Munitions Response Site Prioritization Protocol

Welcome

- ***The Secretary shall develop, in consultation with representatives of the States and Indian Tribes, a proposed protocol for assigning to each defense site a relative priority for response activities related to unexploded ordnance, discarded military munitions, and munitions constituents based on the overall conditions at the defense site***
  - – [10 USC 2710(b)(1)]

Background

- DoD needed a method to prioritize the sites in its inventory
- DoD developed the Protocol as a framework to prioritize these sites
- The Protocol is designed to ensure that the priority assigned to a site sufficiently reflects actual site conditions and potential hazards

EOD specialist examines munitions

Protocol Hazard Evaluation Modules

- The workgroup developed the Protocol to evaluate the hazards that might be present on a former munitions site
- The Protocol contains three modules to evaluate the unique characteristics of each potential hazard
  - The Explosive Hazard Evaluation (EHE) Module addresses explosive hazards posed by MEC (i.e., UXO, DMM, and MC in high enough concentrations to pose an explosive hazard)
  - The CWM Hazard Evaluation (CHE) Module addresses chemical hazards associated with the effects of CWM
  - The Health Hazard Evaluation (HHE) Module addresses health and environmental hazards posed by MC, to include CA, and incidental non-munitions related contaminants, if MC is present

Protocol Structure

- The Protocol is designed to ensure that the priority assigned to an MRS reflects actual site conditions and potential hazards
- An MRS priority is determined by –
  - Reviewing the ratings from the Explosive Hazard Evaluation, Chemical Warfare Material Hazard Evaluation (CHE), and Health Hazard Evaluation (HHE) Modules
  - Selecting the highest rating

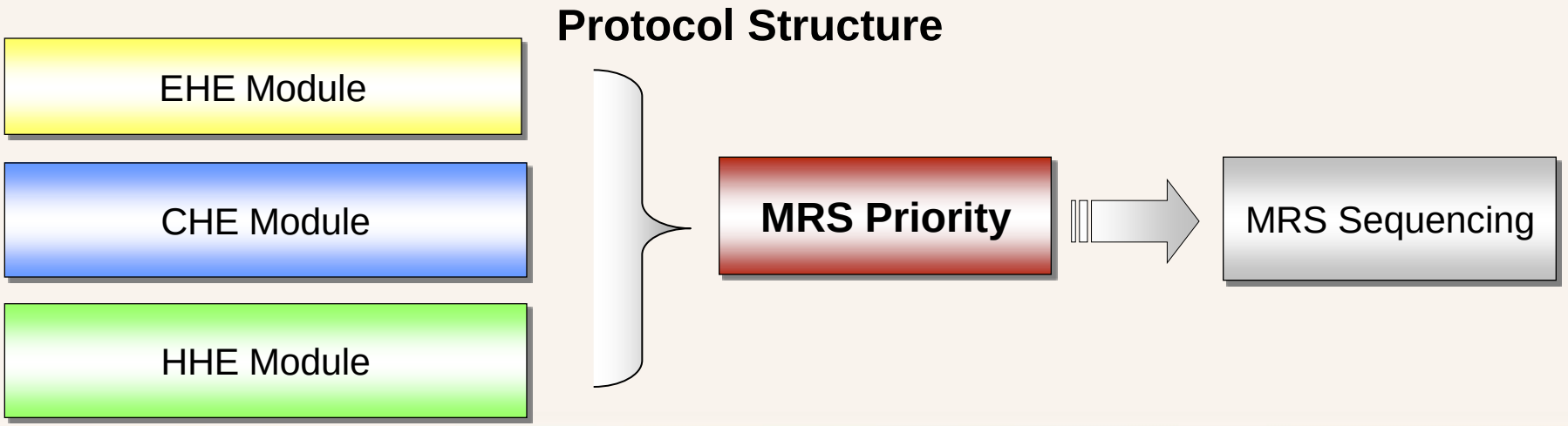

Table 10
Determining the EHE Module Rating

DIRECTIONS:

1. From Tables 1-9, record the data element scores in the **Score** boxes to the right.
2. Add the **Score** boxes for each of the three factors and record this number in the **Value** boxes to the right.
3. Add the three **Value** boxes and record this number in the **EHE Module Total** box below.
4. Circle the appropriate range for the **EHE Module Total** below.
5. Circle the **EHE Module Rating** that corresponds to the range selected and record this value in the **EHE Module Rating** box found at the bottom of the table.

