

Allegany Ballistics Laboratory (ABL) is a prime example of a successful partnership in a complex setting, an operating government owned contractor operated facility, with regulatory overlaps between CERCLA, RCRA, the State of West Virginia's environmental programs, as well as the State of Maryland's surface water program.

When the Navy approached the State with the concept of Partnering, the State embraced the concept with skepticism. The West Virginia Division of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) has commended accomplishments of the highly motivated partnering team which includes members from WVDEP, Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic Division (LANTDIV), Alliant Tech Systems, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This impressive team of professionals "the Partnering Team" has successfully and aggressively approached the complex environmental challenges of remediation at a site with complex geology and still actively producing and testing propellants and explosives.

This team, with the empowerment from their prospective management has had the ability to break down barriers within their prospective agencies that would normally stall the remedial process. In addition, the team has been commended for their innovative approach for Record of Decision development and the tenacity for completing their projects.

Within the last two years this group of individuals have been successful and instrumental in the completion and signing a Federal Facilities Agreement (the new national model); the proposed remedial action plan; record of decision; remedial design; and the remedial action work plan for Site 1, Site 5, and Site 10.

This team continues to demonstrate the vision to identify that, which is essential, and the leadership to make tough decisions as well as the ability to direct the individual agency requirements into a common goal, the successful environmental restoration of Allegany Ballistics Laboratory.

If they're any questions or if you require further clarification, please contact me at (304) 558-2745.

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