Deer Management

- Current population ~350 deer
  - Acceptable population is 80-250 deer on BNL
  - Target reduction is maximum of 250 deer
  - If fully successful – deer population at 100 deer

- Contracting completed
- Deer Damage Permits requested from NYSDEC
- Internal coordination meeting held February 4
- Significant coordination required
  - Contractor training
  - Work permits
  - Communications coordination
  - Security coordination
  - Facilities coordination
Deer Management

• Site visit Feb. 15
  • Tour site, understand current deer distributions
  • Set bait stations
  • Set static shooting locations, install blinds (longer they are present the more effective they are, become invisible to deer)

• Baiting will start mid-March
  • Once established stations baited weekly
  • Begin daily baiting five days in advance of removal, April 1

• Removal action to start April 5th
  • Removal to continue until either goal is met or we run out of funds
  • Expect to run 5-6 days, but no later than April 12th
Deer Management

• Deer will be taken throughout the night each night
• Brought to central location for field dressing, tagging, sample collection.
• Sampling includes meat samples for testing to allow release for consumption
  • 5 deer/batch sample. Testing for Cs-137
  • Meat released if it meets administrative level of 1 pCi/g, wet weight or less. NYSDOH limit is 6.9 pCi/g, wet weight
• Sampling may also include blood samples for Suffolk County Vector Control as part of their tick-borne disease studies
Questions?