

## Starting Soon: Geophysical Classification for Munitions Response



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### Geophysical Classification for Munitions Response



#### Geophysical Classification for Munitions Response Technical and Regulatory Guidance Web-Based Document (GCMR-2, 2015)

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For decades, the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) has produced and used military munitions for live-fire testing and training to prepare the U.S. military for combat operations. As a result, unexploded ordnance (UXO) and discarded military munitions may be present at over 5,200 former ranges and former munitions operating facilities throughout the United States. With the traditional technique to identify munitions for removal at these sites, DOD and its contractors have used various types of detection instruments to simply detect buried metal objects then excavation and examination of most of the detected items, to determine whether or not they are military munitions. Even highly trained UXO-qualified personnel typically excavate hundreds of metal items for each one munition recovered. Nearly half of these sites require a munitions response, at an estimated cost to complete of \$14 billion and with a completion date of 2100. To improve the efficiency of munitions response, DOD's Environmental Security Technology Certification Program and its research partners in academia and industry have developed a new approach: geophysical classification. Geophysical classification is the process of using advanced data to make principled decisions as to whether buried metal objects are potentially hazardous munitions (that is targets of interest) that should be excavated, or items such as metal clutter and debris (non-targets of interest) that can be left in the ground.

ITRC's Geophysical Classification for Munitions Response (GCMR-2, 2015) and training class explain the process of geophysical classification, describe its benefits and limitations, and discuss the information and data needed by regulators to monitor and evaluate the use of the technology. This document and training also emphasize using a systematic planning process to develop data acquisition and decision strategies at the outset of a munitions response effort, as well as quality considerations throughout the project. Stakeholder issues that are unique to munitions response are also discussed. After this training class, participants will:

- Understand the technology and terminology
- Be ready to engage in the planning process to address quality considerations throughout a project
- Find tools to transfer knowledge within organizations and to stakeholders
- Start to transition mindset to decisions that leave non-hazardous items in the ground

An audience who understand current munitions response tools and procedures (for example, geophysical surveys, sensors, data analysis) will benefit most from this document and training. For federal and state environmental regulators, scientists, and engineers, as well as contractors, munitions response managers, technical staff, geophysicists, and stakeholders, this document explains how geophysical classification can be used in munitions response. Stakeholders with an interest in a particular munitions response site (MRS) at which classification has been or may be proposed will also benefit from this document and training.

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## The Problem: Over 5,200 Sites in U.S. Half Require Munitions Response

- ▶ **Why:** To prepare U.S. military for combat operations, DOD used military munitions for testing and training
- ▶ Resulted in unexploded ordnance (UXO) and discarded military munitions (DMM) present at many sites requiring excavation



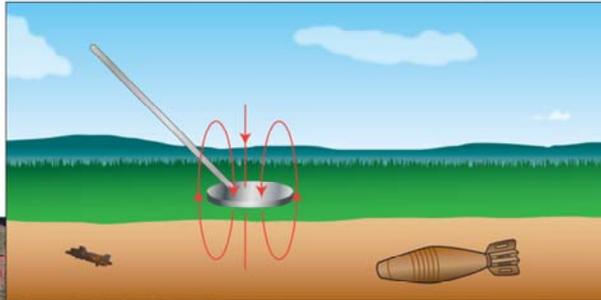
Example of munitions found at sites

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Video of munitions and targets exploding on training range

## Current Approach: Geophysical Mapping with Single Axis Electromagnetic Sensors

Simply detects buried metallic objects (similar to searching for coins on beach)



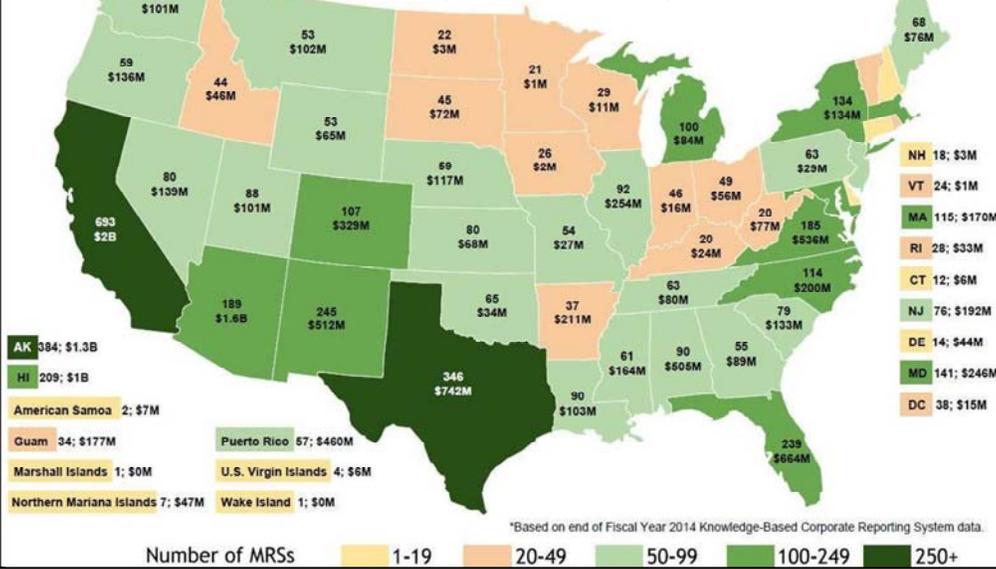
Thousands of pieces of metal are detected, flagged, and then dug up.

- Current Technology: single axis sensors
- ITRC has been developing training and guidance on these for over 10 years
- "Sea of Flags" - Thousands of pieces of metal are detected, flagged, and then dug up.

# Munitions Response Using Current Approach Cost to Complete \$13.7 Billion by 2100



### Over 5,200 Munitions Response Sites



5200 sites all over America, and half of them will need some kind of geophysical investigation.

## In Need of a Better Way – Geophysical Classification Using Multi-Axis Sensors

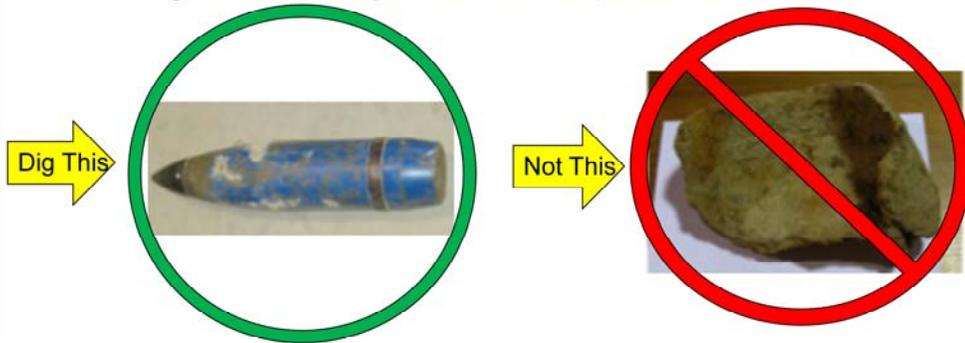


Traditional Approach Single Axis Electromagnetic Sensor	New Approach Multi-Axis Electromagnetic Sensor
Simply detects buried metallic objects (similar to searching for coins on beach)	Identifies type of object present based on depth, size, density, wall thickness, shape
Requires that most detections are excavated	Limits excavations to objects identified as possible munitions or when data inconclusive (up to 80% digging reduction)
Less acreage covered	More acreage covered
Baseline technology for cost comparison	Estimated as 45% cost reduction from traditional approach
Extended area closures and evacuations	Reduces area closures and evacuations

Advantages of new technology

## Geophysical Classification for Munitions Response (GCMR)

- ▶ Process of making principled decisions, using data collected by geophysical sensors, to ***differentiate between buried items that are potentially hazardous and those that can be safely left in the ground*** during munitions response actions



- "Classify" as possibly munitions or definitely not munitions
- Do not dig non-munitions items (Frag)

# GCMR – Accelerate Munitions Response Efforts



Focuses resources on investigation of metallic items identified as possible munitions or where the data are inconclusive

	Munition	Suspected Munition	Munition Fragment	Debris
				
<b>Single Axis Sensor:</b>	Dig	Dig	Dig	Dig
<b>Multi-Axis Sensor:</b>	Dig	Dig	No Dig	No Dig

Single Axis Sensor:

Multi-Axis Sensor:  
for Geophysical Classification

TOI = Dig List

Non-TOI = leave in place

## Technology Development through Department of Defense (DOD)



- ▶ Sensors and analysis originated in SERDP in decade of research and development
- ▶ Demonstrated in ESTCP Pilot Program at sites across the country



Reference Materials at DOD Web Site

## Key Terminology



- ▶ Single-Axis Sensor: “Traditional” metal detector
- ▶ Multi-Axis Sensor: “New-Tech” used for classification
- ▶ Anomaly: Metallic item that causes a geophysical response
- ▶ Clutter: Non-hazardous metal “FRAGments”
- ▶ Targets of Interest (TOI): Maybe hazardous anomaly
- ▶ Classify: Determine whether “Frag” or “TOI”
- ▶ Validate: Prove your “classification” was “correct”
- ▶ QC & QA Seeds: Used to “validate” cleanup

Refer to Glossary



## Example: Geophysical Classification Demonstration at Camp Sibert in 2013

- ▶ **“Multi-Axis” Sensors used**
- ▶ 6,055 **anomalies** identified
- ▶ 970 excavated
  - All of **“QA seeds”** and three 4.2 in. mortars were correctly classified
  - 4% **“TOI”** plus 3% **“QC”** plus 2% discernable targets
  - 7% additional **“Clutter”** targets were excavated that were **“Classified”** non-hazardous to **“Validate”**
- ▶ 84% of the targets were non-hazardous items left in the ground



Figure A-9. MetalMapper in use at Camp Sibert Site 18

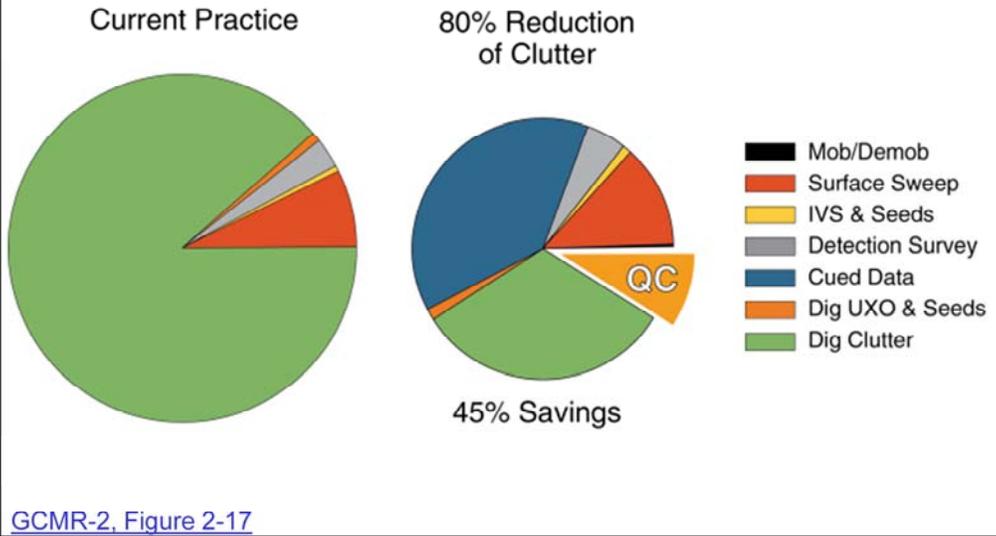
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Camp Sibert: using multi-axis sensor

# Technology Benefits – 45% Cost Savings



Cost Savings using Multi-Axis Sensors – at least 45%



Cost savings

## You May Have Questions About Geophysical Classification



- ▶ How does the technology work?
- ▶ When to use and when not to use geophysical classification?
- ▶ What is the state regulators' role to ensure quality and confidently support decisions?
- ▶ Provide a case study where geophysical classification is used

**Answers in [ITRC's Geophysical Classification for Munitions Response \(GCMR-2, 2015\)](#) and this associated training class**

No associated notes.

# Geophysical Classification for Munitions Response (GCMR-2) August 2015



## ITRC Technical & Regulatory Guidance Web-Based

The screenshot shows a web-based document interface for "Geophysical Classification for Munitions Response". On the left is a "Contents" menu with a "Glossary" tab. The main content area has a "Welcome" section with an image of a field and text explaining the document's purpose. A terminology pop-up window is overlaid on the text, defining "The process of making principled decisions, using data collected by geophysical sensors, to differentiate between buried items that are potentially hazardous and those that can be safely left in the ground during munitions response actions."

Terminology – definitions pop up in web based document

## ITRC Geophysical Classification for Munitions Response Team



- ▶ Team evaluated technology
- ▶ Concluded geophysical classification is ready for use on production projects
- ▶ No regulatory barriers
- ▶ Team products include three Fact Sheets and Guidance Document
  - **Fact Sheets**
    - [Introductory](#)
    - [Technical](#)
    - [Regulatory](#)
  - [Guidance Document](#)

[GCMR-1, GCMR-2](#)

No associated notes.

## After Today's Training You Should be able to Use the ITRC GCMR Documents to.....



- ▶ Understand the technology to evaluate for use on your site
- ▶ Learn some Geophysical Classification and Munitions Response (GCMR) terminology
- ▶ Start to transition your mindset to decisions that leave non-hazardous items in the ground
- ▶ Find tools to transfer knowledge within your organization and to stakeholders

No associated notes.

