Integration of Science and Technology Roadmapping & Decision Analysis Tools for Strategic Mission Planning & NEPA

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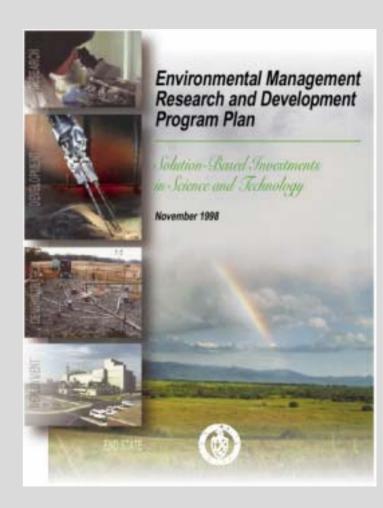
Roadmap Process Tools and Decision Architecture Streamline and Significantly Improve Strategic Plans & EIS Projects



Science and Technology Roadmapping

Used for Critical Long Term Strategic Planning in DOE is..

"A critical and strategic planning process used to identify technical capabilities needed, map them into technology alternatives, and develop project plans to ensure that the critically required technologies will be available when needed"





Guidance for Roadmap Application in EM Cleanup and Decision Analysis



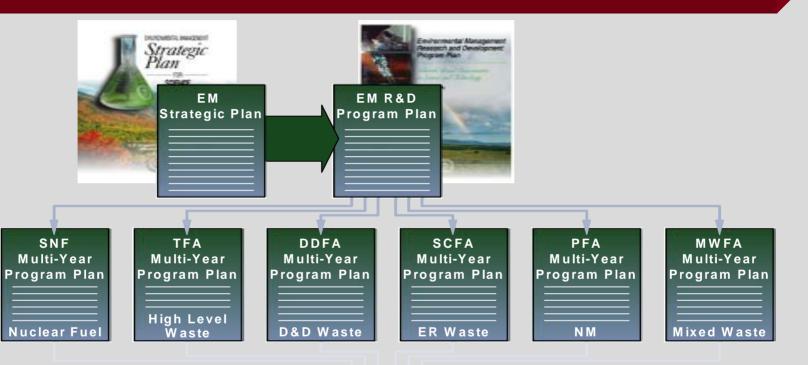


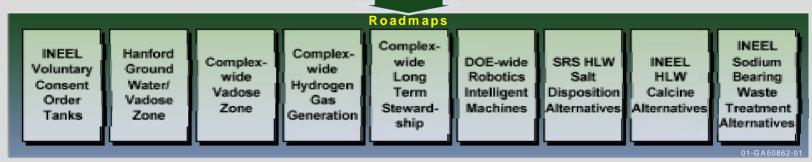
Our focus today is on Roadmap and Decision Analysis process integration we learned while working on critical technology to meet our national nuclear waste cleanup program

- These processes helped tie Research and Development with Real Day to Day Operations, with large risk and uncertainty exist day to day
- Once understood by Decision Analysis and Architecture it is used Roadmap to define most direct paths to solutions

Developed for the Department of Energy September 2001

DOE Applies Roadmap to its' Strategic Planning for Critical Management and Nuclear Cleanup





Three Separate Processes Integrate Smoothy

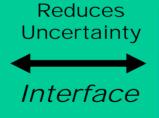
- Decision analysis helps define what's critical need, uncertain and risk, what alternatives to consider and prioritizes uncertainty resolution
- Roadmap process focuses on defining and resolving the uncertainties associated with what's important to the decision about the alternatives
- Roadmap defines crucial data collection and any development needed to support the decision
- Decision architecture then used to improve NEPA and provide improved clarity and portrayal of Decisions



Processes Integrate to Improve Analytical Focus and Reduce Fog Among Scientist and Interdisciplinary Teams, and Command Levels

Strategic Plans, NEPA, Roadmapping & Decision Processes integrate smoothly

RoadMapping Steps



Mission Plans
NEPA &
Decision Making
Steps

Roadmap Process & Types

Roadmap Process

- Phase I, Roadmap Initiation
 - Identify Charter, Define Scope, Project Boundaries, Group Needs, Criteria or Requirements
- Phase II, Technical Needs
 Assessment (Uncertainties)
 - Gaps and needs data for technology selection
- Phase III, Technical Response
 - Activity, logic, duration, ROM\$
- Phase IV, Implementation Plan
 - Prioritized to fit budget constraints and need dates