Note:
An alternative module rating may be assigned when a module letter rating is inappropriate. An alternative module rating is used when more information is needed to score one or more data elements, contamination at an MRS was previously addressed, or there is no reason to suspect contamination was ever present at an MRS.

	Source	Score	Value
Explosive Hazard Factor Data Elements			
Munitions Type	Table 1		
Source of Hazard	Table 2		
Accessibility Factor Data Elements			
Location of Munitions	Table 3		
Ease of Access	Table 4		
Status of Property	Table 5		
Receptors Factor Data Elements			
Population Density	Table 6		
Population Near Hazard	Table 7		
Types of Activities/ Structures	Table 8		
Ecological and /or Cultural Resources	Table 9		
EHE MODULE TOTAL			

EHE Module Total	EHE Module Rating
92 to 100	A
82 to 91	B
71 to 81	C
60 to 70	D
48 to 59	E
38 to 47	F
less than 38	G
Alternative Module Ratings	Evaluation Pending
	No Longer Required
	No Known or Suspected Explosive Hazard
EHE MODULE RATING	

Use the following tables to determine the MRS's priority

Table 10- EHE Module Rating

Table 20
Determining the CHE Module Rating

DIRECTIONS:

1. From Tables 11-19, record the data element scores in the **Score** boxes to the right.
2. Add the **Score** boxes for each of the three factors and record this number in the **Value** boxes to the right.
3. Add the three **Value** boxes and record this number in the **CHE Module Total** box below.
4. Circle the appropriate range for the **CHE Module Total** below.
5. Circle the **CHE Module Rating** that corresponds to the range selected and record this value in the **CHE Module Rating** box found at the bottom of the table.

Note:
An alternative module rating may be assigned when a module letter rating is inappropriate. An alternative module rating is used when more information is needed to score one or more data elements, contamination at an MRS was previously addressed, or there is no reason to suspect contamination was ever present at an MRS.

	Source	Score	Value
CWM Hazard Factor Data Elements			
CWM Configuration	Table 11		
Sources of CWM	Table 12		
Accessibility Factor Data Elements			
Location of CWM	Table 13		
Ease of Access	Table 14		
Status of Property	Table 15		
Receptors Factor Data Elements			
Population Density	Table 16		
Population Near Hazard	Table 17		
Types of Activities/ Structures	Table 18		
Ecological and /or Cultural Resources	Table 19		
CHE MODULE TOTAL			

CHE Module Total	CHE Module Rating
92 to 100	A
82 to 91	B
71 to 81	C
60 to 70	D
48 to 59	E
38 to 47	F
less than 38	G
Alternative Module Ratings	Evaluation Pending
	No Longer Required
	No Known or Suspected CWM Hazard
CHE MODULE RATING	

Table 20-
CHE Module Rating

Table 28-
HHE Module Rating

Table 28
Determining the HHE Module Rating

DIRECTIONS:

1. Record the letter values (H, M, L) for the **Contaminant Hazard, Migration Pathway, and Receptor Factors** for the media (from Tables 21-26) in the corresponding boxes below.
2. Record the media's 3-letter combinations in the **3-Letter Combination** boxes below (3-letter combinations are arranged from Hs to Ms to Ls).
3. Using the reference provided below, determine each media's rating (A–G) and record the letter in the corresponding **Media Rating** box below.