## Presentation Overview

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- ▶ Introduction
- ▶ **Technology and Background**
- ▶ Site Suitability
- ▶ Questions and Answers
- ▶ Quality Considerations
- ▶ Example Case Study
- ▶ Wrap Up

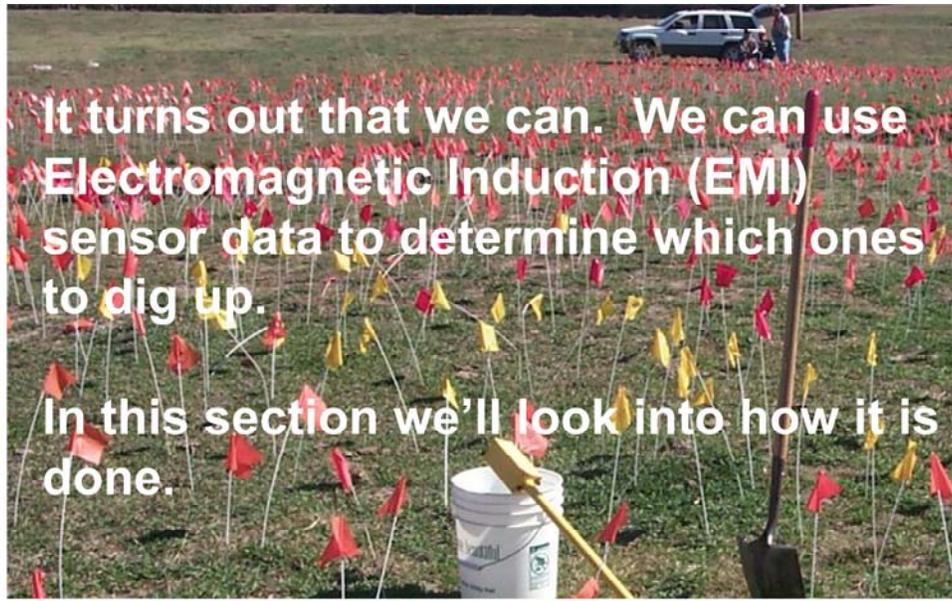
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## Detection only – too many flags



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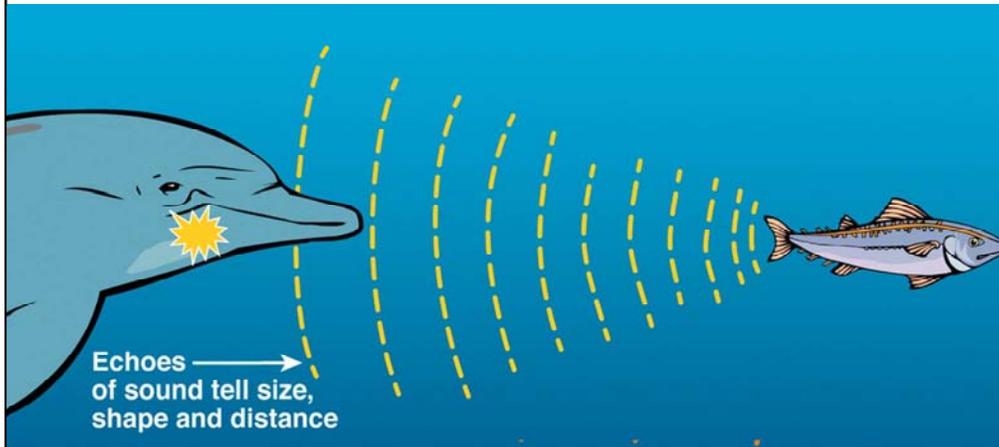
1. How the sensors work and what they look like
2. How we utilize the acquired data
3. How the classification decision is made



Organization of talk

Sounds very technical and unfamiliar but will use analogy to help understand

## Echolocation: a Familiar Analogy

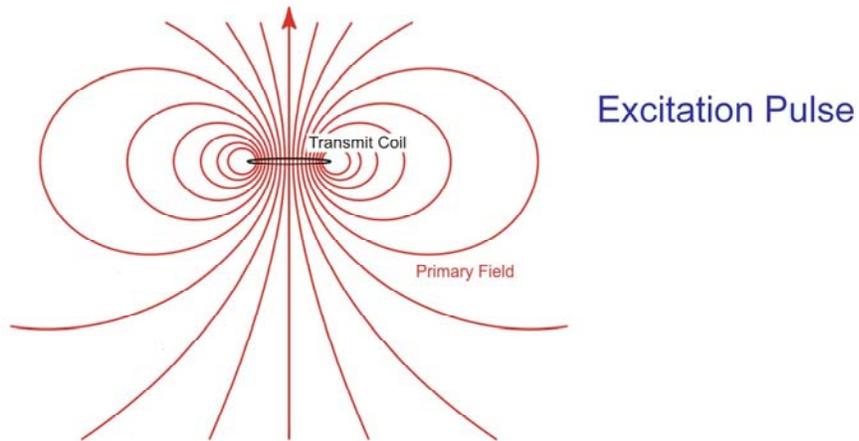


- ▶ Acoustic waves...locating objects by reflected sound. Used by dolphins and bats...

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## EMI: The Source

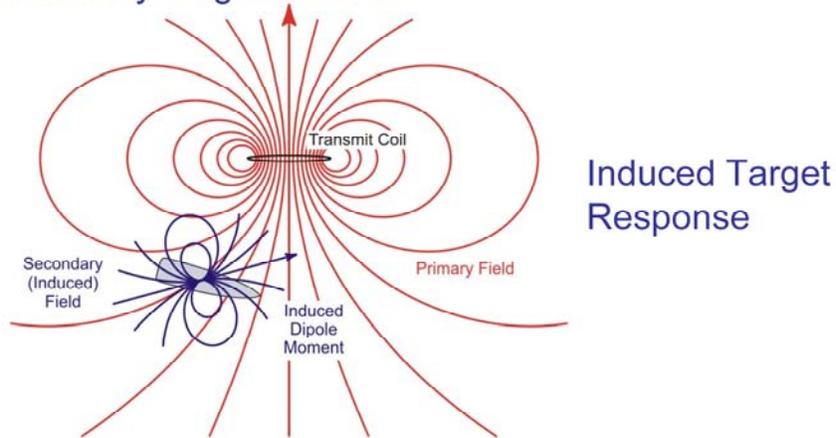
- ▶ Regulate electrical current in a wire to produce a time-varying magnetic field



Set up a field

## EMI: Interaction with Object

- ▶ Time-varying magnetic field induces electrical currents in nearby metallic objects, which in turn generates a secondary magnetic field



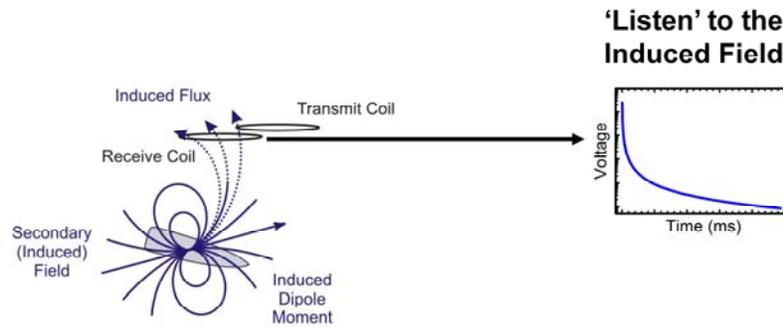
Interaction with target

Here's diff between echo location and what EMI does

Electrical currents are induced in target and those create secondary electrical field (the 'reflection') and that is what we measure

## EMI: Received Signal

- ▶ Secondary magnetic field is measured by Receive Coils



Turn off inducing field and 'listen' to the induced field, which is how we get information about the target

## We've seen how the methods are similar, here is one major difference...

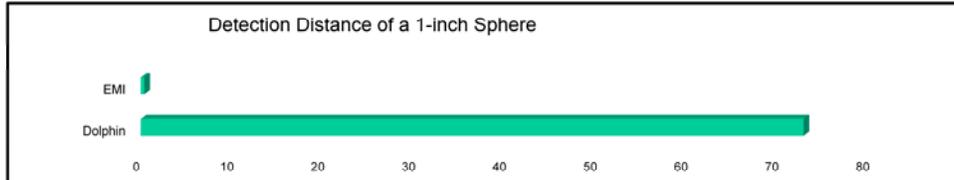


**Distance:** Using echolocation, Dolphins can detect a 2.54cm sphere at 73m!

Your chance to shine...

At what distance can EMI methods detect a 2.54cm metallic sphere?

**Answer: 0.4m**

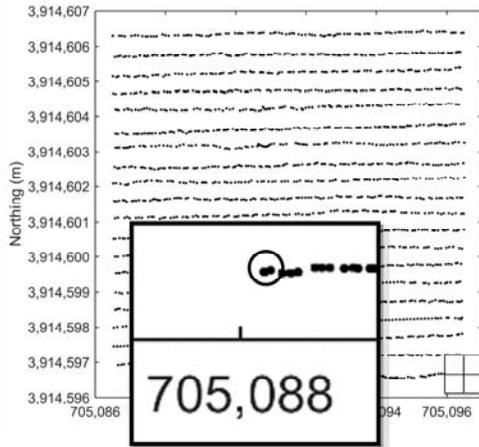


**EMI response is inversely proportional to the Distance<sup>6</sup> (sensor to object).**

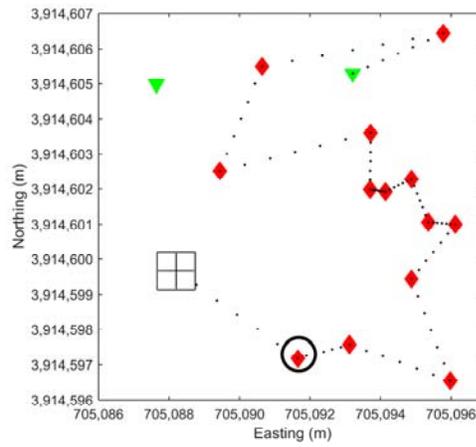
**The sensors have to be very close to the object in order to detect and characterize buried objects!**

# Two options for getting the sensors close to the buried objects...

Collect data over the entire site (dynamic measurement)



Collect data at select locations (cued or stationary measurement)

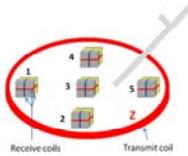


## This is what Advanced EMI Sensors look like

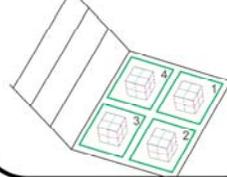
- ▶ Multiple coils measure the complete response of buried items (spatially and temporally)



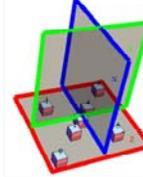
Person-portable



Cart-mounted



Vehicle-towed



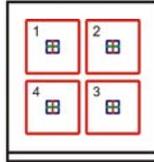
These are prototypes. Standardization of sensors, manuals, procedures are being developed.

Various transmit and receiver setups, but all result in similar data sets as they all illuminate from multiple angles and receive at multiple locations

All fixed geometry - More and better data, better geolocated know where each data point is collected relative to the other data points

Deployment methods drove sensor design and different developers

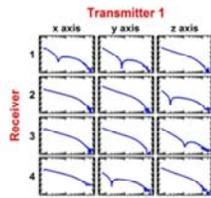
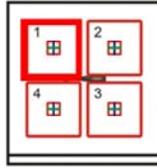
## Advanced EMI Sensors: designed for UXO classification



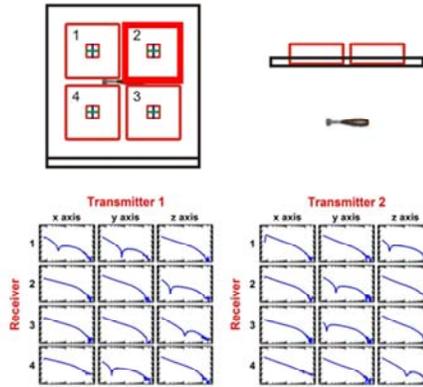
**Multiple transmitters and receivers are used to fully 'light up' or illuminate the object**

Multi-axis receivers...for a given transmitter, additional information can be obtained by using multiple receivers orientated perpendicularly

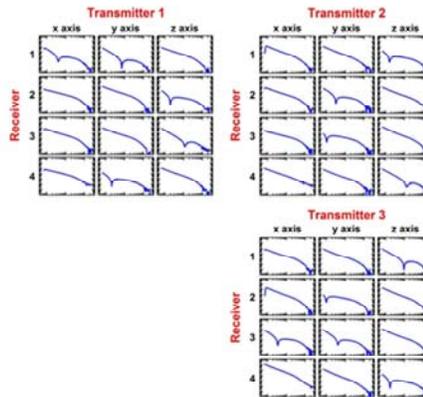
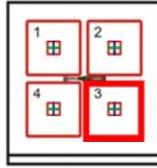
# Measured data are affected by burial depth and object orientation



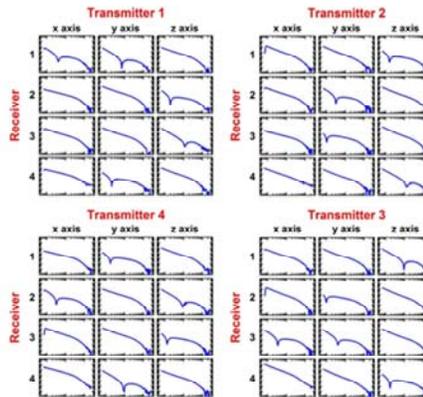
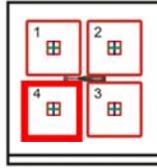
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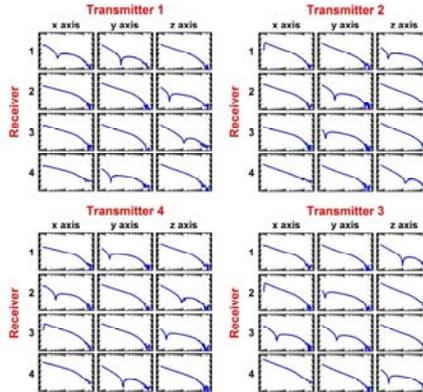
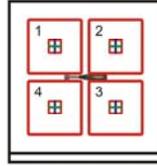
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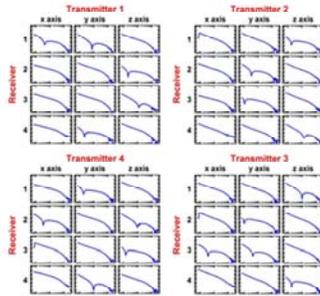