Types of Roadmaps

Program Level Roadmaps

- National in Scope
- Focus on Long Term R&D
- Broad Programmatic EISs

Project Level Roadmaps

- Solve Site Specific Problems
- Focus on Near Term Needs
- Evaluate Alternative
 Technologies Site Specific EIS



Key NEPA Steps, Roadmap and Decision Processes

Phase I

Purpose & Need

Scoping Review Phase II&III

Alternative **Development**

Affected Environment (Focused) **Phase IV**

Impacts & Cumulative Analysis

Preferred Alternative & ROD

STEP 1 Define problem

STEP 2
Determine
the
requirement
s that the
solution to
the problem
must meet

STEP 3
Establish
goals that
solving the
problem
should
accomplish

STEP 4
Identify
alternativ
es that
will solve
the
problem

STEP 5
Develop
evaluati
on
criteria
based
on the

STEP 6
Apply the decision tool to select a preferred alternative (Eliminate Poor Alternatives)

STEP 6
Apply the
decision tool to
select a preferred
alternative
QUANTITATIVELY
Build & Evaluate
System
Alternatives

STEP 7
Check the answer to make sure it solves the problem

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At the Start Identifying Strategic Goals, Objectives, Issues

These Tools Expedite Start-up of Plans & EISs By:

- Developing Joint Strategies for Engaging Interested Parties and Conducting Stakeholder Involvement Activities
- Identify Common Critical Resources, Utilize GIS
 Visualization Techniques, and Data Necessary to
 Respond to Public Issues and Needs
- ID Team Processing for Scoping of Issues and Planning Problem Analysis
- Identify and Meet Citizen Participation Objectives
- Systematic Development of Informed Consent



Integrating Roadmapping and NEPA Tools Yields Better Plans and EISs Because

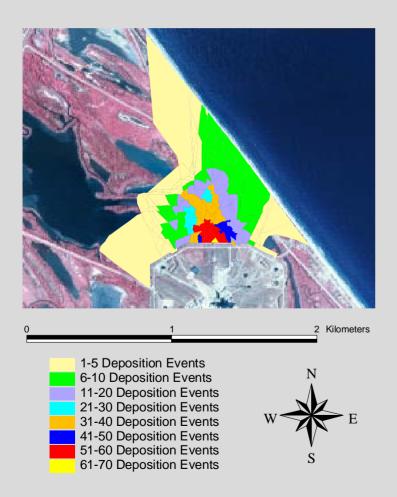
- Significant uncertainty exist in agency resource data, land management options, and environmental impacts
- Our unique tool set help resolve:
 - Conflict among critical resources identified quicker
 - Unified Management choices can be made faster
 - NEPA Analysis on significant impacts are made more focused, clear, accurate, and scientific
 - Affected State and Federal agencies & stakeholders are engaged and participate more
 - Joint Executive Management Decisions are more clearly understood and portrayed visually for Public



When Identifying and Formulating Strategic Plan or Project Proposal Alternatives

- Roadmapping Tools Integrate Well with RMP and NEPA Steps to Gather and Expedite Scientific Data
- Team Work Groups are Facilitated
- Functional Analysis on Resource Programs (Data and Use Needs or Allocations) are Addressed Utilizing GIS
- Decision Analysis (Provides Quantified Alternative Selection Rankings and Support for Land Use Allocation Decisions)

GIS Tool Applications and Technology



- •New GIS tools improve visual portrayal of issues as in fuel deposition in air shown in this Space Shuttle Launch Analysis
- •Used in Fire Management and Analysis Network (FireMAN) for gauging effects of smoke and fire on human health.
- •GIS and Internet share information used for controlled burning and wildfire response to fuel types and quantities, moisture content, meteorological conditions, and level of fire risk.