Media (Source)	Contaminant Hazard Factor Value	Receptor Factor Value	Migratory Pathway Factor Value		3-Letter Combination (Hs-Ms-Ls)		Media Rating (A-G)
Groundwater (Table 21)							
Surface Water/Human Endpoint (Table 22)							
Sediment/Human Endpoint (Table 23)							
Surface Water/Ecological Endpoint (Table 24)							
Sediment/Ecological Endpoint (Table 25)							
Surface Soil (Table 26)							

DIRECTIONS (cont.):

4. Select the single highest Media Rating (A is highest; G is lowest) and enter the letter in the **HHE Module Rating** box below.

Note:

An alternative module rating may be assigned when a module letter rating is inappropriate. An alternative module rating is used when more information is needed to score one or more media, contamination at an MRS was previously addressed, or there is no reason to suspect contamination was ever present at an MRS.

HHE MODULE RATING	

HHE Ratings (for reference only)

Combination	Rating
HHH	A
HHM	B
HHL	C
HMM	C
HML	D
MMM	D
HLL	E
MML	E
MLL	F
LLL	G
Alternative Module Ratings	Evaluation Pending
	No Longer Required
	No Known or Suspected MC Hazard

Determining an MRS's Priority

- Information from Tables 10, 20, and 28 are used to complete Table 29 (see Primer, Appendix A) to determine an MRS's priority
- As long as one module can be evaluated, an MRS's priority can be assigned
- If there is insufficient data to complete all modules, Components will assign a priority based on the hazard modules evaluated and reapply the Protocol once sufficient data are available

Table 29
MRS Priority

DIRECTIONS: In the chart below, circle the letter **rating** for each module recorded in Table 10 (EHE), Table 20 (CHE), and Table 28 (HHE). Circle the corresponding numerical **priority** for each module. If information to determine the module rating is not available, choose the appropriate alternative module rating. The MRS priority is the single highest priority; record this number in the **MRS or Alternative Priority** box at the bottom of the table.

Note: An MRS assigned Priority 1 has the highest relative priority; an MRS assigned Priority 8 has the lowest relative priority. Only an MRS with CWM known or suspected to be present can be assigned Priority 1; an MRS that has CWM known or suspected to be present cannot be assigned Priority 8.

EHE Rating	Priority	CHE Rating	Priority	HHE Rating	Priority
		A	1		
A	2	B	2	A	2
B	3	C	3	B	3
C	4	D	4	C	4
D	5	E	5	D	5
E	6	F	6	E	6
F	7	G	7	F	7
G	8			G	8
Evaluation Pending		Evaluation Pending		Evaluation Pending	
No Longer Required		No Longer Required		No Longer Required	
No Known or Suspected Explosive Hazard		No Known or Suspected CWM Hazard		No Known or Suspected MC Hazard	
MRS or ALTERNATIVE PRIORITY					

Determining an MRS's Priority (cont)

Table 29
MRS Priority

DIRECTIONS: In the chart below, circle the letter **rating** for each module recorded in Table 10 (EHE), Table 20 (CHE), and Table 28 (HHE). Circle the corresponding numerical **priority** for each module. If information to determine the module rating is not available, choose the appropriate alternative module rating. The MRS priority is the single highest priority; record this number in the **MRS or Alternative Priority** box at the bottom of the table.

Note: An MRS assigned Priority 1 has the highest relative priority; an MRS assigned Priority 8 has the lowest relative priority. Only an MRS with CWM known or suspected to be present can be assigned Priority 1; an MRS that has CWM known or suspected to be present cannot be assigned Priority 8.

EHE Rating	Priority	CHE Rating	Priority	HHE Rating	Priority
		A	1		
A	2	B	2	A	2
B	3	C	3	B	3
C	4	D	4	C	4
D	5	E	5	D	5
E	6	F	6	E	6
F	7	G	7	F	7
G	8			G	8
Evaluation Pending		Evaluation Pending		Evaluation Pending	
No Longer Required		No Longer Required		No Longer Required	
No Known or Suspected Explosive Hazard		No Known or Suspected CWM Hazard		No Known or Suspected MC Hazard	
MRS or ALTERNATIVE PRIORITY				**2**	

Circle the priority associated with each module rating from Tables 10, 20, and 28

The MRS's priority is determined by the single highest module priority