## Process data to remove effects of burial depth and object orientation

### Mathematical Model for the EMI Response

Pre-Process

- Remove sensor effects
- GPS coordinates



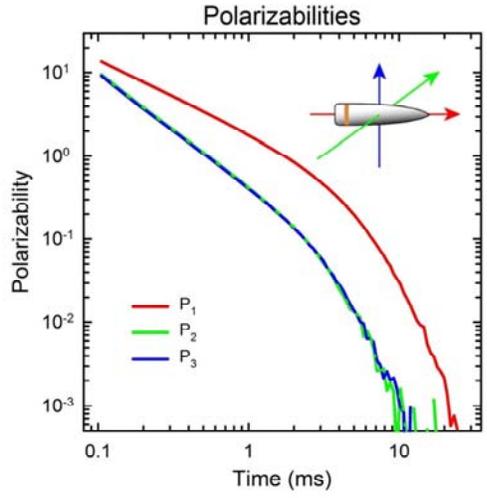
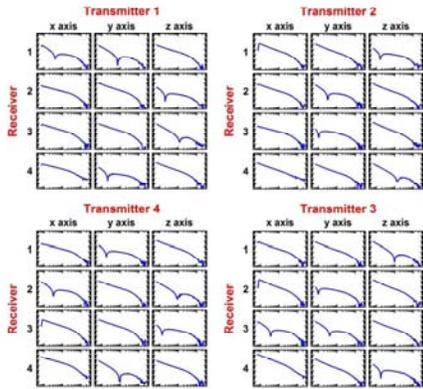
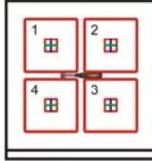
Sensor Data

**location & orientation**  
(extrinsic properties)

+

**polarizabilities**  
(intrinsic response; NOT  
affected by burial depth or  
orientation)

# Polarizabilities do not change with burial depth or orientation



## Polarizabilities completely specify the target's EMI response characteristics

Object Property	Polarizability Property
Cylindrical Shape	Axial Symmetry
Wall Thickness	Decay Rate
Physical Size	Magnitude

Relate the item properties to pol properties

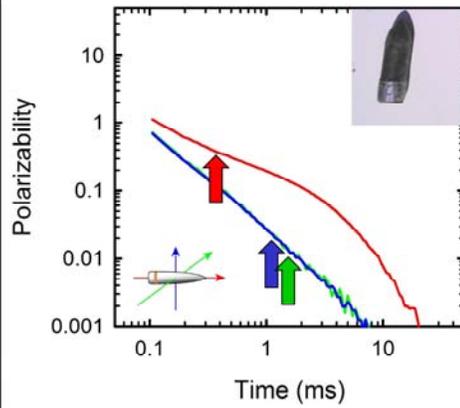
UXO, clutter columns show how they are different

## UXO are usually axial symmetric, clutter are not

### Object Shape → Axial Symmetry

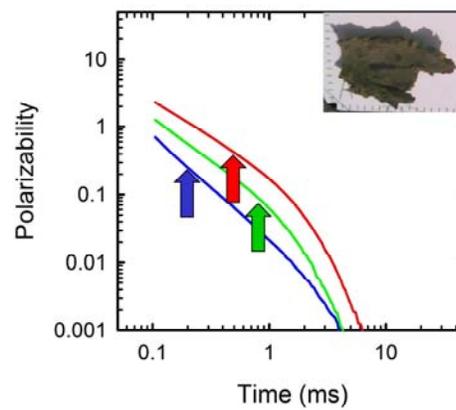
#### UXO

Cylindrical, axial symmetry



#### Non-UXO

Variable, often asymmetric

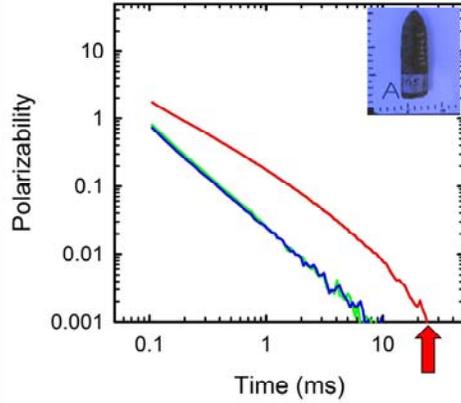


# Thick-walled metal decays slower than thin-walled debris and clutter

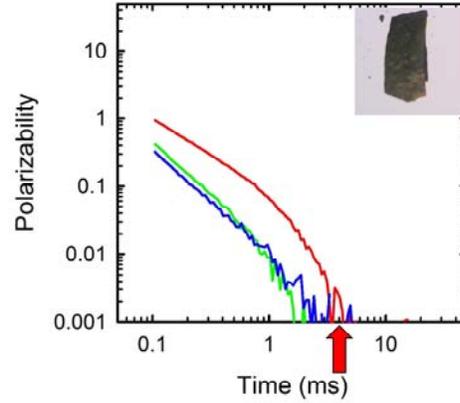


## Wall Thickness → Decay Rate

UXO  
thick wall & slow decay



Non-UXO  
thin wall & fast decay



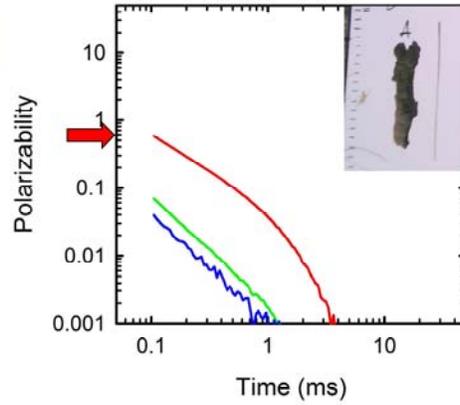
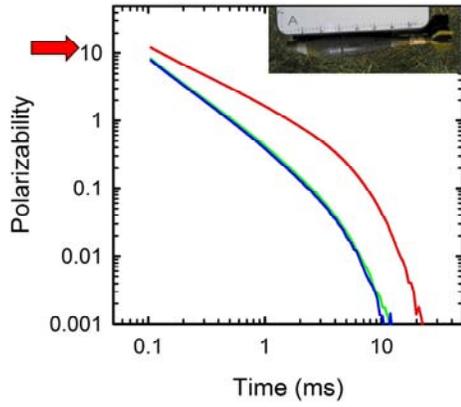
**UXO vary in size (20mm to 155mm) but clutter is generally small**



**Size (volume) → Magnitude**

UXO  
Variable, often larger

Non-UXO  
Variable, majority are small





## Decision Process

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### Review:

- ▶ We know what is being measured
- ▶ We know how to process it
- ▶ We know what we are looking for
- ▶ Now what?

We prioritize the sources from those that are most similar to UXO (our library) from those that are not...

## Decision Process

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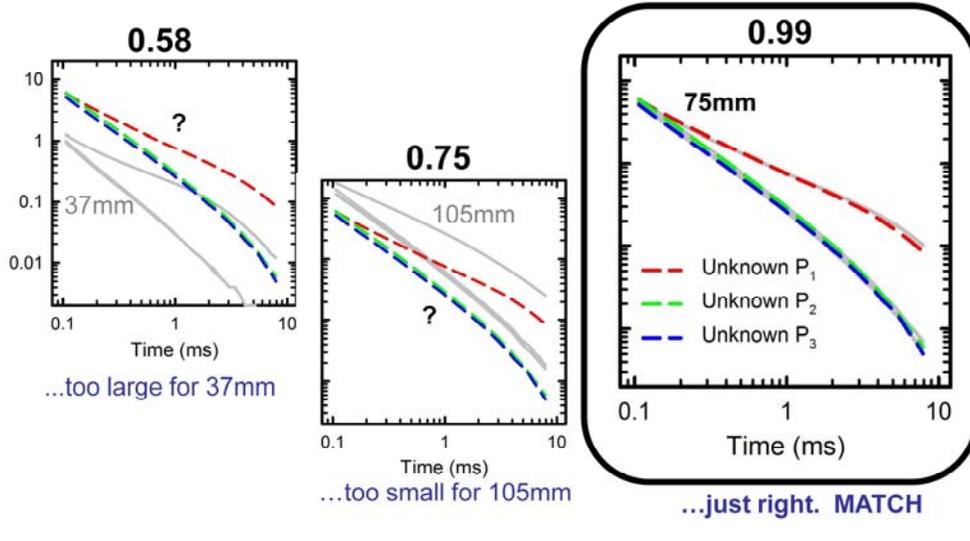
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3 ways to get on the dig list:

- ★ 1. Look like an item in the library
- ★ 2. Be part of a cluster
3. Be big and deeply buried

## Compare each item to signatures in the library

### ► Classification via template matching



Now we are moving to the classification decision stage

Colored polarizabilities are the measurement

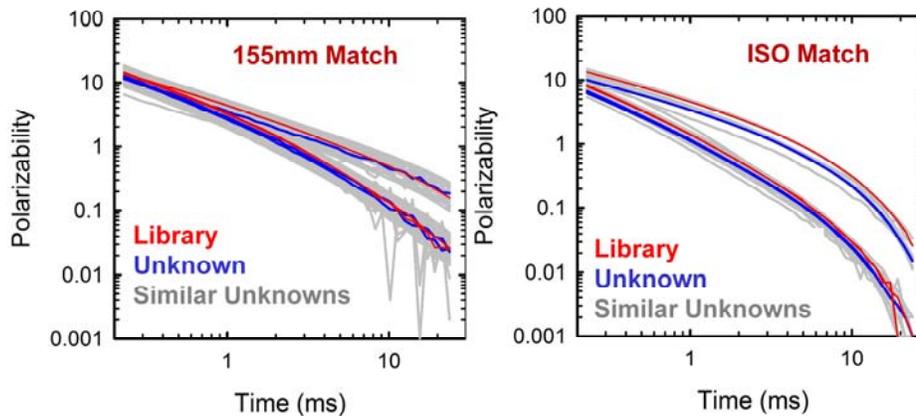
Cycles through the library to look for a match (computer does rapidly through mathematics not visual)

90-95% of decisions are made by matching the library

Other decisions are made through additional analyses...

## Compare Each Signature to All Other Signatures on Site

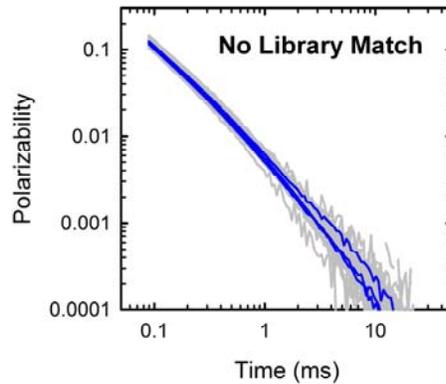
- ▶ Look for clusters (groups of items with similar response)
- ▶ Most clusters correspond to things we know about, like these two examples



Look for 'signatures' that are similar to each other but may not be in the library  
 Pick representative items from the group and investigate them to see what they are  
 If they are an actual item of interest, the signature is added to the library and the remainder of the group are added to the dig list  
 If not of interest the items are kept off the dig list

## Compare Each Signature to All Other Signatures on Site

- ▶ If there are clusters of items that do not match the library signatures, we excavate some of them and proceed accordingly...



T-Bar Fuze  
Non-hazardous clutter,  
did not add to library

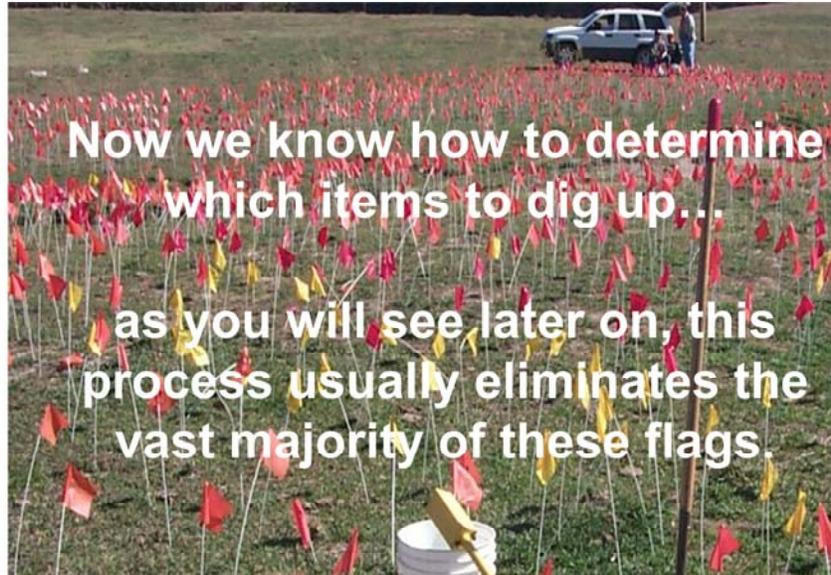
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## Excavate, verify, and validate...

1. Dig up all items that were determined to be similar to the TOI items
2. Confirm recovered items match predictions

	Source ID	Metric Match	Type	
Dig	GU-3	0.999	ISO	start digging ↓ ?
	GU-12	0.998	105mm	
	GU-124	0.971	4.2in	
	GU-383	0.962	105mm	
	GU-465	0.955	Lg ISO	
	GU-470	0.952	4.2in	
	GU-534	0.923	75mm	
	GU-621	0.908	75mm	
	GU-663	0.896	Lg ISO	
	GU-719	0.885	105mm	
	GU-755	0.876	81mm	
Do Not Dig	GU-799	0.749		
	GU-810	0.732		
	GU-845	0.645		
	GU-868	0.622		
	GU-884	0.618		
	GU-1007	0.512		
	GU-1111	0.451		
	GU-1112	0.421		

## Classification makes sense...



Add Prioritized dig list

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- ▶ Questions and Answers
- ▶ Quality Considerations
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No associated notes.