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NEPA and RMP Alternative Development & Screening

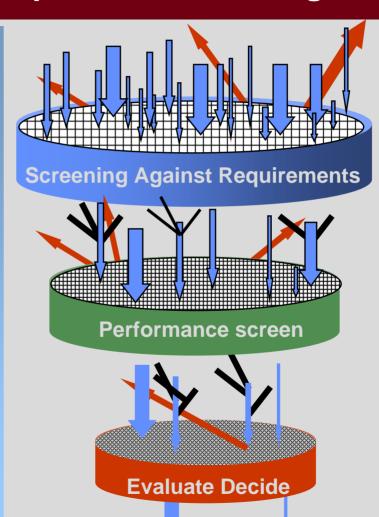
NEPA Steps Evaluation

Scope Issues
Identify
Alternatives
Screen
Alternatives

Eliminate Poor Performers

Impact Analysis
Mitigations

Alternative Selection



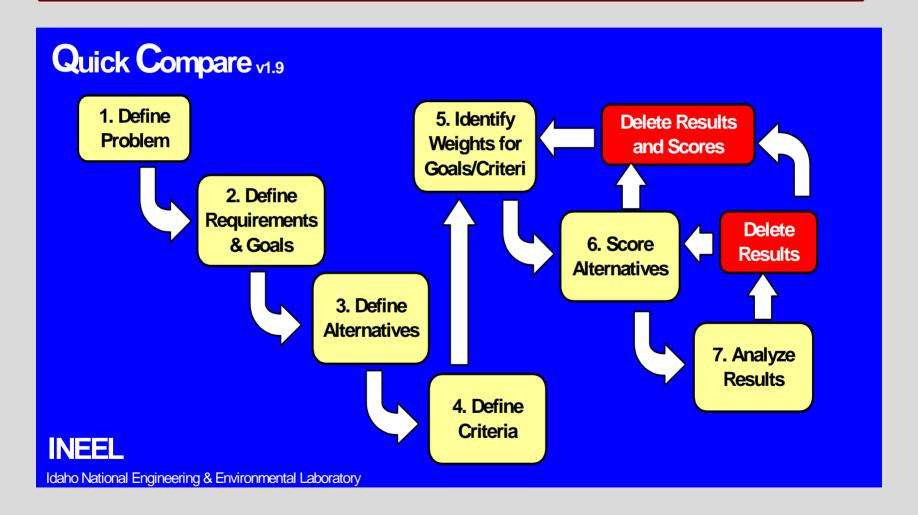
Requirements Review

Qualitative Analysis

Quantitative Analysis

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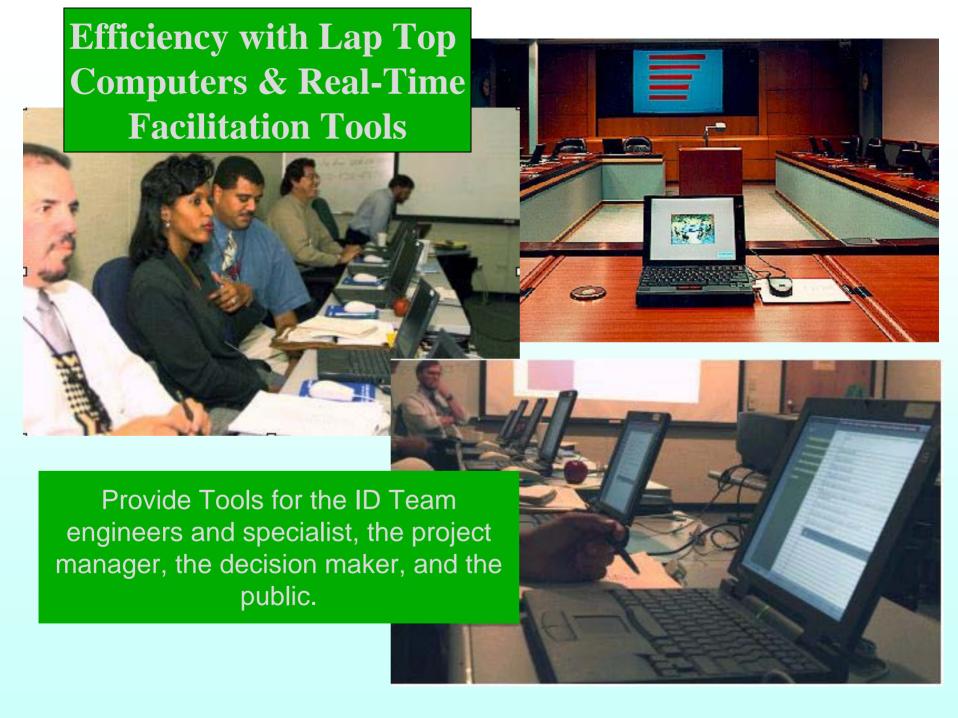
Quick Compare Decision Analysis



