

# Land Use Controls (LUCs)

# Military Munitions Response Program Track Session

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Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) Land Use Controls (LUCs)

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## Goals

- Overall purpose: Discussion forum to address some challenges, data/information sharing requirements, and questions which arise over Land Use Controls and their long-term implementation, especially as they pertain to sites accessible to the public.
  - Overview of lifecycle considerations associated with implementation of LUCs.
  - Case study of the Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range (CMAGR) land transfer and Bradshaw Trail public land use.
  - Discussion to address identified challenges and opportunities to facilitate effective future uses of LUCs.



#### Introductions

- Co-Chairs
  - Ian Thompson
    - HQMC/MCICOM Enviro Restoration PM
  - Dominique Forrester
    - Federal Facilities Unit Lead, California Department of Toxic Substances Control



#### Introductions

- Presentations/Speakers
  - Overview- Ian Thompson
  - State LUC Coordination and Oversight
    - Lynne Baumgras Sr. Engineering Geologist, California Depatment of Toxic Substances Control
  - Land Use Control Implementation Plans
    - James Salisbury Environmental and Munitions Center of Expertise, EM CX
  - CMAGR Case Study
    - Allison Cantu, NAVFAC SW ER Program Manager



#### Introductions

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#### Panel members

- James Salisbury, USACE Environmental and Munitions Center of Expertise (EM CX)
- Lynne Baumgras Sr. Engineering Geologist, California Department of Toxic Substances Control
- Allison Cantu- NAVFAC SW ER Program Manager
- Bobby Templin Hazardous Materials Management Program Leader, Bureau of Land Management Headquarters
- Walter Christensen Environmental Dir., Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, U.S. Marine Corps Quantico Environmental Director



# Land Use Controls (LUCs) Overview

Ian Thompson, HQMC



#### **LUC Overview**

- High to low
- Definitions
- Cleanup process
- Risk management considerations
- Applications



### IUC Overview

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- General- Various controls applied to land for numerous purposes, to include risk mitigation. In context of cleanup, per EPA:
- Land Use Controls (LUCs) may consist of non-engineered instruments, such as administrative and legal controls or engineered and physical barriers, such as fences and security guards. LUCs help to minimize the potential for exposure to contamination and/or protect the integrity of a response action and are typically designed to work by limiting land and/or resource use or by providing information that helps modify or guide human behavior at a site.
  - What
- LUCs may be used when contamination is first discovered, when remedies are ongoing and when residual contamination remains onsite at a level that does not allow for unrestricted use and unlimited exposure after cleanup. The National Contingency Plan (NCP) emphasizes that LUCs are meant to supplement engineering controls and that LUCs should rarely be the sole remedy at a site.
  - When



#### **LUC Overview**

- Land Use Controls- restrict of use of land
  - Reduce risk by reducing access or exposure to hazards
  - Engineered
    - caps, fences, restrictive or reactive barriers
  - Non-engineered
    - Administrative and legal controls, informational methods
- Institutional Controls
  - \*The federal facility program may also use the term Institutional Controls (ICs).
  - proprietary or governmental
  - modify or guide human behavior at a site