## Determining Site Suitability for Geophysical Classification (GCMR)



- ▶ Traditional signal-axis sensors and GCMR multi-axis sensors have very similar site requirements
- ▶ Site Characterization/Conceptual Site Model (CSM)
- ▶ Achievable Remedial Action Objective (RAO)
- ▶ Operational environment
- ▶ Geophysical Classification suitability for site team

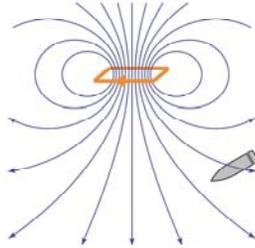
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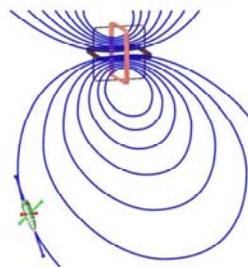
## Is the GCMR Technology Appropriate for Your Site

- ▶ Single axis and multi axis sensor are fundamentally similar,
  - If single axis sensors were appropriate for your site than multi axis sensors will probably work as well and likely better

**EM 61 single axis sensor**



**MetalMapper multi axis sensor**



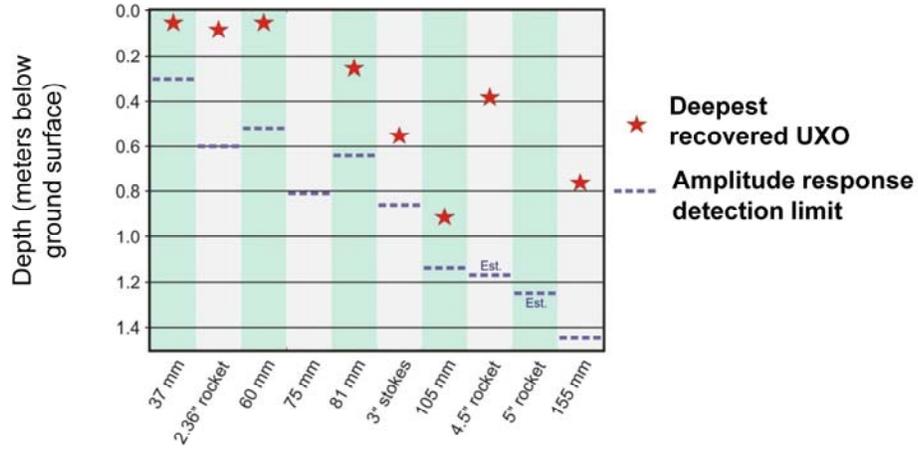
No associated notes.



## Vertical Conceptual Site Model



- ▶ Contains information on expected munitions and depths (TOI)



No associated notes.

## TOI - Remedial Action Objective

- ▶ Is GCMR appropriate for my site RAO?
- ▶ Have a clear expectation from stakeholders regarding TOI
  - a. Munitions that are known or expected to be on site
  - b. The site's operational history
  - c. Hazardous components that might exist following deployment, function, or malfunction during operations
- ▶ Multiple distinct pieces of metal of similar size to a TOI, can lead to classification performance decline

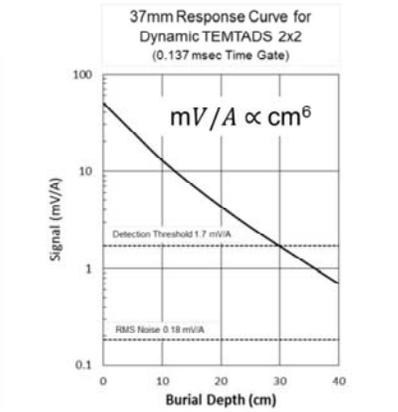
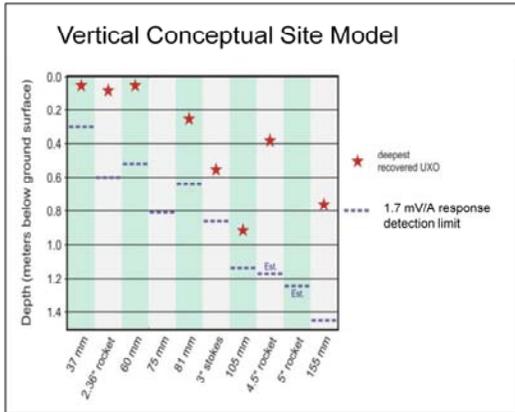


No associated notes.

# Remedial Action Objective Depth



- ▶ EMI sensors do not consistently detect deeply buried, smaller munitions
- ▶ Confirm that TOI are detectable relative to the RAO



No associated notes.

## Operational Environment Constraints

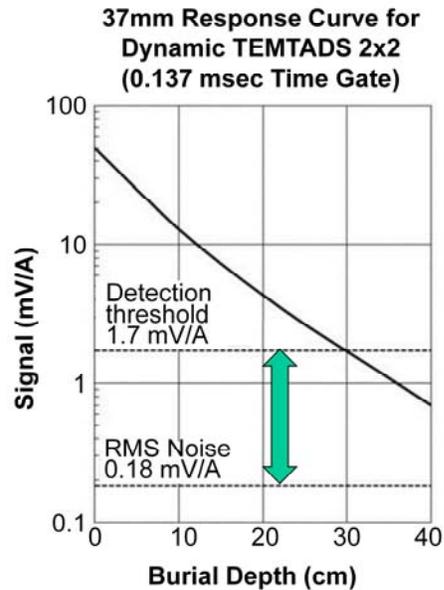


- ▶ Site conditions impact ability to use all geophysical equipment including multi axis sensors
- ▶ Multi axis sensors are not currently used on airborne or underwater platforms
- ▶ Key considerations include
  - Site background (geophysical noise)
  - Anomaly density (anomalies per acre)
  - Vegetation
  - Terrain slope
  - Structures/utilities

No associated notes.

## Geophysical Noise

- ▶ Geologic conditions can generate geophysical noise (for instance, areas with primarily mafic or ultramafic rocks such as basalt)
- ▶ Geophysical noise evaluation
  - Requires measurement of site noise
  - Amplitude response must be above background noise



No associated notes.

## Anomaly Density

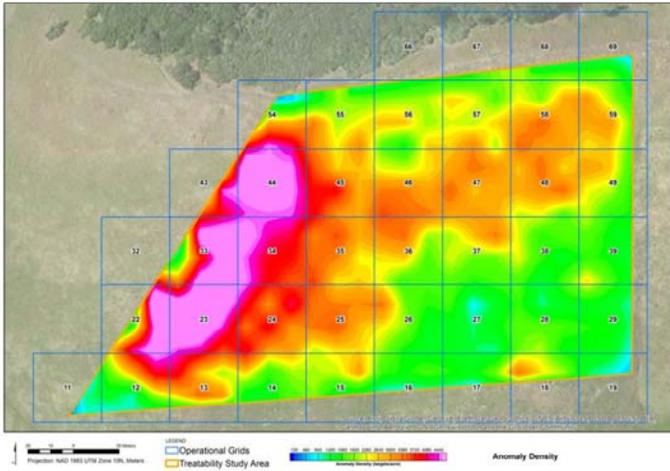


- ▶ Classification is difficult in high density anomaly areas
  - Sensor has to be able to identify individual anomalies
  - Similar to removal actions using single axis sensors, high density areas may require a different approach
- ▶ Utilize site records and detection survey data to identify high density areas

No associated notes.

## High Density Areas

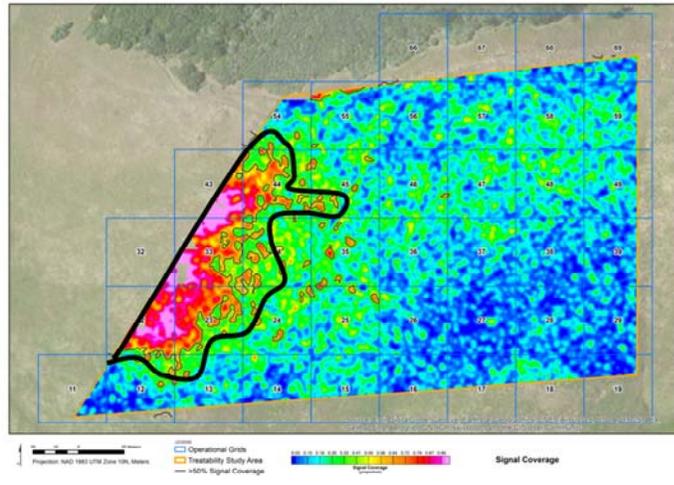
- Site specific transect based density estimate
- Portions of site estimated to have more than 4400 anomalies per acre (high density)



No associated notes.

## Advanced Sensor Detection Survey

- Detection survey typically used by project team to identify areas too dense for classification
- Portions of site may require a different approach, i.e. mag and flag or sifting



No associated notes.

## Vegetation

### ▶ Local vegetation

- Sensors must operate near the ground
- Sensors utilizing RTK GPS general need a clear view of sky
- Sensor must fit between obstacles



No associated notes.

# Is Vegetation Removal Acceptable?



**Brush Cutting**

**Brush Burning**



No associated notes.

## Terrain

- ▶ Terrain may dictate the use of specific sensor platform or technique
  - Towed
  - Cart mounted
  - Person portable



**Less than 20 %**



**Up to 30 %**



**30 % and beyond**

No associated notes.

## Structures and Utilities

- ▶ Presence of structures and utilities
  - Can directly interfere with data collection
  - Mask the sensor response of potential munition



**Wire fencing**



**Buildings and utilities**

No associated notes.

## Is GCMR Suitability for the Site Team



### ► Resources

#### Training

- ITRC Geophysical Classification for Munitions Response Guidance Document
- ITRC Internet-based training

#### Demonstrations

- Over 20 successful demonstrations conducted by



#### Quality Assurance

- Uniform Federal Policy Quality Assurance Project Plan



No associated notes.

## Questions and Answers

Follow ITRC



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No associated notes.

## Why Do We Care About Quality?



- ▶ Before the geophysical classification technology was developed, we dug all of the items above
- ▶ With the geophysical classification technology, we are only digging the munitions on the left and leaving the clutter on the right behind
- ▶ **We need to make sure that the work performed to identify and remove the munitions is of high quality because we don't want to leave an explosive hazard behind!**

No associated notes.

## How Do We Increase Confidence in Data Quality?



- ▶ Sampling is representative
- ▶ Accuracy (QC samples and proficiency testing)
- ▶ Precision
- ▶ Detection limits and interferences
- ▶ Data verification & validation – 3<sup>rd</sup> party
- ▶ Standardized methods are followed
- ▶ Trained analysts with demonstrated capabilities
- ▶ Accredited lab
- ▶ Corrective action & process improvement

*Quality Assurance is process oriented and  
Quality Control is product oriented*

No associated notes.

## Section 4: Quality Considerations

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[Section 4.1](#) Quality Systems Manual

[Section 4.2](#) Personnel qualifications

**[Section 4.3](#)** Quality considerations contained in the GCMR-QAPP (including the processes and procedures that occur during planning, collection, and processing of data, and the ultimate data usability requirements)

**[Section 4.4](#)** DOD Advanced Geophysical Classification Accreditation Program (DAGCAP)

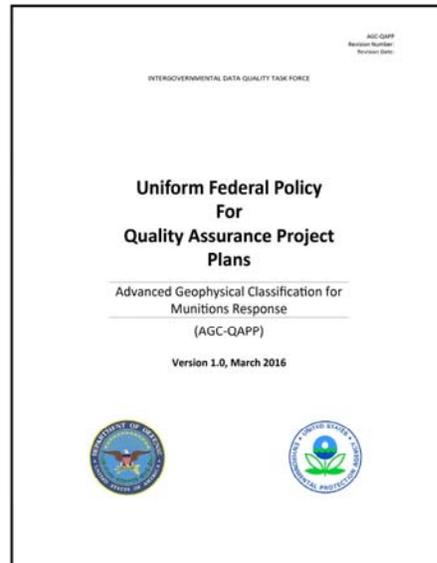
[Section 4.5](#) Government oversight

No associated notes.

## GCMR QAPP Template

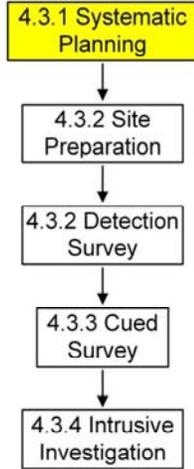


- ▶ Developed by Intergovernmental Data Quality Task Force (IDQTF)
- ▶ Contains Worksheets and Standard Operating Procedures for Geophysical Classification
- ▶ Additional testing at the former Lowry AFB, CO
- ▶ Version 1.0 (March 2016) is available from [IDQTF AGC Website](#)



No associated notes.

## 4.3 Quality Considerations: Planning



- GCMR QAPP
- Worksheet 9-Planning
- Worksheet10-CSM
- Worksheet11-DQO's

No associated notes.

## 4.3 Quality Considerations: Planning



### Systematic Planning: Data Quality Objectives (DQO)/Technical Planning (TPP)

- ▶ Conceptual Site Model (CSM) – DQO Step 1
  - Type of activities and land use
  - Historical data and munition used
  - Site conditions and objectives
- ▶ Data Quality Objectives – DQO Steps 2-7
  - Outputs produce sampling design and data quality needs of the project
- ▶ [GCMR 2, Chapter 3 - specifics on planning](#)

No associated notes.

