



The Path to Cleanup So Far

December 2014 RFP

- The State of LA issued an RFP in December 2014
- Called for open burning in burn trays.
- All responses were due by January 21, 2015.
- State received 4 responses.
- The State is continuing to evaluate responses.



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January 2015 Extension

- January 15, 2015, EPA extended the state's deadline to procure a contractor for destruction of the material by 90 days to allow more time to consider other options and to hear from community members.



Questions and Clarifications



Future Role of Each Agency

- The US EPA
- Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
- Louisiana Army National Guard



The Dialogue Process

- Diverse group of community members asked for a Dialogue process to provide input on the technology that should be used for the cleanup.
- EPA, with support of the State, agreed to provide the forum to listen and learn.



The Dialogue Process

- A Planning Committee was formed to nominate volunteers to participate in the Dialogue and to help draft basic documents for the Dialogue to consider including:
 - Goal of dialogue
 - Ground rules
 - Calendar of possible meetings
 - List of alternative technologies
 - Criteria for evaluating technologies



Members of the Planning Committee

- Rep. Gene Reynolds
- Frances Kelley, Louisiana Progress Action
- Dr. Brian Salvatore, LSU
- Wilma Subra, Subra Inc
- Marylee Orr, Louisiana Environmental Action Network
- Dolores Blalock, ArkLaTex Clean Air Network
- Karen Price, LDEQ
- Col Ronnie Stuckey, Louisiana National Guard

Goals and Objectives of the Dialogue

Facilitator note: Please note that the Dialogue is still in the process of editing the goal and that this language is only a draft.

1. Evaluate and identify suitable methods for the expeditious and safe (both occupational and environmental) removal of M6 Propellant and Clean Burning Igniter from Camp Minden, including:
 - Develop criteria for evaluating the remediation methods;
 - With technical expertise, evaluate the methods against the criteria;
 - Based on this analysis, provide input and recommended next steps to the Army, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), and the Louisiana Military Department (LMD).



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2. Solicit input from the full diversity of the community, to ensure that all views are heard in the Dialogue process
3. While appreciating the broader national context for decision-making, remain focused on addressing the immediate concerns at Camp Minden.



Role of the Dialogue in Decision Making

By law, the Army, EPA, LDEQ, and LMD cannot give away their decision-making authorities.

However, these agencies have strong mandates to consider public concerns and input when making decisions.