Alternative Ranking Decision Support From Quick Compare

roblem Trying to Solve: Enter problem here.				
Scoring Method:	1 to 5 Scale			
	Alternatives			
	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alt 3	Alt 4
Criteria	Overall Score: 50.3%	Overall Score: 77.8%	Overall Score: 55.3%	Overall Score: 76.9%
Critera 1	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00
Criteria 2	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
Criteria 3	2.00	4.00	4.00	3.00
Criteria 4	4.00	5.00	3.00	4.00
Criteria 5	3.00	4.00	3.00	5.00
Crit 6	5.00	5.00	2.00	1.00
Worse Better Output				



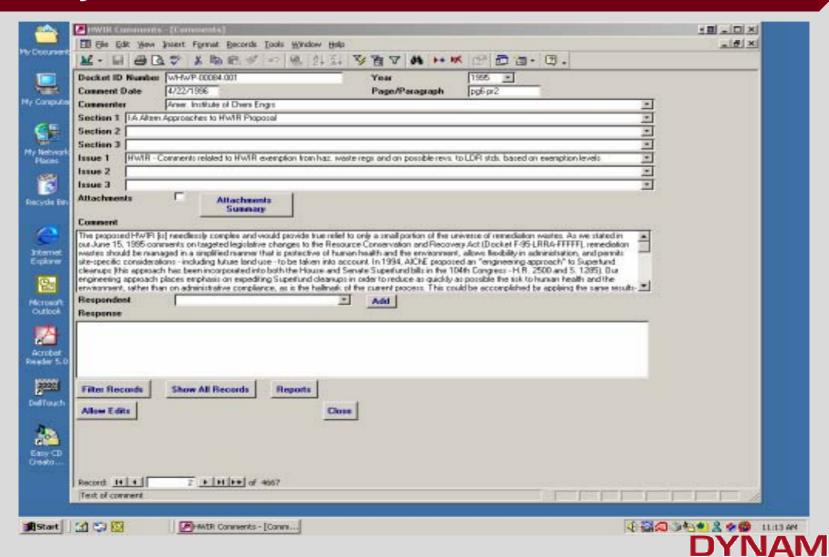


Advantages of Computer Assisted Facilitation

- More effective use of the team's time by working simultaneously.
 - Reduced meeting length by up to 50%.
- Evaluate the quality of the idea by anonymous participation.
- Your thoughts in your words.
- A complete and immediate record of the team meeting.
 - Document how and why decisions were made.
 - Keep key information and "hidden gems."
- Reducing project down time waiting for meeting results to be transcribed.