## Quality Considerations – QA/QC



- ▶ **Project-specific Measurement Performance Criteria (MPC's):** Minimum performance specifications that the geophysical survey design, including instruments and procedures, must meet to ensure collected data will satisfy the DQOs. (precision, accuracy, representativeness, completeness, comparability and sensitivity)
- ▶ **Measurement Quality Objectives (MQO's):** Procedures for performing testing, inspections and quality control for all field data collection activities. Designed to control data collection process in the field such that ultimate project performance criteria will meet project needs (objectives).

GCMR QAPP

Worksheet 12: Measurement Performance Criteria

Worksheet 22: Equipment Testing, Inspection, and Quality Control

No associated notes.

## Quality Control

4.3.1 Systematic  
Planning

4.3.2 Site  
Preparation

4.3.2 Detection  
Survey

4.3.3 Cued  
Survey

4.3.4 Intrusive  
Investigation

### Field Measurement Quality Objectives (MQO's) – Site Preparation

- ▶ On-going Instrument Verification Strip (IVS) Positioning (**Precision**)
- ▶ Derived position of IVS targets (**Accuracy**)
- ▶ In-line spacing coverage (**Representativeness**)
- ▶ Polarizability match of IVS items (**Comparability**)
- ▶ All seeds detected (**Completeness**)
- ▶ Decay amplitudes lower than project threshold (**Sensitivity**)

GCMR-QAPP Worksheet 22-1: Equipment Testing, Inspection, and Quality Control

No associated notes.

# Measurement Quality Objectives (MQO's)



## QAPP Worksheet #22: Equipment Testing, Inspection, and Quality Control (UFP-QAPP Manual Section 3.1.2.4) (EPA Guidance QA/G-5, Section 2.2.6)

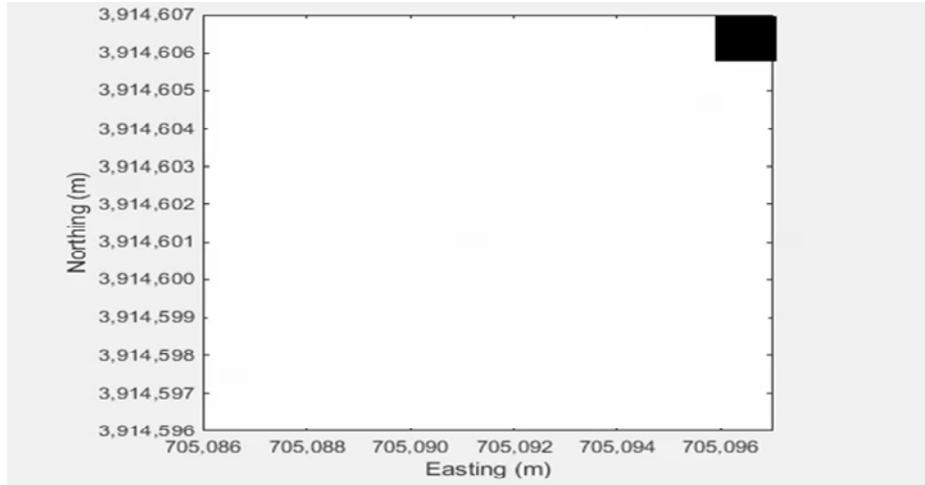
This worksheet documents procedures for performing testing, inspections and quality control for all field data collection activities. References to the applicable definable feature of work (DFW) and standard operating procedures must be included. Where appropriate the failure response will prescribe a corrective action (CA). Otherwise a root cause analysis (RCA) will be conducted to determine the appropriate CA. Examples are provided in blue text. Minimum recommended specifications are provided in black text. The project-specific QAPP must explain and justify any changes to black text. An appendix may be used for this purpose.

Table 22-1: Dynamic Survey (Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_)

Measurement Quality Objective	DFW/SOP Reference	Frequency	Responsible Person/ Report Method/ Verified by	Acceptance Criteria	Failure Response
Verify correct assembly		Once following assembly	Field Team Leader/ instrument assembly checklist/Project Geophysicist	As specified in SOP-X, Assembly checklist	CA: Make necessary adjustments, and re-verify
Initial Instrument Function Test (Instrument response amplitudes)		Once following assembly	Field Geophysicist / Initial IVS Memorandum/ Project Geophysicist	Response (mean static spike minus mean static background) within 20% of predicted response for all monostatic Tx/Rx combinations	CA: Make necessary adjustments, and re-verify
Initial dynamic positioning accuracy (IVS)		Once prior to start of dynamic data acquisition	Project Geophysicist/ IVS Memorandum/QC Geophysicist	Derived positions of IVS target(s) are within 25 cm of the ground truth locations	CA: Make necessary adjustments, and re-verify
Initial dynamic detection response amplitudes		Once prior to start of dynamic data	Project Geophysicist/ IVS Memorandum/	Response amplitudes within 25% of	CA: Make necessary adjustments, and re-verify

No associated notes.

## MQO Example: In-line and Cross-Track Spacing Ensure Overlap and Coverage of Site

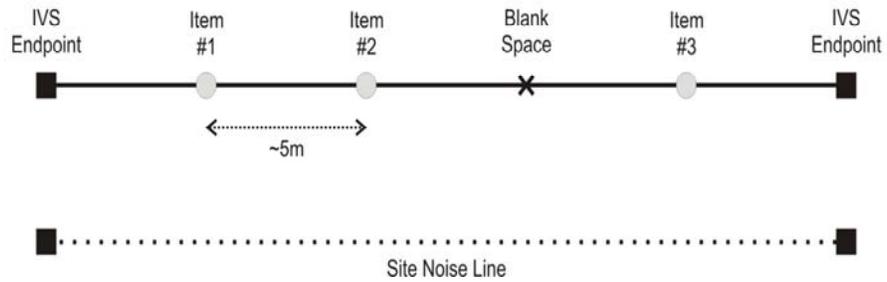


**MQO's for Representativeness and Completeness**

No associated notes.

## Instrument Verification Strip (IVS)

- ▶ One or more buried inert munitions or industry standard objects (ISOs) spaced approximately 5 meters apart
- ▶ Utilized at the beginning and end of each day to verify correct operation of the detection and classification system

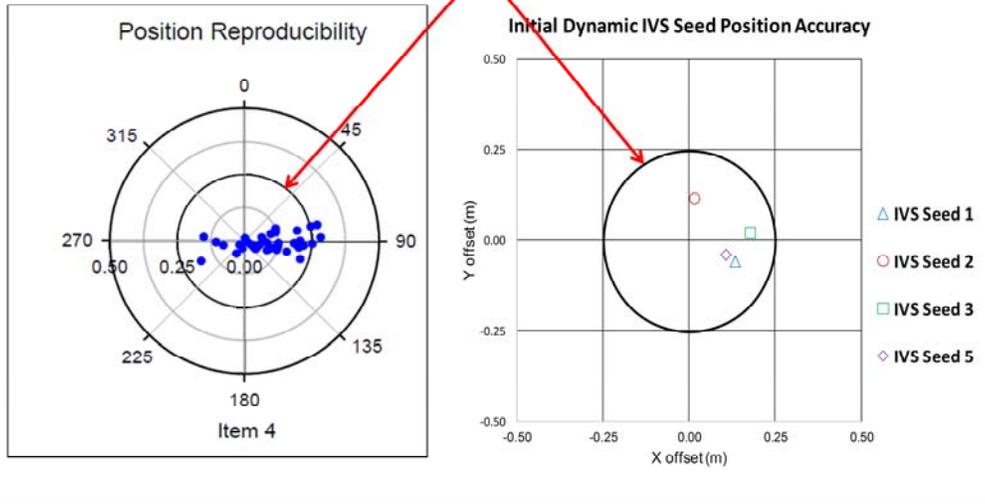


No associated notes.

# Instrument Verification Strip (IVS)



## Acceptance Criteria



No associated notes.

## Quality Control

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Investigation

### Field Measurement Quality Objectives (MQO's) – Cued

- ▶ GPS Benchmark Positioning (**Precision**)
- ▶ IVS Library Match metric  $\geq 0.9$  (**Accuracy**)
- ▶ background threshold (**Representativeness**)
- ▶ polarizability match of IVS items (**Comparability**)
- ▶ All seeds detected (**Completeness**)
- ▶ Peak transmit current (**Sensitivity**)

GCMR-QAPP Worksheet 22-2: Equipment Testing, Inspection, and Quality Control

No associated notes.

## **\*Production Area Seed Detection and Classification Requirements\***



### **QC Seed (Contractor control checks)**

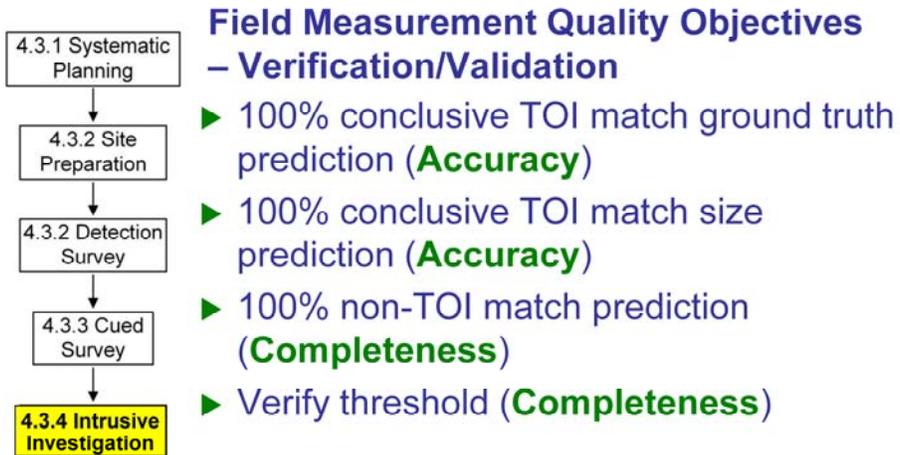
- ▶ Emplaced by contractor QC personnel
- ▶ Failure to detect or properly classify a QC seed target allows the production team to perform corrective action
- ▶ Provide a means of identifying root causes so that corrective action (CA) can be undertaken while in the field

### **Validation Seeds (Government proficiency checks)**

- ▶ Emplaced by Government or 3<sup>rd</sup> Party QA personnel
- ▶ Failure indicates a significant concern
- ▶ Also monitored as a part of accreditation

No associated notes.

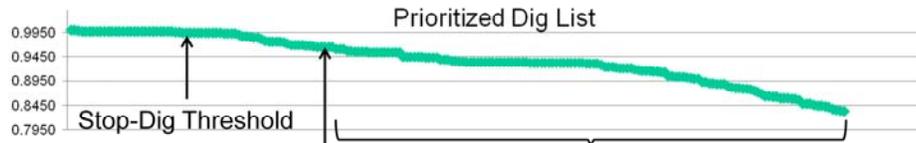
## Quality Control



GCMR-QAPP Worksheet 22-3: Equipment Testing, Inspection, and Quality Control

No associated notes.

## 86 How Do We Verify and Validate the Process? Conservative approach in protecting against false negatives



Threshold verification: Dig an additional 200 items beyond the last TOI

- If necessary, reset threshold and start intrusive investigation again

Validation digs: randomly select an additional 200 non-TOI for qualitative confirmation. Validation of the entire process!

The number 200 is a consensus number reached by the members of the IDQTF Advanced Classification Subgroup. The threshold verification digs are a process control check on the ranked list and are designed to lend further confidence in the implementation of the technology and ensure that the list was created correctly.

No associated notes.

## Management, Reporting, and Review



### ▶ 4.3.5 Data Management and Reporting

- Specifications for all data management tasks and deliverables

### ▶ 4.3.6 Data Review

- Project Records – necessary documents for all data review phases
- Data verification – completeness
- Data validation – conformance to specifications
- Data Usability Evaluation by the project team – qualitative and quantitative evaluation of data against all MPCs and DQOs to determine if data support the objectives

Worksheet 29: Data Management, Project Documents, and Records

Worksheet 34: Data Verification, Validation, and Usability Inputs

GCMR  
QAPP

Worksheet 35: Data Verification and Validation Procedures

Worksheet 36: Geophysical Classification Process Validation

Worksheet 37: Data Usability Assessment (DUA)

No associated notes.

## 4.4 UXO Contractor Accreditation



DoD policy requires that contractors performing advanced geophysical classification work be accredited

- ✓ Analyst have documented qualifications, training, and demonstration of capabilities
- ✓ Provides formal recognition to competent testing organizations
- ✓ Provides a means to identify testing organizations that meet minimum program requirements
- ✓ Successful classification of validation seeds which act as the equivalent of blind proficiency test samples
- ✓ Organization must perform internal audits and document corrective actions including process improvement
- ✓ Enhances confidence in results by clients, regulators, and the public

No associated notes.

## Increasing Confidence in Data Quality

- ▶ Coverage (sampling is representative)
- ▶ QA & QC seeds (accuracy & precision)
- ▶ Temporal and spatial monitoring (interferences)
- ▶ Signal to noise for IVS & seeds (detection limits)
- ▶ QAPP (standardized methods are followed)
- ▶ Additional digs (data verification & validation)
- ▶ Data review & data usability assessment (DUA) (WS 34-37)
- ▶ Accreditation (DAGCAP)
  - Trained analysts with demonstrated capabilities
  - Corrective action & process improvement
  - Quality system

No associated notes.

## New Document on MR Quality

- ▶ Just released by ITRC
- ▶ Discusses a wide range of quality considerations for a Munitions Response project
- ▶ Online training coming soon

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**Welcome**  
Quality Considerations for Multiple Aspects of Munitions Response Sites (QCMR-1)

**Overview**

There are a total of 5,400 former ranges and munitions operating facilities throughout the United States. As of fiscal year 2016, the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) completed cleanup at 61% of the munitions response sites (MRS) in its inventory, leaving 39% that still require a munitions response (MR). The total cost-to-complete estimate for the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) is \$11.2 billion, which includes the cost to complete cleanup for the subset of sites MRS that may contain unexploded ordnance (UXO) and discarded military munitions (DMM) and still require a munitions response, and the cost for monitoring activities once cleanup is complete. The scope of the MMRP, including the costs, is available in the [DoD Environmental Restoration Program Annual Reports to Congress](#).

