









EPA RI/FS GUIDANCE

"The objective of the RI/FS process is not the unobtainable goal of removing all uncertainty, but rather to gather information sufficient to support an informed risk management decision regarding which remedy appears to be most appropriate for a given site."

¹ Guidance for Conducting Remedial Investigations and Feasibility Studies under CERCLA, U.S. EPA, October 1988

Note that the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) share the same objective.



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MATRIX RELATIONSHIPS

Designed to simplify relationships between:









SUMMARY OF RISK MANAGEMENT MATRICES (RMM)

	Likelihood of Encounter (Amount of MEC versus Access Conditions)		Access Conditions (frequency of use)				
Matrix 1			Regular	Often	Intermittent	Rare	
	MEC	Category I (Most)	Frequent	Frequent	Likely	Occasional	
		Category II	Frequent	Likely	Occasional	Seldom	
	of [Category III	Likely	Occa	Seldom	Unlikely	
	Amount	Category IV	Occasional	Seldom	V	Unlikely	
		Category V	Seldom	Seldom	Unlikely	ikely	
	4	Category VI (Least)	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	U rkely	

Matrix 2

	erity of Explosive Incident	Likelihood of Encounter (from Matrix 1)						
(Se	everity vs. Likelihood of Encounter)	Frequent	Likely	Occasional	Seldom	Unlikely		
	Catastrophic/Critical	A	А	В	В	D		
erity	Modest	В	В	В	С	D		
Severity	Minor	В	С	С	С	D		
	Improbable	D	D	D	D	D		





SUMMARY OF RISK MANAGEMENT MATRICES (RMM)

	Likelihood of Detonation (Sensitivity vs. Likelihood to Impart Energy)		Likelihood to Impart Energy on an Item			
(Sensitivity			Modest	Inconsequential		
	High	1	1	3		
Sensitivity	Moderate	1	2	3		
Bens	Low	1	3	3		
0)	Not Sensitive	2	3	3		

Acceptable	Acceptable and		Result from Matrix 2					
Unacceptab Conditio		А	В	С	D			
E m	1	Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Acceptable			
Result from Matrix 3	2	Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable			
a A A	3	Unacceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable			

Matrix 4

Matrix 3





EXAMPLE: REMEDIAL ACTION OBJECTIVES

RAOs established for each exposure scenario Identify acceptable conditions for each scenario

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	MRS	Receptors	Location	Pathways	MEC Hazard	Vertical (ft bgs)	Baseline Risk	Acceptable Remediation Goals
	(A)	Recreational	I All portions of impact area	Interaction during hiking, camping, hunting (Non-intrusive)	60mm HE mortar	1.5	Unacceptable (A-2)	B-3 or D-2
					75mm HE projectile	3.0	Unacceptable (A-2)	B-3 or D-2
	pact A	Maintenance Crews	Roads and trails plus 15 m buffer	Interaction during trail maintenance (Intrusive)	60mm HE mortar	1.5	Unacceptable (A-1)	B-3 or D-1
	Im				75mm HE projectile	3.0	Unacceptable (A-1)	B-3 or D-1



5 CASE STUDIES

5 Abstracts / Case Studies

5 Contractors and PDT experiences Unanimous Experience: Forces discussion to key elements for decision logic

Agenda

Paired Case Studies

- 10-15 slides each group
- Focus on Positives and Challenges
 Review Summary
 - Collective Findings
 - Path Ahead
 - **Open Panel for Discussion**









Promotes Communication Promotes DQO Development Standard Process for Various Conditions Data Reliant "Amount of MEC" Differentiates and Justifies Acceptable Vs. Unacceptable Supports Definition of RAOs No (Minimal) Δ \$ Keeps NFA on the Table





Terminology Consistency (Guidance) Sensitivity Severity How Relates to Delineating MRSs Type and Amount of MEC Benefits in Remedial Alternatives, Institutional Analysis





Extended Use Mandatory for FUDS MRSs Voluntary Use in Other Programs

EM CX working to develop Guidance to address challenges

