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Teresa:

SFC Mike Robinson talked extensively with Dave Williams yesterday about the chemical warfare material (CWM) site. Here is the current plan as I understand it; We will go to a three phased operation:

PHASE I: EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO THE VIAL AND PIG DISCOVERY: Technical Escort Unit (TEU) in charge and will handle this. In the near future EAFB will bring a baltigraph x-ray machine to site and see if they can determine if the pigs are full. Then with USCMDA's help they will find a final storage location and transport the vials and pigs in SRU's (single round containers) to that site.

PHASE II: GET RID OF STOCKPILED SOIL: The proposal now is that through CEHND, TEU will suit up in level A and take split soil samples of the stockpiled soil. These samples will be taken by TEU personnel to a surety lab for determination of CWM content. If the samples are negative, the splits will be analyzed for VOC, TCE, PCEs, (whatever you need). If CWM is negative and HTRW is hot then CEMRO's contractor can move in and get rid of the stockpiled soil.

PHASE III: PLAN FOR AND EXECUTE EXCAVATION OF THE REMAINDER OF THE TRENCHES.

PHASE III-A: PREPARE DA SAFETY SUBMISSION: CEHND as the Ordnance and Explosive Waste Mandatory Center of Expertise (OEW MCX) and CENPA as the LCPM will work together to write and have approved the DA safety submission to allow excavation of the rest of the trenches.

PHASE III-B: COMPLETE EXCAVATION OF CWM TRENCHES: CEHND will execute the plan as approved in the DA safety submission.

The new phase two above has a couple of advantages. One we don't need real time CWM monitoring on site, and two - it doesn't require a DA safety submission (for phases I and II).

A couple of points of clarification (I hope).

- Omaha needs to remove themselves from the execution of this project for now. Once CWM vials and sealed pigs were found in a CWM related area, the project moved from a HTRW response to a CWM site. By regulation (ER 1110-3-109), any Corps agency involved in a CWM response must use the OEW MCX (CEHND) to perform the work.

- Here's a simplified breakdown of players for this site.
 - 6th IDL - Customer (always right)
 - CENPA - LCPM, Overall responsible for coordinating efforts of all players and responding to the customer (Lead for phases II and II with CEHND a mojar supporting player).
 - CEHND - Technical manager supporting CENPA on all matters concerning CWM. We are responsible for all phases of planned CWM remediations through removal from the ground. (this is in a MOA with USACMDA).
 - CEMRO - Technical manager for HTRW. Their authority ended when CWM was found. (Incidentally CWM doesn't have to be confirmed - just highly probable for the site transition (HTRW => CWM) to occur)
 - TEU - Emergency response authority. Supporting player for planned responses.
 - CDBCOM- TEU's parent. Approval authority for emergencies.
 - DA Safety - Approval authority for all planned responses.
 - USACMDA - Technical authority for CWM transport, storage and disposal. They are responsible to coordinate a long term storage facility and ultimate method of disposal.
 - AEC - Funding agent for this action. Respond to 6IDL requests for funds.
 - Every other agency you can think of will have some role in the phase III planned response; DOT, ADEC, EPA, PHS, USGC, USAF, ad nauseam.
- To support you, I am sending SFC Robinson to AK tonight. He is coming because he is a subject matter expert (both on CWM and the response rules that affect it) and as the initial representative of the OEW MCX).

I don't want to sound like we are making a power play, we are just trying to follow regs and insure ultimate safety. Give me a call when you get in today.

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