

Welcome to the December 2002 SedWeb E-Mail Update, a monthly summary of recent developments about contaminated sediments remediation. 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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Upcoming Conferences/Meetings/Workshops

IN-SITU CAPPING WORKSHOP TO BE HELD IN CINCINNATI IN MAY 2003. A national workshop will take place May 12-14, 2003, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to review the science, technology and applications of in-situ capping at contaminated sediment sites, examine lessons learned, and discuss future directions. This workshop will include overviews from regulators, agencies and industry while addressing important issues in a variety of technical areas. Go to <http://www.sediments.org/cincinnati.html> for more details on the workshop technical program and registration.

SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT WORK GROUP TO HOLD WINTER MEETING IN FLORIDA. The Sediment Management Work Group (SMWG), an ad hoc organization consisting of private and governmental parties with potential responsibility for managing contaminated sediments, is conducting its winter meeting on February 4-5, 2003, in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Although the meeting is for members only, limited space is available for parties who are interested in evaluating the possibility of joining the SMWG. For additional information about the SMWG or its winter meeting, please visit the SMWG web page at "<http://www.smwg.org>" or contact Steve Nadeau, its coordinating director at 313/465-7492 or send Steve an e-mail at "snadeau@honigman.com."

WORKSHOP ON ENVIRONMENTAL STABILITY OF CHEMICALS PLANNED IN APRIL. For those who did not see last month's announcement on Sediment Management Work Group's (SMWG) April 8-10 workshop, go to <http://www.sediments.org/env-stab.html> for more information. The meeting, to be held in San Diego, California, will focus on the important biogeochemical and physical factors that modify the stability, mobility, and/or bioavailability of inorganic and organic contaminants in aquatic sediments. The workshop announcement, agenda, and registration form are available at the web site shown immediately above in this paragraph.

DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR QUEBEC SEDIMENTS SYMPOSIUM PAPER SUBMISSIONS. The deadline has been extended to February 1 for the submission of papers for the 2nd International Symposium on Contaminated Sediments on May 26-28 in Quebec City, Canada. Information on the symposium and author's guidelines is available at <http://www.scs2003.ggl.ulaval.ca/>.

ABSTRACTS DUE IN JANUARY FOR BATTELLE SEDIMENTS CONFERENCE. Another reminder: abstracts for presentations or poster sessions at the International Conference on Remediation of Contaminated Sediments in Venice, Italy, are due January 10. The conference is September 30-October 3, 2003. <http://www.battelle.org/environment/er/conferences/sedimentscon/default.stm>.

Regulatory and Legislative Updates

EPA REVIEW PANEL WON'T RECOMMEND MAJOR CHANGES IN SEDIMENTS SCIENCE PLAN. An EPA Science Advisory Board review panel has decided not to recommend major revisions in the draft Contaminated Sediment Science Plan. The Science Advisory Board's December newsletter said that the panel will instead endorse the document as a "good start for the preparation of a science plan on contaminated sediments." The panel has scheduled a final teleconference to discuss the plan on January 6. Further information is available from Lawrence Martin at martin.lawrence@epa.gov. The article in the Science Advisory Board's December newsletter is at <http://www.epa.gov/science1/news.htm> on page 6. The draft science plan is at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/action/guidance/cssp.pdf>.

Reports/Publications

PAPER PUBLISHED ON CONTAMINATION, TOXICITY AND BENEFICIAL RE-USE OF SEDIMENTS. University of Michigan Professor Peter Adriaens presented a white paper at the November Great Lakes Symposium on "Great Lake Sediments: Contamination, Toxicity, and Beneficial Re-Use." The paper discusses controlling factors and aspects of sediment contamination, uncertainty of sediment toxicity endpoints, the state of the art in current sediment management strategies, and a description of key research needs. Go to <http://www.sediments.org/adriaens.html> to download the paper.

BOTTOM SEDIMENTS CONTAMINATION ASSESSED IN NATIONAL ECOSYSTEMS REPORT. The Heinz Center has released a report on *The State of the Nation's Ecosystems* with a section on contamination in bottom sediments. The report focuses on the condition and use of ecosystems in the United States. http://www.heinzctr.org/ecosystems/coastal/cont_sed.shtml

Remediation Programs

FACTSHEET AVAILABLE ON SITING OF HUDSON PCB PROCESSING FACILITY. The Environmental Protection Agency has developed a concept document on siting a facility for processing contaminated sediments dredged from the Hudson River. This report provides details of the facility siting process and the criteria that will be used to select locations for sediment processing/transfer facilities. A fact sheet summarizing the concept document and the quality assurance project plan are also available for review and downloading at <http://www.epa.gov/hudson>.

DOWNLOADS AVAILABLE FROM LOS ANGELES SEDIMENT QUALITY DATABASE. The Los Angeles Basin Contaminated Sediments Task Force is developing an integrated database of sediment quality and storm water quality information for the Los Angeles area. The task force's Sediment Quality Database is one of the first products of this effort. It integrates many data sets from monitoring and dredging studies conducted in southern California since 1990. Downloads are available at: <http://www.sccwrp.org/tools/cstf.html>