Computerized Comment Analysis Systems and Access Data Base Software

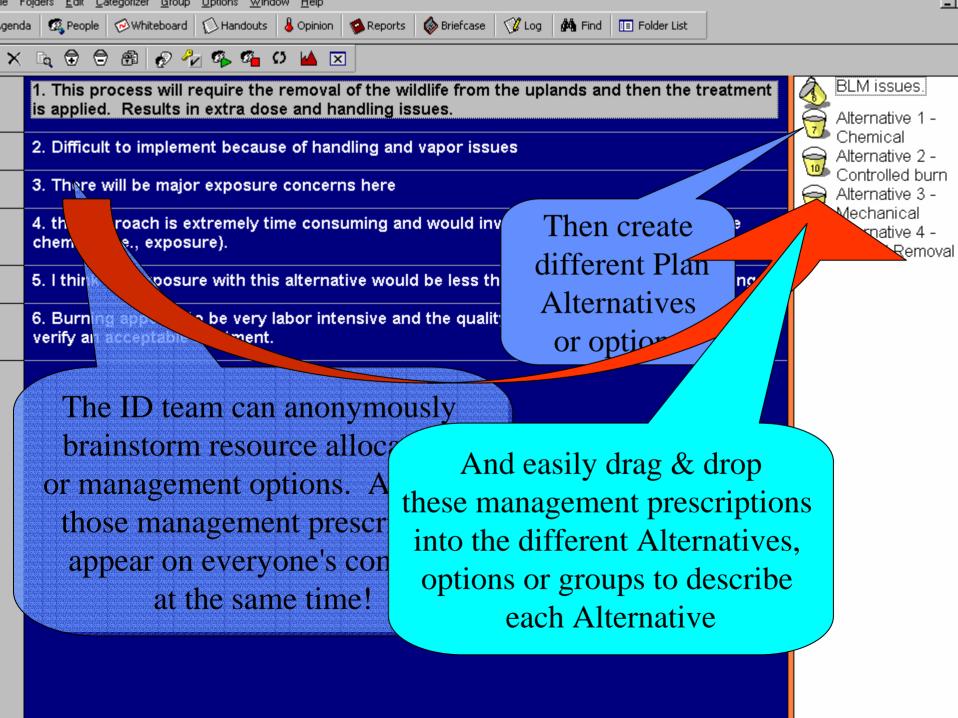


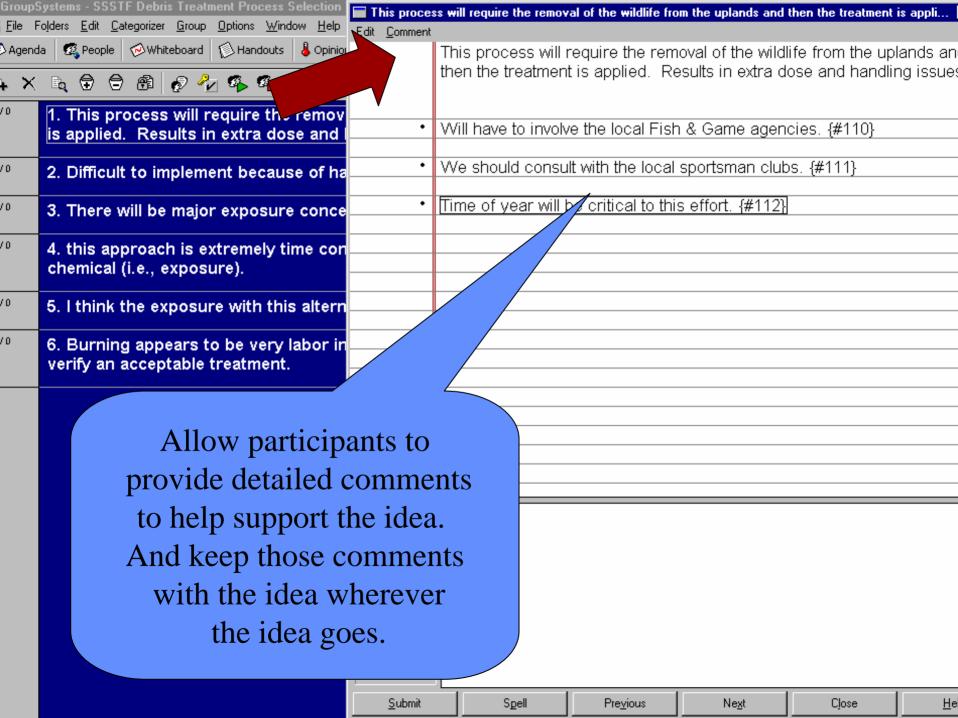
Group Systems Improve Work Group Thought and Expedite Planning & NEPA Process

Will Demonstrate How Group Systems and Computerized Facilitation tools improve Team efficiency because it

- Facilitates Work Group refinement of issues and alternative solution prescription options
- Quickly consolidates critical mutual Goals and Objectives
- Determines Alternative range, mix and responsiveness and suitability of criteria fit
- Helps develop the viable Alternatives among complex choices
- Greatly enhances selection of Environmentally Preferred Alternatives based on balanced consistently applied criteria and evaluation