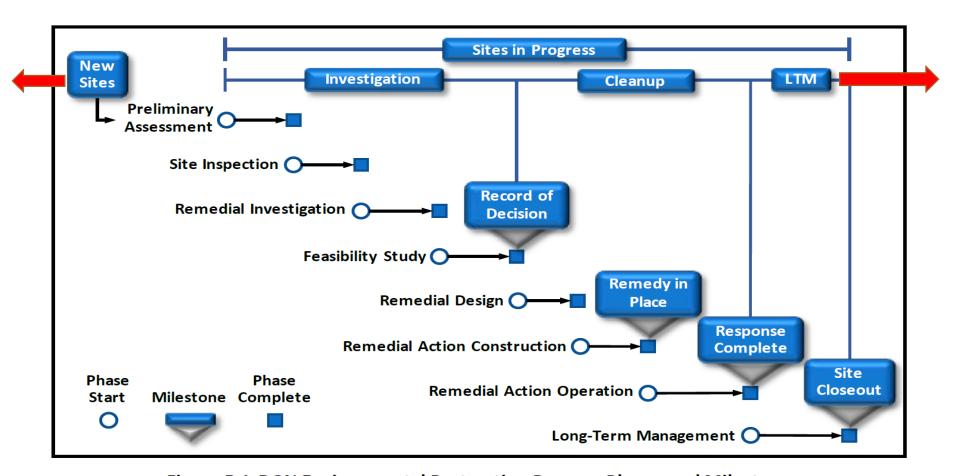


### **CERCLA Process**

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# LUCs at Federal Facilities

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"Unrestricted Use/Unlimited Exposure (UU/UE): The goal of any removal or remedial action is to remove all munitions detected; however, it is generally not feasible to remove 100% of MEC items and determine that a MRS is "clear" for UU/UE due to technical limitations and costs."

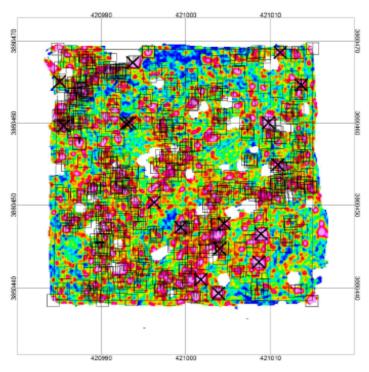
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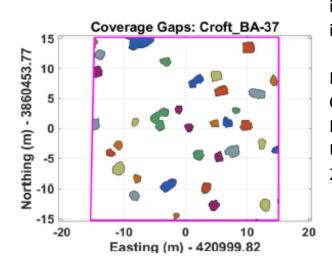
# Feasibility

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## Croft Example- Density and Coverage



Detections- 609 TOI- 17 Coverage- 92%



LIDAR mapping using SLAM detection show where munitions were NOT assessed in a vegetated environment, i.e., in a forest/woodland

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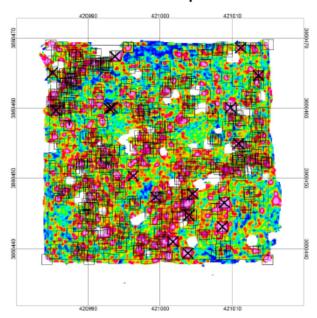


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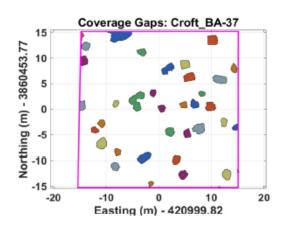
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• Even with advanced surveillance systems, many factors contribute to incomplete coverage during investigation and removal actions, lowering clearance certainty.

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# Risk Management Considerations

- Many variables and site-specific considerations
  - Feasibility
  - Difficult technical solutions
  - Economic factors
  - Liability
  - Public Perception
  - Regulatory requirements
  - Health/Safety
  - Environmental
  - Future Land Use
- There are numerous ways to minimize risks at an MR site.
- LUCs are a very important way that we do this.
  - Short and intermediate solutions have required LUCs
  - Long-term solutions often require LUCs



# LUCs in the Remedy

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DoDM 4715.20: "In the FS, the DoD Component must consider at least three alternatives:

- no action,
- action to remediate the site to a condition that allows unlimited use and unrestricted exposure (UU/UE) condition, and
- action to remediate the site to a protective condition that requires land use restrictions (i.e., land use controls (LUCs) or exposure controls)."

#### "All DDs shall: ...

- 5. Describe the response action in general terms and specify the elements of the response action, including describing LUCs that were selected as part of the response.
- 6. List the entities responsible for implementing and maintaining the selected response action.

