# **Cleanup Collaboration**

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# **Management Team Collaboration**

### DOs

- Reach consensus on strategic cleanup plan among agencies, with stakeholder input
  - Ensure Project Team input on priority projects
  - Build trust through collaboration at all levels (Management and Project)

## DON'Ts

- Unilaterally change strategic plans and priorities
  - Leads to disputes and creates a perception of funding risk

## Build and Sustain Consensus on Cleanup Priorities/Budget/Schedule

#### DOs

#### Use FFERDC Recommendations

- Federal Facilities Environmental Restoration Dialogue Committee (1996 Report - See http://www.epa.gov/fedfac/fferdc.htm)
- Set consensus priorities for sustainable pace of cleanup

#### • Priorities/Budget – FFERDC Chapter 5

- Balance cleanup priorities (D&D/Environmental Media)
- Funding based on consensus priorities, cleanup pace and estimate of sustainable funding to completion of cleanup
- Enforceable milestones support budget requests
- Use DOE ORR's Dynamic Planning Model (DPM) with regulator input
- Project Scope/Schedule
  - Collaborate on CERCLA documents
  - Use CERCLA process and documentation
    - integrate DOE's Critical Decision Process into CERCLA (not opposite)

# Build and Sustain Consensus on Cleanup Priorities/Budget/Schedule (cont.)

### DON'Ts

- Priorities
  - Unilaterally change priorities
- Budget
  - Decrease efforts to collaborate in periods of funding challenge/change
- Schedule
  - Deploy "at risk" sampling and project phases without approved CERCLA plans

# CERCLA Documents Plans and Completion Reports

### DOs

- Define clear scope and schedule
  - Maintain up to date and consistent with milestones
- Validate completion of remedial/removal actions
  - DOE field walk downs
  - Confirm completion reports accomplish work plan's scope and milestones

# **Project Team Collaboration**

#### DOs

- Empower Project Teams to plan/implement CERCLA
- Empower Project Teams to resolve disputes informally
- Foster collaboration and build trust within Project Teams

### DON'Ts

- Compromise Project Team's ability to work collaboratively
  - Top down direction of project scope and schedule
  - Elevate disputes above project level without effort to resolve at the lowest level possible

# Questions

