Department of the Interior: Central Hazardous Materials Fund (CHF) Program Overview

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Bureaus
DOI "Big Picture"

- DOI manages 20% of US land mass
  - Approximately 500 million acres of land

- Supplies about 30 percent of the nation's energy production

- Works with 583 federally recognized tribes and villages

- Protect Natural, Cultural and Historic properties
Department Funded Programs

- Central Hazardous Materials Fund (CHF)
  - Larger/Longer Duration projects
  - Central funded
  - CERCLA authority/process

- Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) Program
  - CERCLA Authority
  - Habitat Restoration
  - Typically addresses sites off of DOI lands
Bureau Funded Cleanups

- Bureau funded
  - Smaller/Shorter Duration projects
  - Limited resource

- Bureaus typically follow CERCLA, CWA or RCRA
  - EO 12580/13016 – Enforcement Authority – Non-NPL

- Examples of dedicated cleanup bureau funds
  - Refuge Contaminant Cleanup Fund (FWS) FY19 – $13.3M
  - Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Fund/HazMat Fund (BLM) FY19 – $38.5M
  - Limited dollars; typically support other environmentally related activities in addition to cleanup
  - Projects not funded, prioritized or managed by the Department
Central Hazardous Material Fund (CHF) – Funding

FY 2019 Enacted – $10.01M
- PB – $2M
- Cost recovery – $4.8M
- Cost avoidance – ~$30.5M

FY 2020
- President’s Budget Request – $2M
- House Recommendation – $13.01M
- Senate Recommendation – $10.01M
The program’s priorities for remediation are driven by:

1. Risks to human health and/or the environment;
2. Legal obligations; and
3. Secretarial and Mission Priorities

Program uses a scoring matrix approach
## CHF FY2019 Investment by State

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Types of CHF Sites

- AML/Active Mines: 52%
- Dumps/Landfills: 17%
- Acquired Fed. Facility: 3%
- Acquired Private Property: 1%
- Acquired Industrial Site: 10%
- Dip Vats: 5%
- Firing Ranges: 3%
- Other: 9%
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Abandoned Mine Priorities

- Protecting the Public from physical safety hazards
  - BLM/NPS funded

- Environmental remediation
  - CHF/BLM/NPS funded
  - Participate in mixed ownership sites
CHF Priorities

- Department’s Focus –
  - Performance – guidance/internal controls
  - Financial Management – monthly/quarterly reviews
  - Work with Federal/State community

- Cost Avoidance/Cost Recovery

- Consistent CERCLA application at CHF sites

- Improving Administrative Records
Partnerships

- EPA’s Federal Mining Dialogue
- EPA’s Federal Remediation Technologies Roundtable
- EPA/DOD Formerly Used Defense Sites/Military Munitions/Unexploded Ordnance
- ASTSWMO – Federal Facility Roundtable
Questions?