EXPLO Systems Inc
Camp Minden, Webster Parish, LA

Improper storage of M6 Propellant – Nov. 2012

Magazine Explosion – Oct. 2012

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ISSUE: Camp Minden -18M lbs of M6 Propellant & other explosive materials in 98 magazines filled to capacity.

Entities Involved

Potentially Responsible Parties:

Explo Systems, Incorporated – Operator
DOD/ARMY – Generator
Louisiana National Guard (LANG)– Owner
General Dynamics – Generator
Alliant (ATK)-Generator

Coordinating Agencies:

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives(ATF)
Louisiana Department on Environmental Quality (LDEQ)
Louisiana State Police (LSP)

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Timeline & Completed Actions

- **Dec 2004**: DOD transferred property to LANG after an NPL Clean Up for groundwater contaminated by Red Water
- **Mar 2010:** DOD contracted EXPLO to recycle explosives*
- **Oct 2012: Magazine explodes. LSP/EPA/LDEQ/ATF respond**
- **November 2012**: LSP/LANG initiated relocation of unsecured explosives from EXPLO Systems to magazines at Camp Minden
- **Feb 2013:** LANG/LA Governor's Office request for transportation & storage of explosives to Secretary of Defense was denied
- **April & May 2013:** DOD ESB conducted safety assessments
- **May 2013:** LSP/LANG completed relocation of ~10 million lbs. of explosives into magazines at Camp Minden
- **Aug 2013:** ATF revoked EXPLO's explosives license; EXPLO filed for Bankruptcy; Identification of 3 M lbs. of M6 in Camden, AR
- **September 2013**: 18 M lbs. of explosives transferred from EXPLO to LANG
- **October 2013**: EPA issues AOC/SOW to PRPs and continues negotiation

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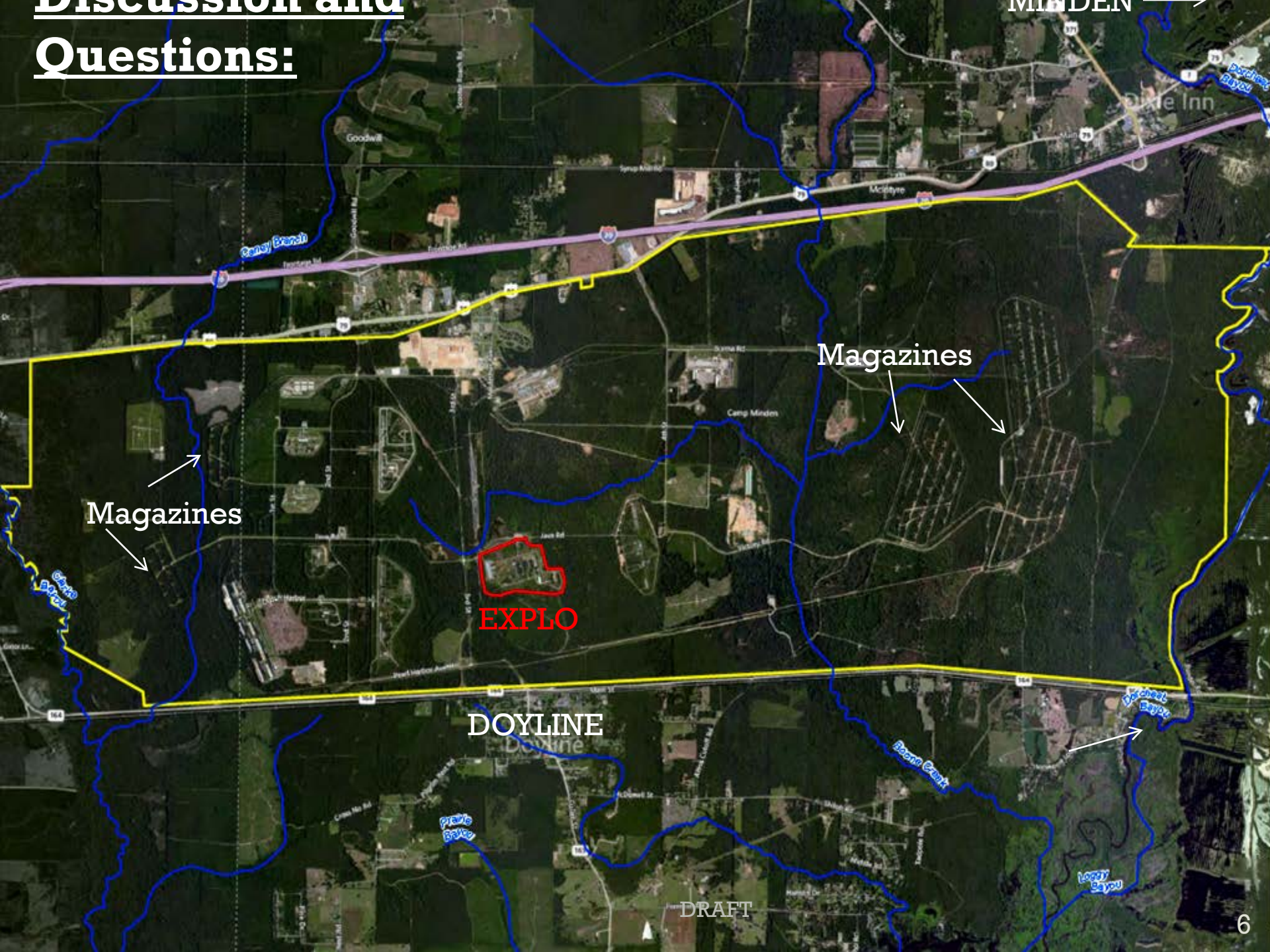
WHAT's BEEN DONE:

- LSP, LANG, LDEQ, EPA, & ATF – close coordination
- 10 M lbs. improperly stored explosives relocated to magazines

NEXT STEP:

EPA negotiating AOC with PRPs and participating agencies to address hazardous substances and explosives

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