

4.0 Problems Encountered and Lessons Learned.

The work at AOC 2 of the former Schenectady Army Depot was completed over a two year period. The main reason for this was due to the late start that the work began in 2005 and the expanded scope of work encountered at the site. This resulted in a second complete mobilization to the site.

In addition, extremely wet conditions were encountered during October of 2005 which significantly impeded the progress of the work. Water handling, storage and disposal procedures were required in order to perform the excavation in several areas that were more extensive than originally anticipated.

The limits of the anticipated wastes were not fully identified during the investigation phase of the project. As the excavation progressed, additional quantities of waste were found and required removal. The significant amount of drums found in Area D was not anticipated and handling methods and procedures needed to be implemented. Additionally, the characteristics of this material, not determined during the investigation phase, resulted in significant additional cost and limited disposal options. The areas of interest (AOI) identified during the geophysical survey resulted in additional soils to be disposed of off site.