



BRAC 2005 - Query Response Manager



Response to E0503

Question:

The Department provided Environmental Restoration cost data for each facility recommended for closure. During a review of the data provided we could not confirm that certain costs were captured in either the Environmental Restoration cost data or COBRA cost data. On the Summary of Scenario Environmental Impacts for seven facilities the following statement is included: "Controlled burning/decontamination/demolition of industrial buildings/structures heavily contaminated with explosives/metals - \$1M to \$10M". Is this cost taken into account in the COBRA model? If not, should this cost be considered as part of the Environmental Restoration Cost, Waste Management Cost or Compliance Cost?

Answer:

No. The costs associated with controlled burning/decontamination/demolition of industrial buildings/structures heavily contaminated with explosives/metals (\$1M to \$10M) are not captured either in DERA Cost-to-Complete data or in the COBRA model. Like many other costs included in the "Impact of Costs" summary table (e.g., Land Use Controls, Asbestos/Lead-Based Paint Removal, etc.), it was provided for cost consideration purposes only, as part of an effort to be fully transparent and present cost information for a number of restoration-related tasks that may be necessary in the future. In addition, there is a high degree of cost uncertainty for this type of activity, since costs depend on many factors, with the most important being the planned reuse for the installation. The Department acknowledges that on occasion, the costs for this task were captured in different rows of the "Impact of Costs" summary table for different recommendations. This type of activity is likely to be considered a waste management activity, but could eventually also be categorized as restoration, if it is even necessary.

References:

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Approved By:

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