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South Carolina's UST Program Pay for Performance Contracting

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SC UST Program



Overview

>4000 releases

>2000 active

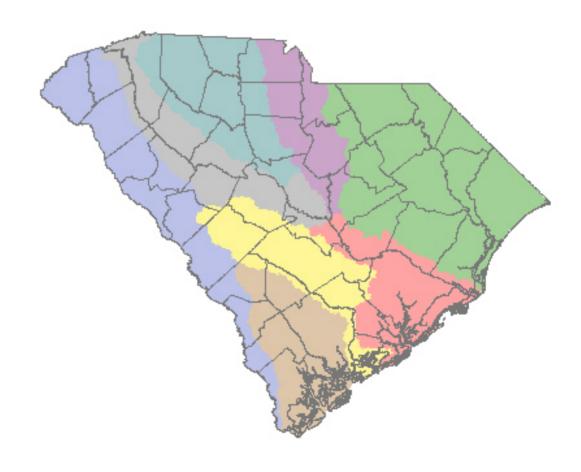
About 350 in ACA

Fund: \$12 - \$15 millions per year

Risk-based

About 30 tech & 20 support staff





SC UST Program



- Tiered approach to RI
 - Tier I (Standard Plan)
 - Tier II (Site-specific)
 - Tier III (Detailed, if needed)
- Risk-based Corrective Action
 - Vapor, Soil, Groundwater
 - Modeling





- ▶ Applicable To All Petroleum Releases Requiring Active Corrective Action (ACA)
 - Remediation of Free Product
 - Remediation of Soil and/or Ground Water -Replace Impacted Receptors (e.g., Water Supply Well, Utility)





- Contractor Proposes and Controls the Cleanup:
 - The Technology
 - The Schedule
 - The Cost
- Payment is Based on Documented Progress





GAS

- Award Price Is the Low Bid
- ► Award Price Is a "Firm Fixed Price" Unless the Department Agrees:
 - The Assessment Had Major Errors or Omissions
 - New Petroleum Release
 - Initial Concentrations Have Dramatically Increased





Example for \$100,000 Award

Goals

Base Concentration: 11,000 ppb

Clean-up Goal: - 1,000 ppb

Clean-up Mass: 10,000 ppb





Example for \$100,000 Award Cont'd

Payment Schedule

40% Initial Money: \$40,000 for System Startup

10% for 1/4 Reduction: \$10,000 for Reaching 8,500 ppb

10% for 1/2 Reduction: \$10,000 for Reaching 6,000 ppb

15% for 3/4 Reduction: \$15,000 for Reaching 3,500 ppb

25% Completion: \$25,000 for Obtaining 1,000 ppb





- ▶ To Ensure Quality:
 - Complete Site Assessment With Accurate Corrective Action Goals
 - Verification Monitoring Wells
 - Performance Bonds/Letter of Credit
 - Inspect Well and Equipment Installations
 - Quarterly Monitoring Reports
 - Split Samples Verify Progress







- **▶ Immediate Benefits:**
 - Completion Times Below Estimates
 - Cost Less Than 1/2 of Time and Materials
 - Total Corrective Action Cost is Fixed "Up Front" for Budget Planning
 - No Equipment Hassles (e.g., Inventory, Reuse, Repair, Replacement, ...)
 - Simplified, Timely Payment (Average 2 Days)





- "Firm Fixed Price" but Pay Contractors in a Timely Manner
- Avoid Cost Change Orders (Unfair to Second Lowest Bidder)
- Assist Environmental Contractors
 - Streamlined Permitting Process
 - Assist With Off-site Access





The State and Owner Must Ensure That:

- ► The Contractor Does Not Take Short Cuts
 - The Technology Is Effective
 - Inferior Materials and Methods Are Not Used
 - The Entire Plume Is Addressed
- ► The Contractor Does Not Stop Before Goals

 Are Met



South Carolina A Step Beyond



► All corrective actions began to be bid out in 1997 under Pay For Performance Practices.





Costs



► Time and Material Average Cost

Initial System & Startup \$150,000 O&M 5 years @ \$35,000/year \$175,000

Total \$325,000



ACA Costs



Year	# Cleanups	Average Bid Cost
1997	16	\$128,396
1998	68	\$154,880
1999	43	\$112,404
2000	25	\$103,411
2001	47	\$138,758
2002	62	\$84,187
2003	48	\$102,208
2004	52	\$102,520



ACA Costs



Total ACA Savings 1997-2004

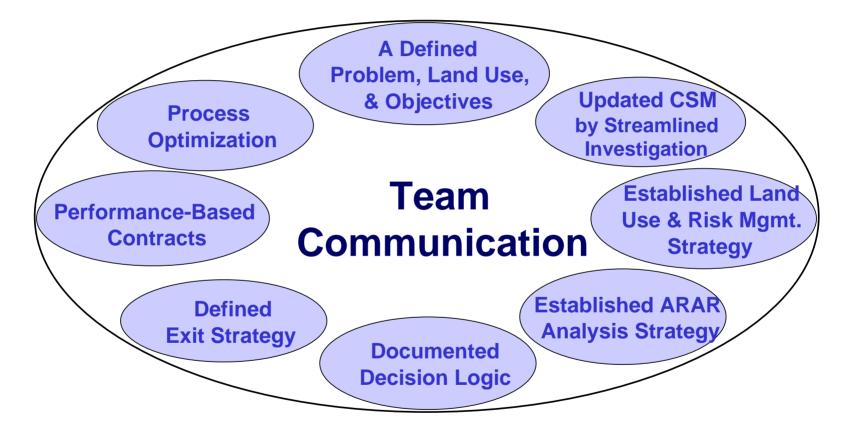
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