ITRC's Geophysical Classification for Munitions Response Sites (GCMB-2) and companion internet-based training introduced new [Quality Assurance/Quality Control \(QA/QC\)](#) procedures developed for geophysical classification surveys using advanced geophysical sensors. As a result of these advances, some QA/QC recommendations presented in previous ITRC documents are obsolete—specifically, guidance in [Geophysical Procedures for Munitions Response Projects \(GMP-3\)](#) and [Quality Considerations for Munitions Response Projects \(QCMR-3\)](#). This current guidance document applies to any MR project and adds the latest advances in QA/QC procedures from [advanced geophysical classification \(AGC\)](#) and all aspects of MR.

This document, QCMR-1, highlights the high-quality products and performance standards required for all geophysical surveys including sensor selection, methods, data, and data processing. Detailed and documented QA/QC

### [ITRC Quality Considerations for Multiple Aspects of Munitions Response Sites \(QCMR-1, 2018\)](#)

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## Presentation Overview

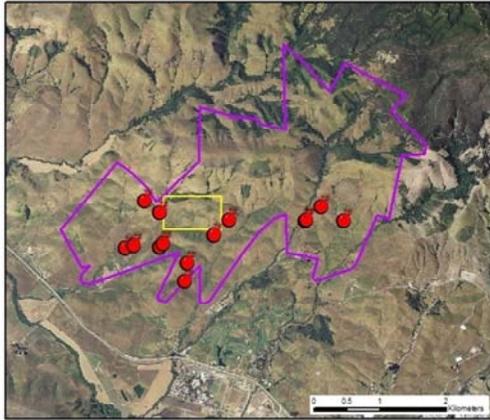
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- ▶ **Example Case Study**
- ▶ Wrap Up

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## Example Site



- ▶ University owned
  - No access restrictions
  - Cattle grazing
  - Geotechnical classes
  - Camping
- ▶ Multiple, overlapping range fans
- ▶ MRS ~ 2,500 acres
- ▶ 100 acres in Year 1

No associated notes.

## Site History

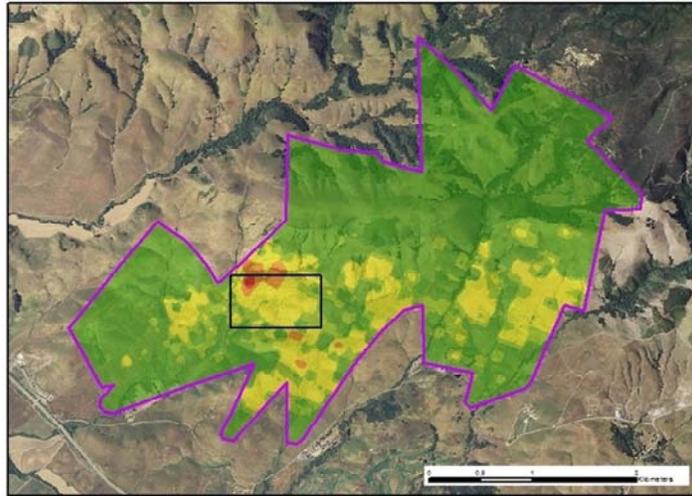
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- ▶ Initially established in 1928
- ▶ Expanded during WWII
- ▶ Transferred to private owners after Korean War
- ▶ Previous investigations
  - Preliminary Assessment (1986 and 1993)
  - Time Critical Removal Action (1992)
  - Archives Search Report (1994)
  - Site Inspection (2007)
  - Time Critical Removal Action (2010)
  - Remedial Investigation (2011)

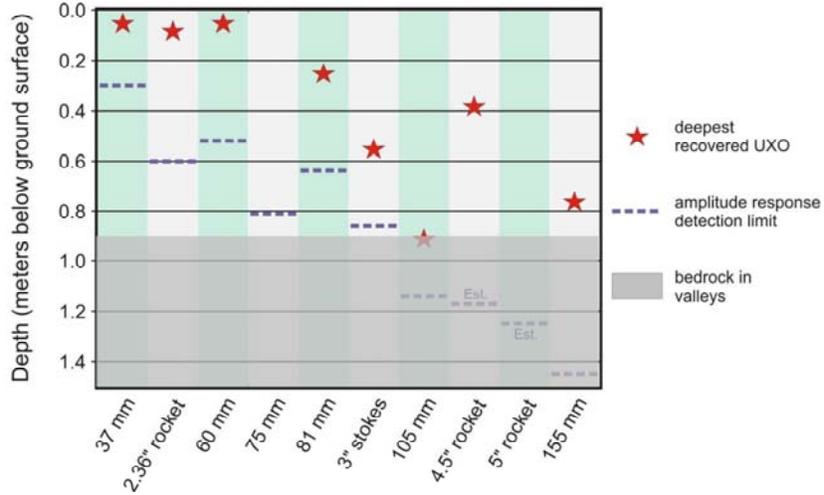
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# CSM – Spatial Distribution of MEC



No associated notes.

# CSM – Vertical Distribution of MEC



No associated notes.

## Remedial Objective

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- ▶ Detect and dispose of MEC that can be detected using a detection threshold required to detect a 37mm projectile at 12 inches below the ground surface, and to do so as efficiently as possible
  - Remove any MEC detected irrespective of depth
  - As efficiently as possible = most economical method to accomplish remedial objectives

No associated notes.

## Projected Costs for Year 1 (2015)



Item	Units	Cost	
Mob/Demob	1	\$25,000	range: \$15,000 to \$30,000
Surface Sweep	acre	\$1,500	range: \$500 to \$5,000
IVS	each	\$6,000	One day of three person crew
Seed Emplacement	per day	\$5,250	assumes 25 seeds emplaced per day, crew size of 3
EM61 Data Collection and Analysis	acre	\$1,000	range: \$1,000 with array to \$5,000 with single sensor
Dynamic TEMTADS Collection and Analysis	acre	\$6,000	range: \$3,300 to \$5,500
Cued TEMTADS Collection and Analysis	per anomaly	\$40	
Intrusive Investigation	per dig	\$120	range: \$75 to \$200

	Traditional Approach – No Classification	Classification
Mob/Demob	= unit costs \$25,000	same as traditional \$25,000
Surface Sweep	= 100 acres * per acre \$150,000	same as traditional \$150,000
IVS	= unit cost \$6,000	same as traditional \$6,000
Seed Emplacement	= 25 QC + 25 QA \$10,500	= 200 QC + 200 validation \$84,000
EM61 survey and analysis	= 100 acres * DGM costs \$100,000	n/a
Dynamic TEMTADS	n/a	= 100 acres * TEMTADS costs \$600,000
Cued TEMTADS	n/a	= 50% reduction from advanced analysis \$1,000,000
Seeds Dug	= seeds * cost per dig \$6,000	= seeds * cost per dig \$48,000
Native UXO Dug	= # UXO * cost per dig \$60,000	same as traditional \$60,000
Clutter Dug	= # clutter * cost per dig \$5,940,000	= 80% clutter rejection \$1,188,000
Fixed Costs	\$400,000	\$400,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,697,500</b>	<b>\$3,561,000</b>

No associated notes.

## Sensor Selection

- ▶ Unobstructed sky view
- ▶ Steep terrain
- ▶ TEMTADS 2x2 with RTK GPS



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## Initial TPP Meeting

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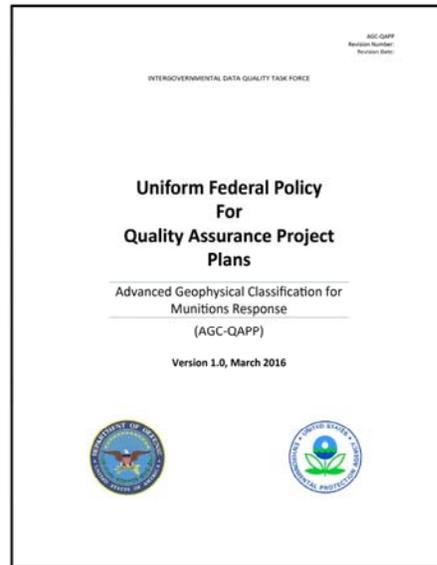
- ▶ Agree on:
  - Remedial Objective
  - Survey lane spacing
  - Anomaly selection methodology
    - Informed Source Selection (ISS)
  - Schedule
  - .....

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## GCMR-QAPP



- ▶ Based on template
- ▶ As discussed in previous section of this presentation



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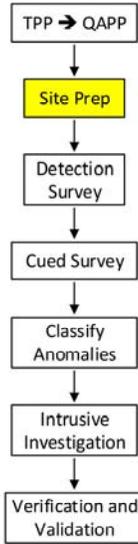
# Project Workflow



TPP → QAPP	DFWs	Example Tasks	Products
Site Prep	1,2	Surface Clearance QC & QA Seed Emplacement IVS Construction	Surface Clearance Tech Memo QC Seed Emplacement Memo Validation Seed Memo (Govt Only)
Detection Survey	3,4,5	Dynamic Survey Anomaly Selection	IVS Tech Memo Weekly QC Submittal Anomaly Selection Memo
Cued Survey	6,7	Background Data Collection Anomaly Data Collection	IVS Tech Memo Weekly QC Submittal
Classify Anomalies	9,10	"Training" Digs Construct Ranked Anomaly List	Classification Tech Memo Ranked Anomaly List
Intrusive Investigation	11	Dig Items Compare Recoveries to Predictions	Intrusive Investigation Report Photos Final Draft Validation Plan
Verification and Validation	12	Verify Thresholds Validate Process	Final Report

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# Surface Clearance Memo

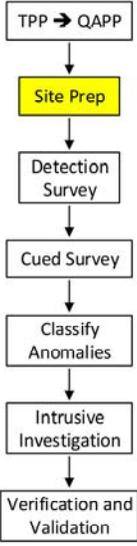


- ▶ Was everything found consistent with the CSM?
- ▶ Is there anything the analysts need to know?
- ▶ Opportunity for cost savings

CSM	Evidence from Surface Sweep?
37-mm projectile	Y
2.36-in rocket	Y
60-mm mortar	Y
75-mm projectile	Y
81-mm mortar	N
3-in stokes mortar	Y
unexpected munition	N

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# Contractor's QC Seeds



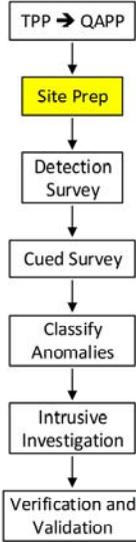
- ▶ Inert 37-mm projectiles and small ISO80s
- ▶ 200 QC seeds, approximately 50% of each
- ▶ Seeds placed at six depths up to the maximum PWS detection depth (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, & 30 cm)

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# Government Validation Seeds

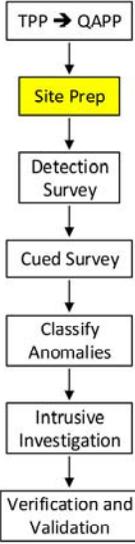


- ▶ ~200 seeds
- ▶ Small ISO80, 37-mm projectiles, mortars
- ▶ Full depth range of interest
  - 30 cm for small ISO and 37mm
  - 45 cm for 60-mm mortar
  - 65 cm for 81-mm mortar

QASP	

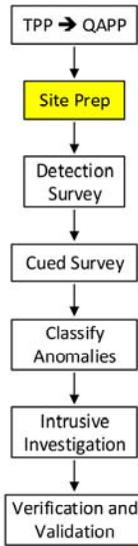
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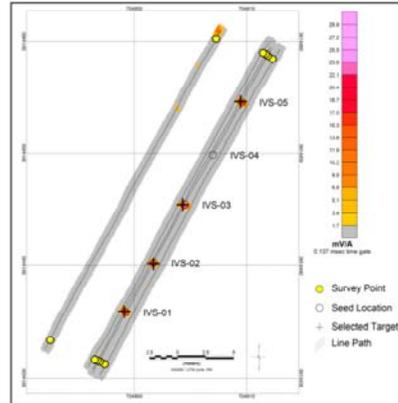
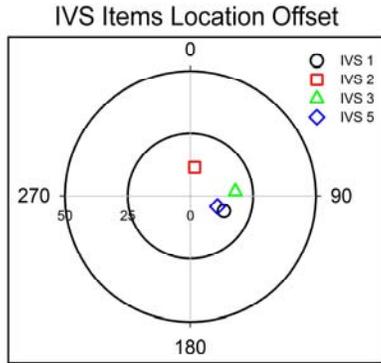


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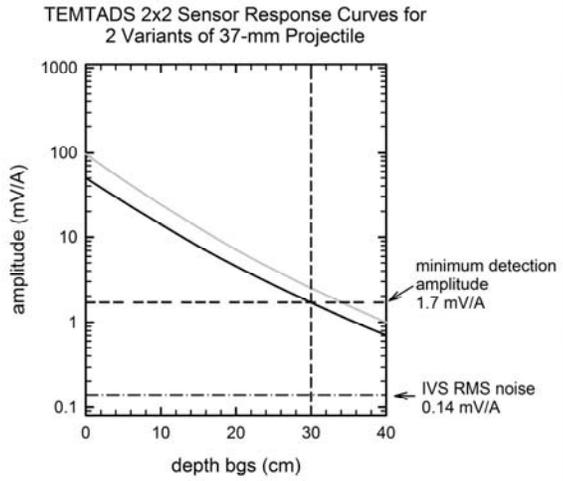
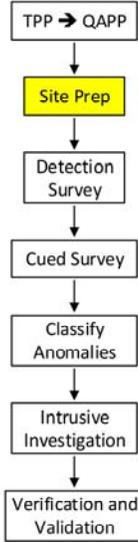


### Is the Sensor Functioning Properly and Ready to Collect Data?



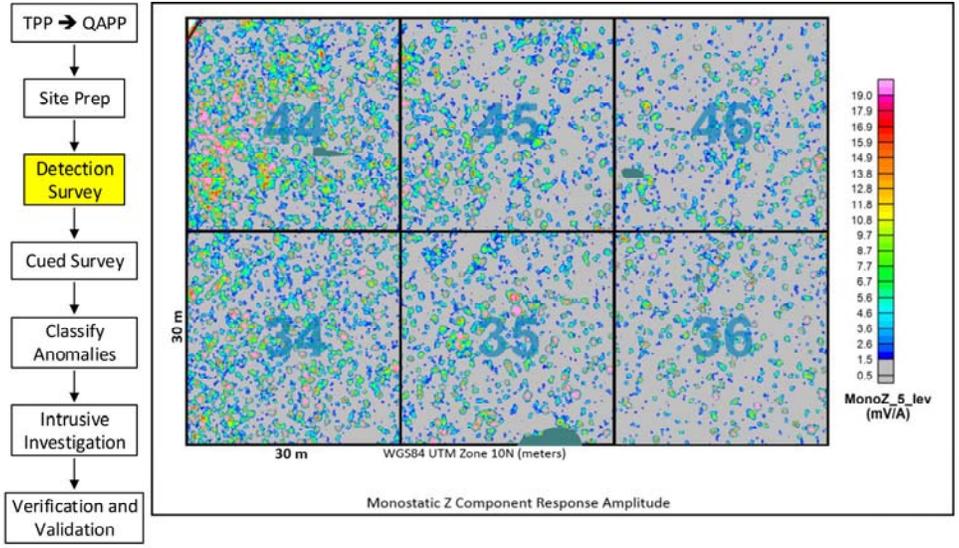
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## Are the Remedial Objectives Achievable?