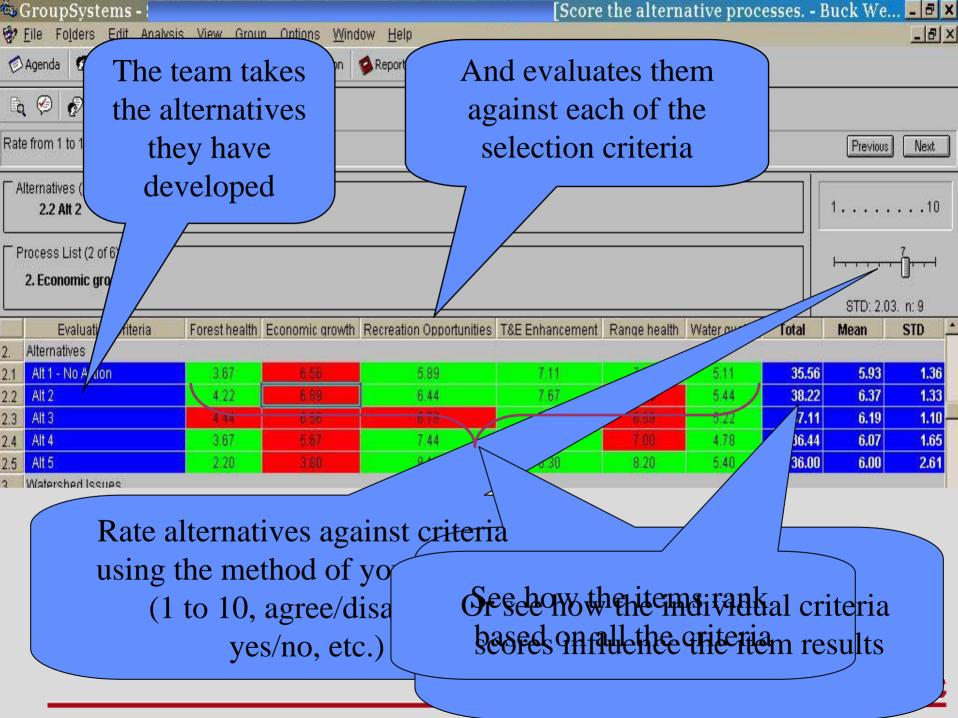


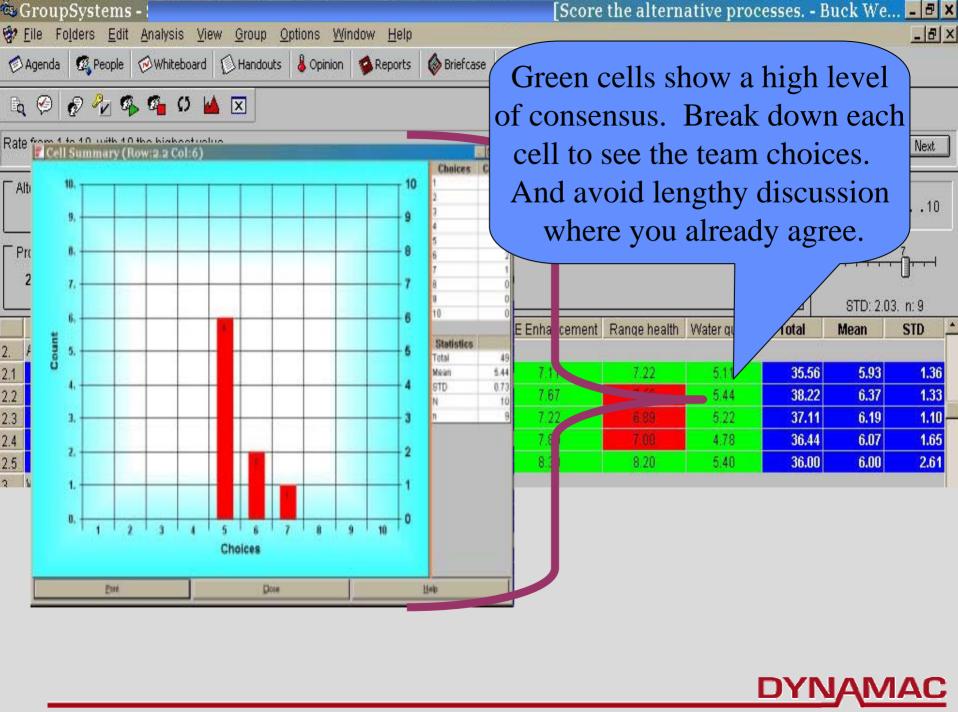
Selection of NEPA EIS Preferred Alternative