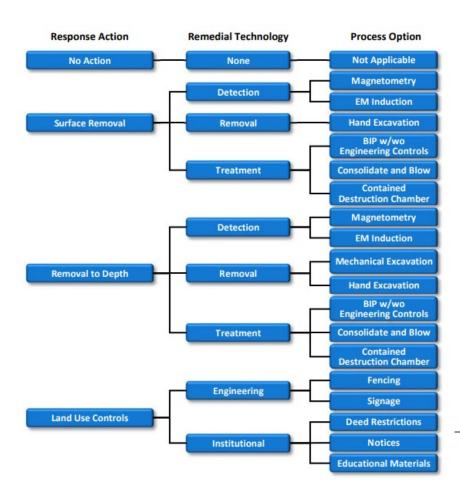


# Response Options

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Terrestrial Munitions Response Site Remedial Technologies and Process Options





# **Applicability**

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 12.3.3.2 Land Use Controls LUCs are used primarily to manage risk during implementation of a remedy, as well as residual risk after completion of a remedy. Unless a UU/UE remedy has been implemented, some form of LUC is typically required at an MRS to account for residual hazards from undetected MEC/MPPEH even if an active removal or treatment is conducted. LUCs can be applied at both terrestrial and underwater sites in the form of physical controls (i.e., engineering controls) and legal/administrative controls (i.e., institutional controls). The cost and feasibility of possible site end states (UU/UE or LUCs) must be considered early in the process, particularly for underwater MRSs. The remedy for an MRS should focus on the best action that minimizes total life-cycle costs. -NERP (2018)



# Life Cycle Costs

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"minimizes total life-cycle costs"

- Current costs of UU/UE remediation
  - very HIGH, but trending down

VS.

- Cumulative costs of land restrictions, labor, and risks over numerous years AND the cost of future remediation
  - Future remediation may still be required



## Future Land Use

- Utility of LUCs
  - Do the LUCs accomplish the required purpose to preserve health and environment?
- Maintenance/administration of LUCs
  - Master Plan
  - DoD, FUDS- transfer to other land holders
  - Covenants/notice of environmental use restrictions
  - GIS/data standards
    - DoD (SDSFIE), Federal, state, business standards



#### Presentations

- State LUC Coordination and Oversight
- Federal LUC Implementation Plans
- CMAGR Case Study/ Bradshaw Trail



# State perspective LUC Coordination and Oversight

Lynne Baumgras - Sr. Engineering Geologist, California Depatment of Toxic Substances Control



# Federal Facilities Land Use Control Implementation Plans

James Salisbury - Environmental and Munitions Center of Expertise, EM CX



# **CMAGR Case Study**

Allison Cantu, NAVFAC SW Regional ER Manager



# Panel Discussion, Q&A



## Questions

- Are indefinite LUCs realistic, or is there an underlying assumption that future remediation will be required?
- Land Use Controls mitigate exposure likelihood, but do not mitigate the severity of the potential MEC which remains. Are depth controls (no digging past 16") adequate in public areas?
- Are there LUCs that are NOT appropriate for implementation due to their unenforceability?
- We have cases where individuals go "Fishing for MEC" and scrappers who risk themselves to recover high-cost recyclable metals from range and munitions areas. While we stress concepts like Recognize, Retreat, and Report (3Rs), how do we enforce prohibitions against efforts to LOCATE submerged MEC (scanning, detection, excavation) in publicly accessible (but often remote) locations?
- Signs are stolen, shot, defaced, sun-weathered, and may be unsightly. Are signs adequate as Land Use Controls?
- LUCIPs are maintained by the federal land manager but may convey to other governing bodies or private entities. What actions ensure that the LUCs are properly implemented and carried forward in local government records?
- What data is often unavailable from federal government MR sites that is needed to protect public safety? What is the most difficult data to convey adequately to local governments or third parties?
- Private owner transfers: how do you stop OWNERS from digging on their OWN site?



# Summary

Thank you for attending.