeout (SC): 8 sites



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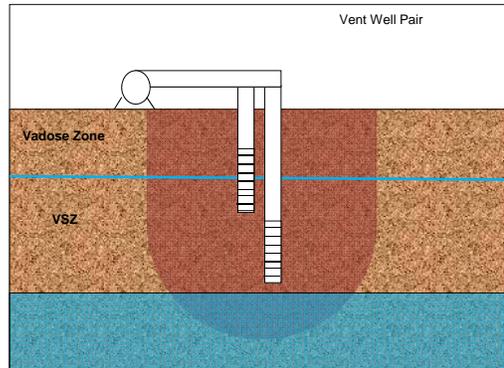
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Technical Approaches

- Excavation and Landfarming/Disposal
- Bioventing
- Soil Vapor Extraction
- Biosparging



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Technical Approaches (con't)

- In-situ Bioremediation
- Sulfate-Enhanced Natural Attenuation
- In-situ Chemical Oxidation
- Monitored Natural Attenuation



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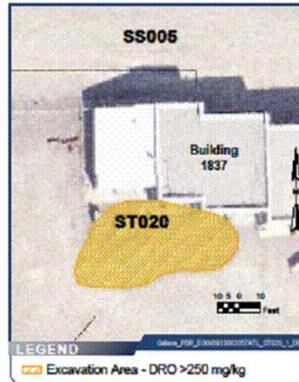
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Example SC Sites

- Smaller sites like ST020 (Building 1857) that do not have groundwater contamination will be cleaned up by excavating and landfarming contaminated soil



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Example SC Sites

- Horizontal wells may be used to biovent and biosparge fuel contaminants in variably saturated zone beneath large sites



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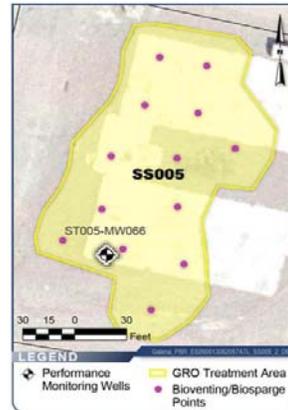
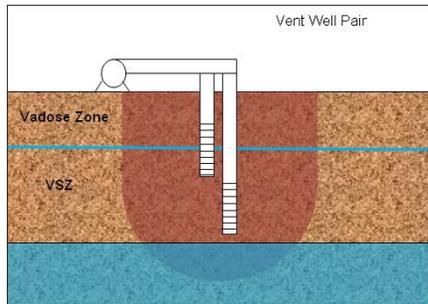
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Example SC Sites

- Smaller sites such as SS005 will have vertical bioventing wells, typically installed in pairs to treat entire variably saturated zone



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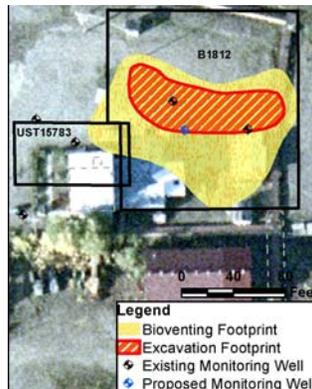
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Example SC Sites

- Some sites like Building 1812 will be cleaned up with a combination of technologies such as excavation and bioventing



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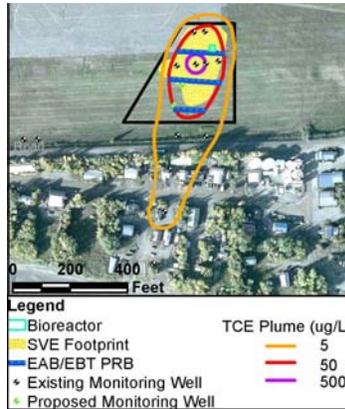
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Example RI Site

- RI sites such as SS015 with fuel and chlorinated solvents will be treated with excavation/SVE for unsaturated or variably saturated soil combined in situ bioremediation for groundwater



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Disposal Site West of Dike

- The DSWD site will have an interim soil sampling and removal action to remove debris and contamination in the disposal area and to determine if there is any contamination that cannot be excavated



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Schedule

- Summer 2014
 - SC Addendums and Feasibility Studies
 - Groundwater Monitoring Plan
 - DSWD Interim Delineation Plan
- 2014 Field Work
 - Annual Groundwater Monitoring (late August/September)
 - DSWD Soil Sampling (September)
- Fall/Winter 2014 – Cleanup Plans (SC Sites), Decision Documents and Remedial Action Work Plans (RI Sites)
- Summer 2015 – Implement select Cleanup Plans and Pilot Tests
- 2016 to 2018 – Implement remaining remedies
- 2019 to 2020 – Operate Remedies, Prepare RC/SC reports

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Communication and Information

- Bi-annual Galena RAB Meetings (April/October)
- BRAC Web Site: <http://www.afcec.af.mil/brac/galena/>
- ADEC Spill Prevention and Response Website: <http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/csp/sites/galena.htm>
- Former Galena FOL Administrative Record: <http://afcec.publicadmin-record.us.af.mil/>

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