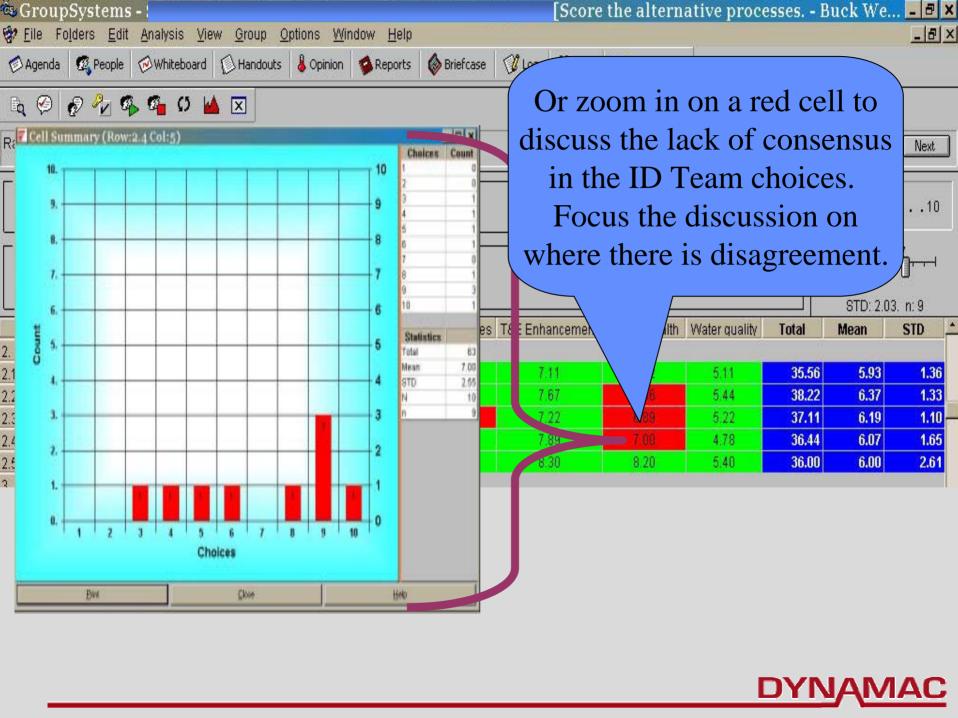
Systems Help Select Preferred Alternative

- Our RMP EIS Analysis Tools and Decision Significantly Enhance Process Steps and Documentation
- Computer-assisted Facilitation for ID Teams Make Plan and NEPA Steps faster and more efficient
- Quick Compare for Issues and Alternative Ranking
 Systems Provide a basis for Selection
- EIS Decisions are Supported by Sound Analysis and Rationale









3 Process Integration Results at DOE Labs

Clarifies Plan Steps and EIS Alternative Analysis

- Saves ID Team analysis and documentation time, solves right problems due to improved focus, shortens schedule and lowers cost
- Expands capabilities for alternative screening/selection
- Builds consensus on plan selection and path forward
- Focuses on Plan Selection, Resolving **Uncertainties, Decision Rationale**
- Supports decisions by having the right information available at the right time
- Prioritizes resource management plan based on consequences and desired end results

Results

Purpose

SRS resolved salt disposition viability Faster issues in 10 months vs. 36 months

INEEL reduced calcine R&D costs from Cheaper -

\$105 Million to \$25 Million

Better -Hanford resolved Vadose Zone Cs transport issues supporting credible risk assessment and closure planning



Beneficial Elements of Decision Architecture

As described in the paper are:

- The requirements and objectives sharpen the statement of purpose and need (problem described without solution)
- Stakeholder involvement refines objectives and goals
- The alternatives attempt to fulfill the objectives and goals
- The criteria are directly measuring the effectiveness of the alternatives to the objectives
- The data collected are connected to the criteria that support objectives measuring the effectiveness of the alternatives to solve the problem



In Summary

- Integration of Roadmapping and Decision Analysis with the NEPA Process greatly improve Projects by making them faster, cheaper and better.
- Combining the tools and applying them in Strategic Plans from beginning to end will help you:
 - Eliminate unnecessary data and excess baggage
 - Help the Top focus on elements that are crucial
 - Strengthen data quality and Teams ability to utilize data
 - Measure Alternatives within the Mission or Plan Goals
 - Poor performing Alternatives are screened out early
 - Enhances documentation of analysis and decision rationale
- This makes the completion of the Plan or NEPA Draft EIS easier, provides criteria for selection of a preferred alternative, improves impact analysis and mitigation, reduces cost and effort for the Final EIS, and yields a Legally Sound Defendable Decision/ROD



For More Information or Demonstration of Tools and Capabilities Give Me a Call

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