



# Camp Minden Dialogue Meeting

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(Facilitator note: Please note that slides 17 and 27 of this document were not acceptable to the full Dialogue committee and topics will be discussed in further meetings. We have noted concerns directly on these slides also.



# Scope of the Problem

- Camp Minden currently stores approximately 15 million pounds of deteriorated M6 propellant and 320,000 pounds of clean burning igniters (CBI).
- Material is currently stored in magazines to protect them from the weather and to slow further deterioration.



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- The main risk is that these materials are deteriorating and could explode. The magazines are also deteriorating.
- There are other materials and environmental health concerns at Camp Minden, but the dialogue will focus on the 15 million pounds propellants and CBI.





# What's Happening with the Other Stuff?

- Nearly 3 million pounds of other materials stored at Camp Minden are being cleaned up Under federal enforcement orders.
- General Dynamic and Alliant Techsystems have removed over 500,000 pounds of explosives and 130,000 pounds of contaminated debris from Camp Minden.



# What's Happening with the Other Stuff?

- These two companies are also removing approximately 2.6 million pounds of aluminum and 200 pounds of H6 propellant from Camp Minden.
- This work is expected to be completed by June 2015.
- In a separate order, Hercules, Inc. has removed over 849,000 pounds of nitrocellulose from Camp Minden.



# How Did The M6 Get to Camp Minden?

- Explo Systems received a \$2.9 million annual Army contract in March 2010 to recycle the material into a coal mining explosive.
- Work was to be conducted at an annual rate of 45,000 charges, each containing 20.6 pounds of M6.





## How Did The M6 Get to Camp Minden?

- Explo Systems Leased space at Camp Minden and other facilities to conduct this work.
- As of March 8, 2012, the Army agreed to pay Explo Systems a total of approximately \$8,617,500 for the demilitarization of 1,350,000 artillery charges containing M6 propellant.



# How Did The M6 Get to Camp Minden?

- Explo Systems failed to comply with most of the requirements of their contract including constructing safe storage, treating and transporting the material on time, and providing sufficient space for storing the volume of material they received.
- Their recordkeeping was extremely poor.





# How Did The M6 Get to Camp Minden?

- Explo Systems pled guilty in September 2013 to charges related to the improper storage of millions of pounds of explosives materials at Camp Minden.
- The LMD took ownership of these materials as of September 2013 when Explo System Inc. declared bankruptcy and abandoned the materials