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# Detection Survey



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## Anomaly Selection Methodology

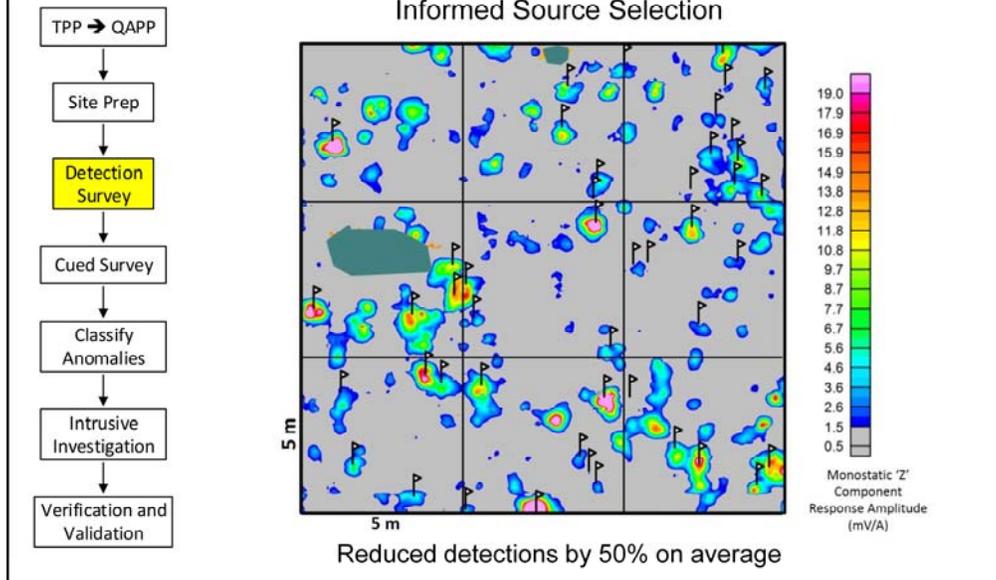
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- ▶ Amplitude Threshold
  - Small, near-surface frag results in amplitude equal to deeper targets of interest – lots of unnecessary “detections”
- ▶ Informed Source Selection
  - Use all channels of data collected from all receivers in analysis. Only flag anomalies that result from items big enough to be the smallest TOI (37-mm projectile in this case).

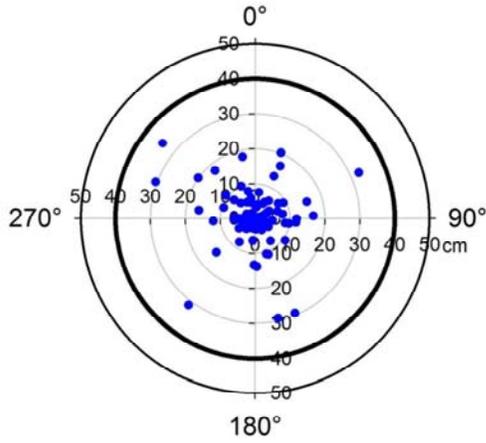
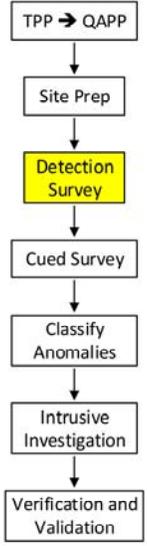
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# Anomaly Selection



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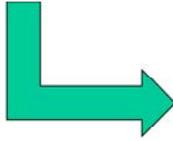
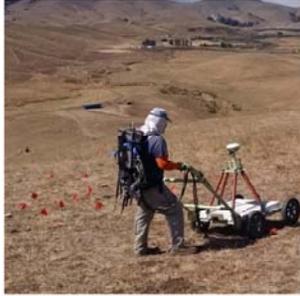
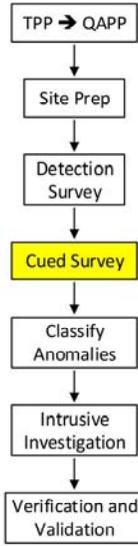
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# Cued Data



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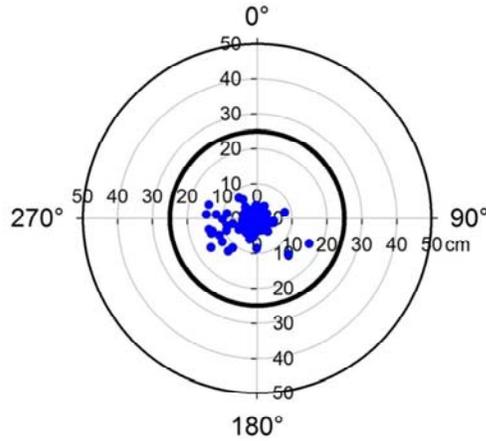
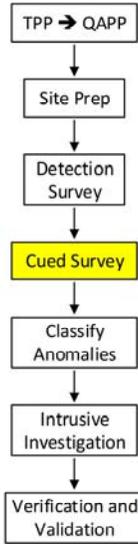
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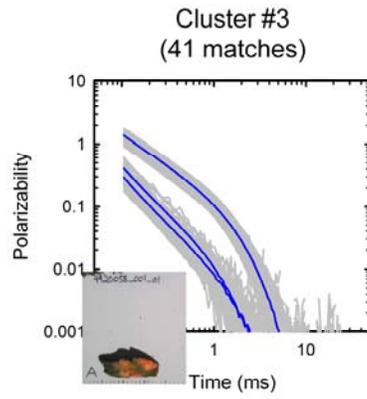
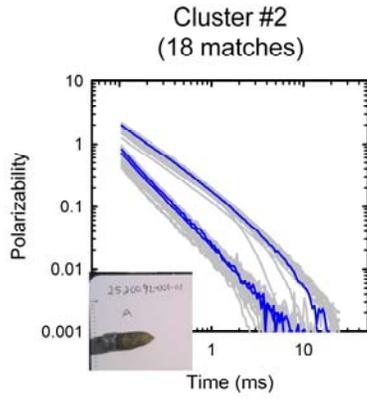
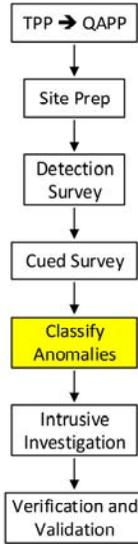
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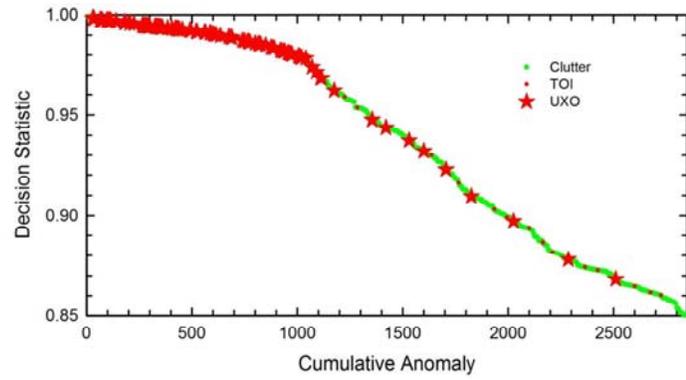
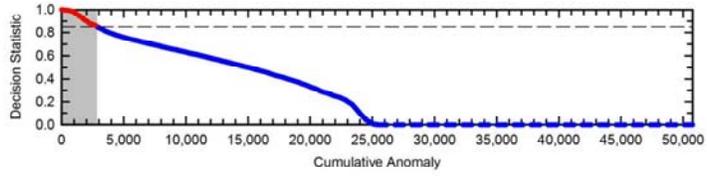
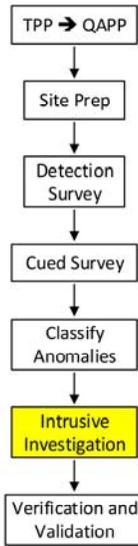
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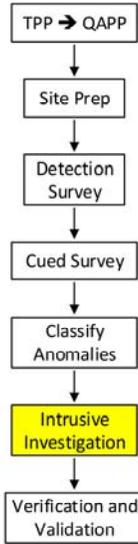
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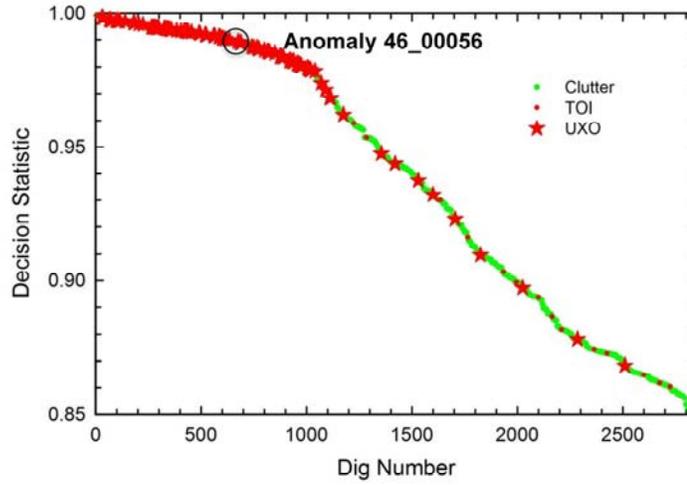


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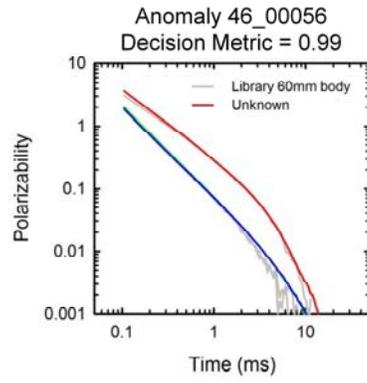
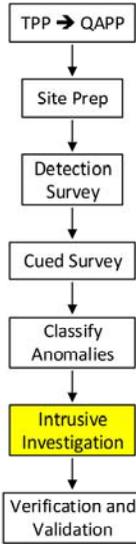


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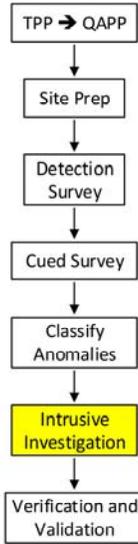
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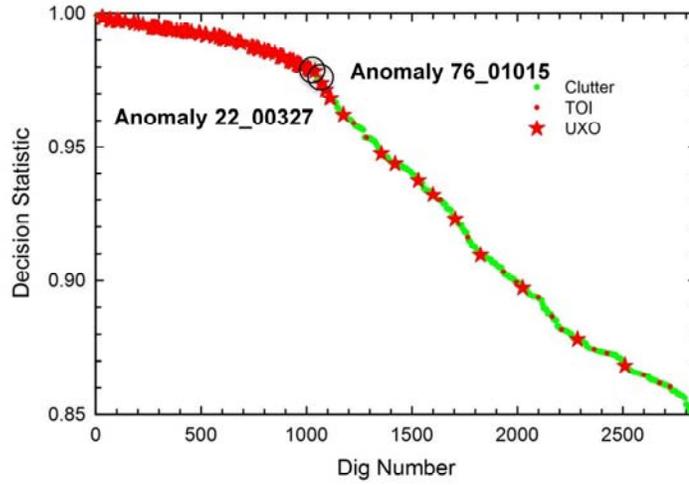


