

Welcome to the August 2007 SedWeb E-Mail Update, a regularly appearing summary of recent developments about contaminated sediments. This update is a service the Sediments Web Community (<http://www.sediments.org>), an online resource for researchers, regulatory officials, and environmental managers created by the U.S. EPA-sponsored Hazardous Substance Research Centers/South & Southwest (HSRC/SSW).

We invite your submissions for future updates. Contact Mark Hodges at mark.hodges@gtri.gatech.edu to make submissions or suggestions, or to add or remove your name from this list.

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SEDWEB E-MAIL NEWS UPDATE ENDING PUBLICATION

The SedWeb series of e-mail updates ends with this edition. This service has been provided for the past five years as a service of the EPA-funded Hazardous Substance Research Center/South & Southwest (HSRC/S&SW), whose principal research has involved contaminated sediment management. Part of the center's mission involves technology transfer, training and outreach.

SEDIMENT REMEDIATION SHORT COURSES OFFERED IN ATLANTA AND PORTLAND

The EPA Hazardous Substance Research Center/ South and Southwest, in cooperation with the U.S. EPA and the Sediment Management Work Group, is conducting three-day sediment remediation courses in Atlanta, Georgia, and Portland, Oregon. The Portland conference is entitled "Advancing Risk-Based, Scientifically Sound Approaches for Evaluation of Sediment Management Decisions" and will be held September 5-7. It is co-sponsored by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. The Atlanta course, entitled "Sediment Remediation: How Do You Select and Design Options?" will run from October 29-31. The courses provides environmental professionals in industry, consulting and government with practical information on how to evaluate the technical suitability of monitored natural recovery, dredging and excavation, or in-situ capping remedies for contaminated sediments. Further information is available at <http://www.smwg.org> or from Susan Vasich, Sediment Management Work Group, at 313-465-7978 or at svasich@honigman.com.

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A conference on "Optimizing Decision-Making and Remediation at Complex Sediment Sites" will be held January 8-10, 2008 in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the Wyndham at Canal Place. The conference registration fee is \$175 government attendees and \$325 for other attendees. To get a brochure and register for the conference online, go to: <http://www.smwg.org/events.htm>. Government employees can book a room at the Wyndham online at: <http://www.wyndham.com/groupeventsnew/497sedimentgovt/main.wnt>. All other attendees can book a room at the Wyndham at: <http://www.wyndham.com/groupeventsnew/496sediment/main.wnt> For more information, contact Susan Vasich at 313-465-7978 or svasich@honigman.com, or go to <http://www.smwg.org>.

WORKSHOP TO FOCUS ON UPPER PENINSULA, MICHIGAN, WATER QUALITY ISSUES

A workshop on the state of the Upper Peninsula's water quality issues is planned September 19-20 at Michigan Technological University (MTU) in Houghton, Michigan. The event is being hosted by MTU's Great Lakes Environmental and Molecular Sciences (GLEAMS) Center. The workshop is designed for stakeholders in all Upper Peninsula water quality issues (including contaminated sediments), including representatives from watershed groups, government agencies, tribes, academia, community education programs, and other interested parties. To download a meeting flyer, go to: <http://www.sediments.org/UP-workshop.pdf>. More information is available from Colin Brooks at colin.brooks@mtu.edu or 734-913-6858.

OTHER CONFERENCES/MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS/TRAINING

September 5-7: 10th International Conference on Environmental Science and Technology 2007. Kos Island, Greece. Sponsored by Global Network of Environmental Science and Technology. <http://www.gnest.org/cest/Default.htm>

September 24-26: 4th International Conference on Phytotechnologies, Adams Mark Hotel, Denver, CO USA. For information, click on "Awards, Events and Conferences" at <http://www.phytosociety.org>.

September 24-27: 1) Second International Conference on Challenges in Site Remediation: Site Characterization & Performance Monitoring, 2) Second International Conference on DNAPL Characterization & Remediation, and 3) Fifth International Conference on Oxidation & Reduction Technologies for In-Situ Treatment of Soil and Groundwater. Conference Center - Niagara Falls, New York, USA. <http://redoxtech.com/>

October 15-18: 23rd Annual International Conference on Contaminated Soils, Sediments and Water. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA. <http://www.UMassSoils.com>

October 16-18: The Second European Conference on DNAPL Characterization & Remediation. Mercure Amsterdam A/d Amstel Hotel, The Netherlands. <http://redoxtech.com/>

December 4-6: Partners in Environmental Technology Technical Symposium & Workshop, Washington, DC. Sponsored by SERDP and ESTCP. For information, send e-mail to partners@hgl.com or call (703) 736-4548.

December 4-7: National Ground Water Expo and Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida. <http://www.ngwa.org/>

March 18, 2008: 18th Annual AEHS Meeting & West Coast Conference on Soils, Sediments, and Water. Sponsored by the Association for Environmental Health and Sciences (AEHS). Marriott Mission Valley, San Diego, California <http://www.aehs.com/conferences/westcoast/>

Spring 2008. European Sediment Network (SedNet) conference in Oslo, Norway. More details are coming soon. If you have any suggestions for this conference, send them before June 15 to the SedNet secretariat (marjan.euser@tno.nl) so that the Steering Group can consider to integrate your ideas into the conference program. <http://www.sednet.org/content/view/117/57/#3>

May 19-22, 2008: 6th International Conference on Remediation of Chlorinated and Recalcitrant Compounds, Monterey, California. Sponsored by Battelle.

<http://www.battelle.org/environment/er/conferences/chlorcon/default.stm>

REMEDATION PROGRAMS

A final 18-month progress report on the Anacostia River Capping Demonstration project is available at <http://www.hsrb-ssw.org/ana-reports.html#18month> and is the first listing under "Cap Monitoring." In addition, there is a downloadable presentation on the demonstration delivered to project director Dr. Danny Reible to the Anacostia Watershed Toxics Alliance on May 16, 2007. It is accessible at "<http://www.hsrb-ssw.org/ana-reports.html#may07>" and is the first item under the "Presentations" section. This project is being led by the Hazardous Substance Research Center/South & Southwest.

In a July 11 press release, the U.S. EPA announced an agreement with General Electric calling for GE to reduce exposure to PCBs in four areas along the upper Hudson River in New York state where "elevated levels of PCBs in floodplain soils could potentially present an unacceptable risk to public health and the environment." The work was scheduled to begin in August "on about a dozen public and private properties in the towns of Fort Edward, Northumberland and Greenwich and in the village of Schuylerville." EPA is overseeing GE's work. For more information, go to: <http://www.epa.gov/hudson>.