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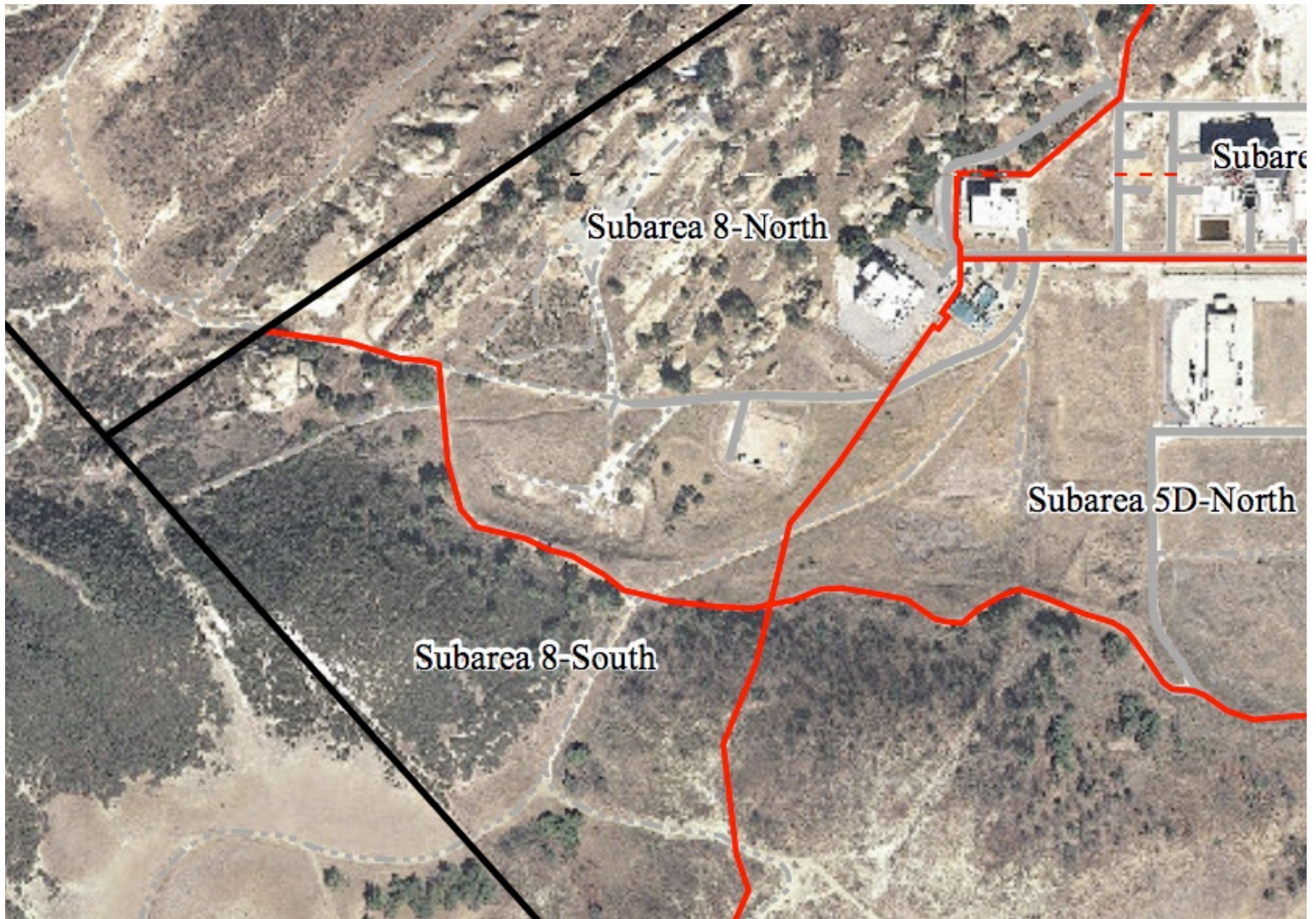
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ACME (Aerospace Contamination Museum of Education) Comments - Historical Site Assessment (HSA) 8 January 2011

Dear Craig,

ACME has some concerns regarding the decision to divide HSA Subarea 8 into a North/South sections without a Sampling Addendum for Subarea 8 South.



How was this brought about? Was this decision the work of EPA initiation or suggestion by the Responsible Parties? Clearly it was done without stakeholder input.

The reason given for this (as per your e-mail below), is that all the lines of evidence (i.e. gamma scanning etc) was not completed for all of Subarea 8, so a "Short Cut" was initiated and the 8 South Subarea was ignored.

The division of Subarea 8 is a good idea as we can take a harder look into the more operational areas, I do agree, yet, for the Soil Sampling Addendum for 8-North only, could leave a data gap in a product that has turned into a very thorough document, the best we have seen in decades. What is being called Subarea 8 South, was not operational in a sense of facilities, yet it was operational in the use of Waste Disposal. This area should be an action item as clearly, there is/was a road that leads from 8 North into 8 South that ends in a turnaround with scattered debris.



This debris pushes offsite onto the Runkle Canyon property and with the recent No Further Action by the lead agency (Department of Toxic Substances Control) on this cleanup should raise concern for the health and safety for the future residents of this offsite area as investigations are complete aside from disputed results of Radiological Contamination.



The fact that the road leads directly from the sodium disposal facility should warrant sampling efforts. From all the maps of this area, even a hobbyist can tell this turnaround area is clearly outside of the SSFL boundary and located ON Runkle Canyon property.



Did the HSA staff read the recent offsite debris reports provided by Haley & Aldrich?



In closing, I request you arrange a viewing of this area during my March 9th site visit.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Bill,

Yes, the next Subarea will be subarea 8. The HSA Tech Memo will cover all of Subarea 8 but the Soil Sampling Addendum will be for 8-North only. The reason for that is that all the lines of evidence (i.e. gamma scanning etc) is not complete for all of Subarea 8.

So, we broke Subarea 8 in North and South portions. I think it makes sense to focus on 8-North first since 8-South had no buildings. On SharePoint you can find a new Subarea boundary map. Subarea 8-North has Sodium Burn Pit, ESADA, Blg 56 Landfill, and Building 4009. I plan to issue out EPA Draft HSA Tech Memo on Subarea 8 by COB March 8th.

Have a great weekend....and see ya on March 16th.

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