EXPLO Systems Inc
Camp Minden, Webster Parish, LA

Improper storage of M6 Propellant – Nov. 2012

Magazine Explosion – Oct. 2012

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

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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, and Firearms (ATF)
Louisiana Department on Environmental Quality (LDEQ)
Louisiana State Police (LSP)

Timeline & Completed Actions

- **Dec 2004**: DOD transfers property to LANG after an NPL Clean Up for groundwater contaminated by Red Water.
- **Mar 2010:** DOD contracts EXPLO to recycle explosives*
- **Oct 2012: Magazine explodes. LSP/EPA/LDEQ respond**
- November 2012: LSP/LANG initiate relocation of unsecured explosives from EXPLO Systems to magazines at Camp Minden
- **Feb 2013:** LANG/Gov Office request for transportation & storage of explosives to Sec of Defense is denied.
- **Apr 2013:** DOD conducts safety assessments.
- **May 2013:** LSP/LANG completes relocation of ~10 million lbs. of explosives into magazines at Camp Minden
- **Jul 2013:** LANG seeks eviction of EXPLO/payment expense.
- **Aug 2013:** ATF issues Notice of Revocation to EXPLO – explosives license revocation.

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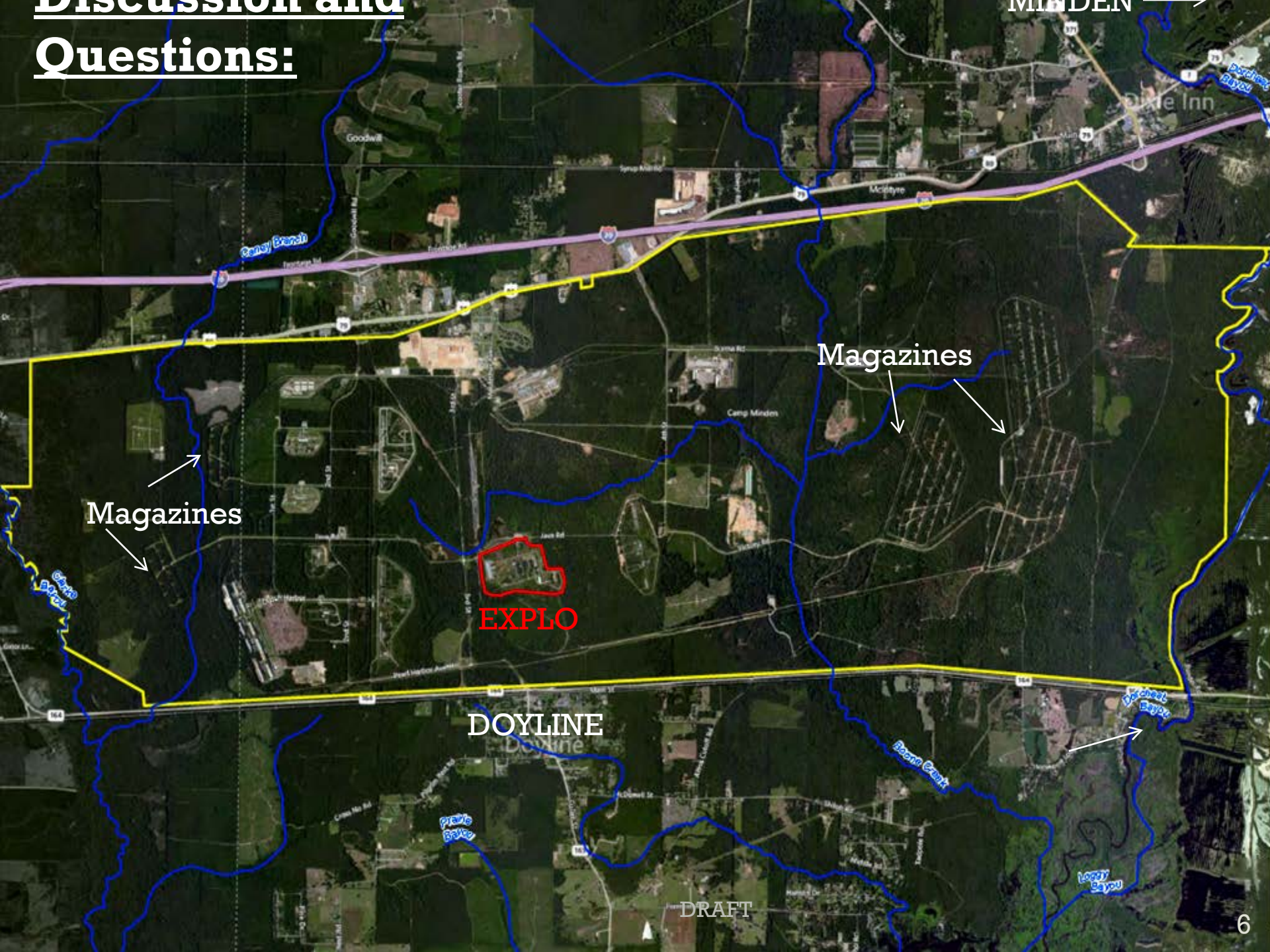
WHAT's BEEN DONE:

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

NEXT STEP:

EPA to provide Draft AOC to PRPs and participating agencies to address hazardous substances and explosives

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