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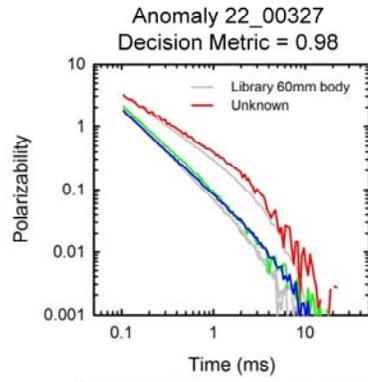
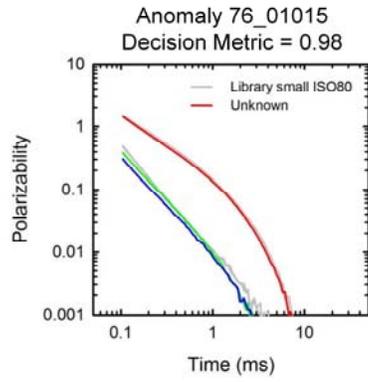
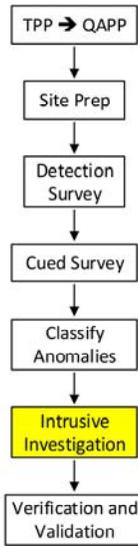


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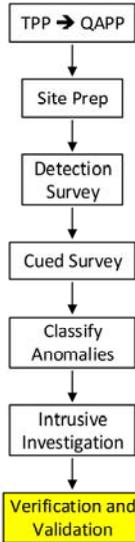
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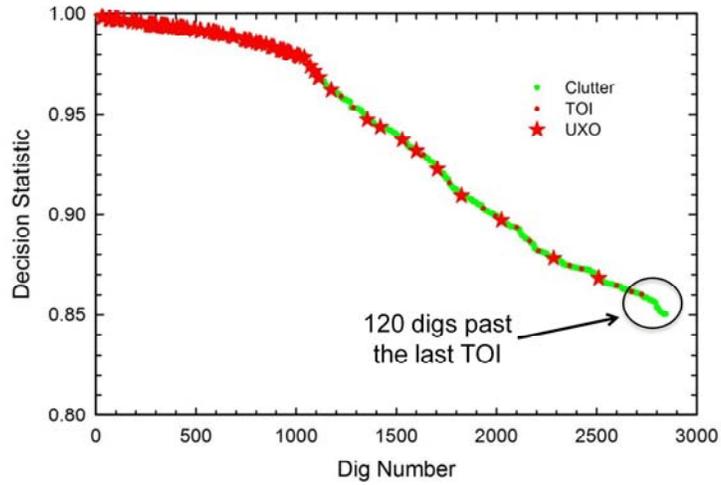
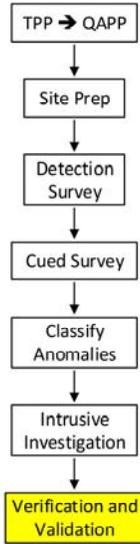
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- ▶ Verify the stop-dig threshold
  - Dig past the last TOI

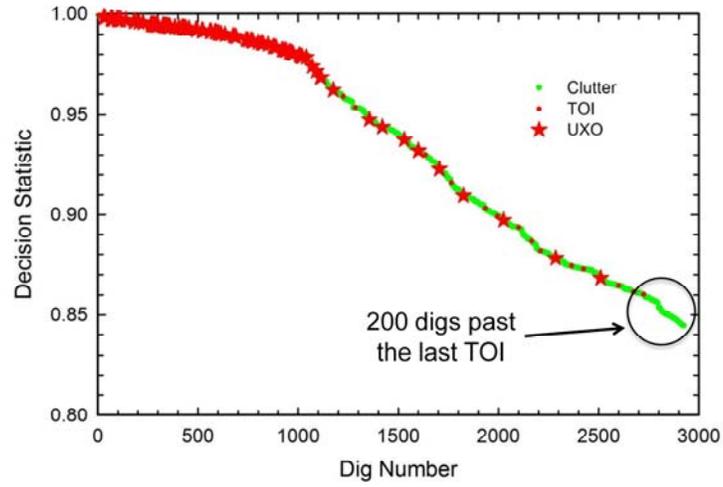
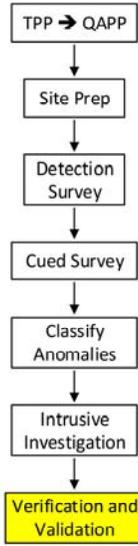
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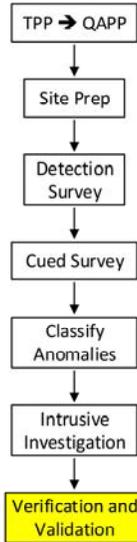
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# Verify the Threshold



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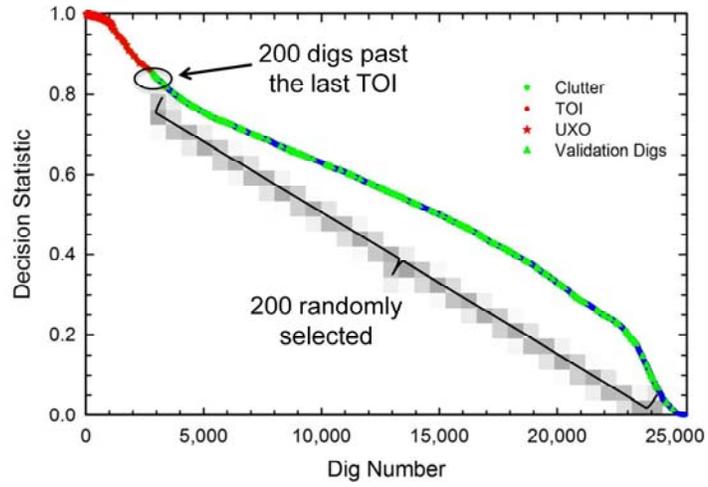
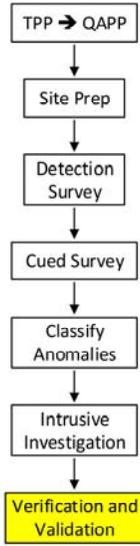
## Verification and Validation



- ▶ Verify the stop-dig threshold
  - Dig past the last TOI
- ▶ Validate the whole process
  - Targeted investigation of items classified as likely clutter

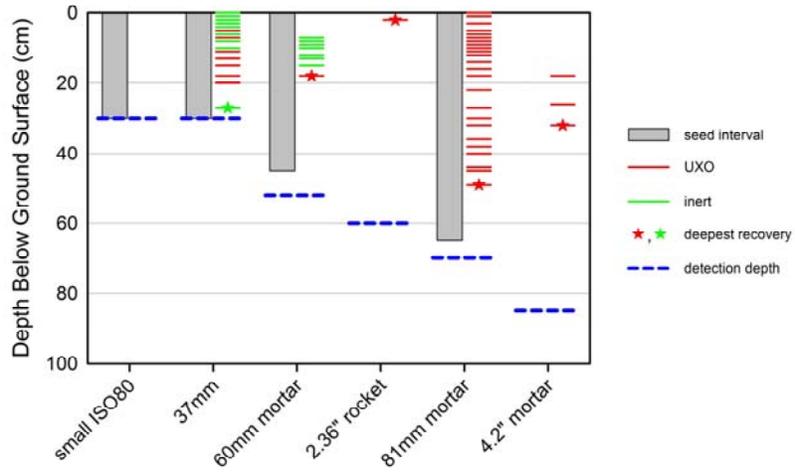
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# Validate the Process



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# After Action Vertical CSM



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# Everybody Is Happy Now!



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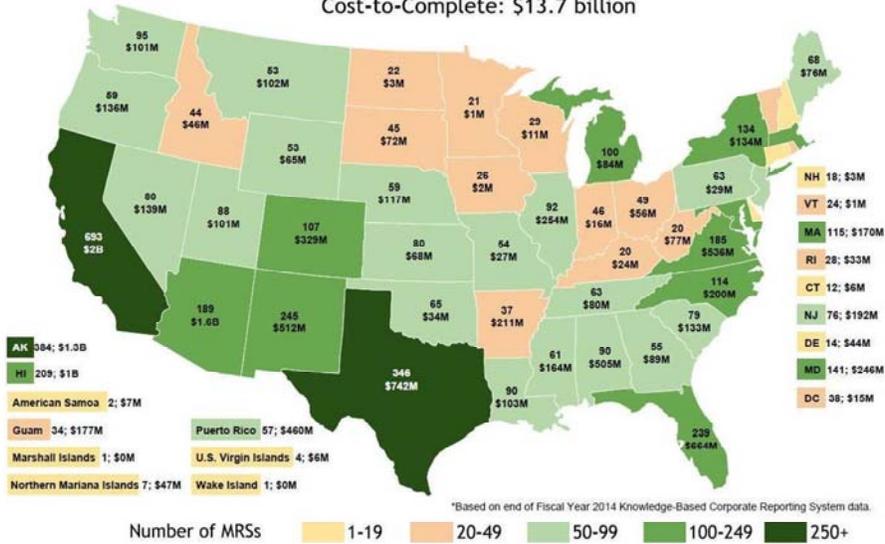
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- ▶ **Wrap Up**

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**Poll Question: How many munitions sites are you working on where this new technology (GCMR) might be appropriate?**



Cost-to-Complete: \$13.7 billion



## Wrap Up



### ▶ Introduction

- 5200 sites, \$14 billion, 45% savings, quantify what is left in the ground

### ▶ Technology and Background

- Advanced sensors are EM with enhanced features
- Steps – Detect, Cue, Extract, Classify
- QA/QC at every step

### ▶ Site Suitability

- Need a defensible CSM, Anything an EM 61 can do an advanced sensor can do better

Now let's wrap things up so you can start using what you learned:

- 5200 sites across the country, half will need geophysical investigation, and it will take until next century to clean up.
- With multi-axis sensor technology we can pick out just the things that are hazardous and dig them up
- Technology works
- Deployment requires a rigorous approach with quality checks and controls at every step
- Target quality standard is 100% of QA seeds detected
- Need to know your site and what you're likely to find there
- Any site suitable for a single axis sensor you could use one of these new multi-axis sensors.

## Wrap Up (continued)



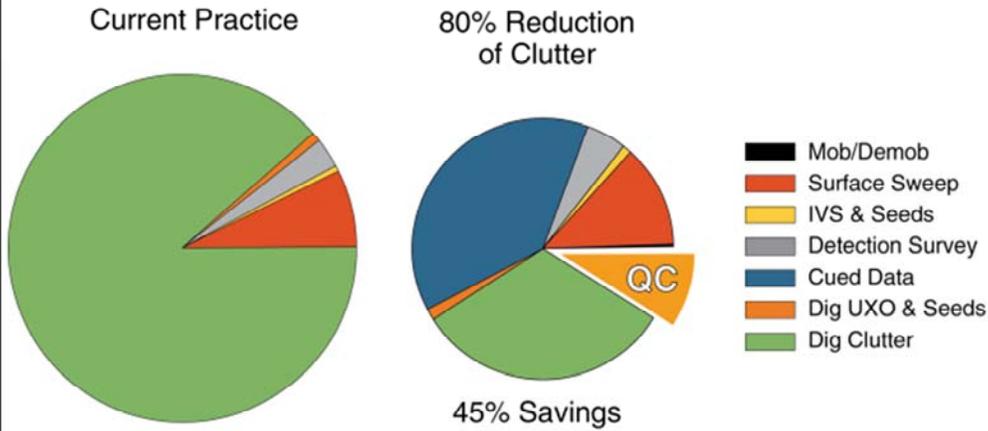
- ▶ Quality Considerations
  - UFP QAPP Integration – enhanced QC/QA, accreditation
- ▶ Example Case Study
  - The technology has been demonstrated to be effective at nearly 20 real sites, is ready and in use on projects today
- ▶ Documents and Resources are available
  - [ITRC, SERDP/ESTCP](#)
  - <https://www.serdp-estcp.org/Tools-and-Training/Munitions-Response/Classification-in-Munitions-Response>
  - <http://www.itrcweb.org/Team/Public?teamID=9>

- Uniform Federal Quality Assurance Project Plan was developed for this technology.
- DOD Accreditation program required for companies who deploy the new sensors
- Case study based on real world demonstrations.
- Links provided to other resources

# Technology Benefits – 45% Cost Savings



Cost Savings using Multi-Axis Sensors – at least 45%



[GCMR-2, Figure 2-17](#)

Cost savings

## Your Resource for Geophysical Classification for Munitions Response (GCMR)



### [ITRC Technical & Regulatory Guidance GCMR-2, August 2015](#)

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**Welcome**

For decades, the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) has produced and used military munitions for live-fire testing and training to prepare the U.S. military for combat operations; as a result, unexploded ordnance (UXO) and discarded military munitions may be present at over 5,200 former ranges and former munitions operating facilities throughout the United States. Nearly half of these sites require a munitions response, at an estimated cost to complete of \$14 billion and with a completion date of 2100.

To improve the efficiency of munitions response, DOD's Environmental Security Technology Certification Program and its research partners in academia and industry have developed a new, advanced approach: geophysical classification. Geophysical classification is the process of using advanced sensor data to make principled decisions about

Summary of what you learned:

- Multi-axis sensor can distinguish bomb from scrap metal.
- How to evaluate advanced sensor technology for use on your site
- GCMR terminology and acronyms – and where to find glossary
- How multi-axis sensors are deployed
- Tools to share information within your organization and to stakeholders
- How to use the web based guidance document and UFP-QAPP
- Links to learn more about the technology

Please evaluate whether GCMR might be appropriate for your sites.

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### The benefits that ITRC offers to state regulators and technology developers, vendors, and consultants include:

- ✓ Helping regulators build their knowledge base and raise their confidence about new environmental technologies
- ✓ Helping regulators save time and money when evaluating environmental technologies
- ✓ Guiding technology developers in the collection of performance data to satisfy the requirements of multiple states
- ✓ Helping technology vendors avoid the time and expense of conducting duplicative and costly demonstrations
- ✓ Providing a reliable network among members of the environmental community to focus on innovative environmental technologies

### How you can get involved with ITRC:

- ✓ Join an ITRC Team – with just 10% of your time you can have a positive impact on the regulatory process and acceptance of innovative technologies and approaches
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