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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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Conferences/Meetings/Workshops

RTDF SEDIMENTS REMEDIATION ACTION TEAM TO MEET IN FEBRUARY

You are invited to participate in the upcoming meeting of the Remediation Technologies Development Forum (RTDF) Sediments Remediation Action Team at the Radisson Plaza Lord Baltimore in Baltimore, Maryland, February 18-19. The meeting will feature a workshop on *in situ* treatment technologies for the remediation of contaminated sediments. In addition, the meeting will provide updates and discuss general business items that are relevant to the Sediments Remediation Action Team. There is no registration fee for the RTDF meeting. To get more information and a registration form, go to: <http://www.sediments.org/invitation.pdf>. An agenda is at <http://www.sediments.org/agenda.pdf>. Information on logistics is available at <http://www.sediments.org/logsheets.pdf>.

CONSULTANT FIRM TO HOST SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR IN FEBRUARY

Blasland, Bouck & Lee, Inc. is conducting an invitation-only Sediment Management Seminar 2004 February 5-6 at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. This seminar is the sixth in a series conducted by the consulting firm on issues involved in contaminated sediment management. Issues to be discussed include a preview of EPA's final contaminated sediment remediation guidance, current events and design issues at mega sites, contaminated sediment challenges at port authorities, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' perspective in managing risk uncertainty, recent developments in PAH site assessments, and new solutions to capping challenges. More information is available from Frank Albanese at fja@bbl-inc.com or at <http://www.bbl-inc.com/bblinc/pressroom-conf-sem.cfm>

CALENDAR OF OTHER UPCOMING TECHNICAL CONFERENCES/MEETINGS:

- January 27, February 24, March 30, and April 27. Meeting of California Coastal Commission to discuss draft issue paper on "Ownership and Management of Multi-User Disposal and Processing Sites." <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/sediment/sdindex.html#Meeting%20Information>
- February 15-20, 2004: 2004 Ocean Research Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii. Co-sponsored by the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography and The Oceanography Society. <http://aslo.org/honolulu2004/>
- March 15-18, 2004: 14th Annual West Coast Conference on Soil, Sediment and Water. San Diego, California. Sponsored by the Association for Environmental Health and Sciences and the U.S. Navy. <http://aehs.com/conferences/westcoast/index.htm>
- April 20-23: Symposium on Monitoring Lakes and Reservoirs, North American Lake Management Society, Chicago, Illinois. <http://www.nalms.org/symposia/symposia.htm>
- May 4-7, 2004: Aquatic Weed Control Short Course, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. <http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/aw>
- May 15-20, 2004: International Conference on River/Catchment Dynamics: Natural Processes and

- Human Impacts. Solsona, Catalonia, Spain. <http://www.ctfc.es/conference2004>
- May 24-28, 2004: International Association for Great Lakes Research 2004 Conference, Waterloo, Ontario. Theme: Great Lakes Need Great Watersheds. <http://www.iaglr.org/conference/2004/>
 - July 11-14, 2004: Watersheds 2004. Sponsored by the Water Environment Federation in Dearborn, Michigan. For more information, e-mail watershed04@wef.org or call 703-684-2400, x 7010.
 - July 11-14, 2004: 44th Annual Meeting of the Aquatic Plant Management Society, Tampa, Florida. <http://www.apms.org>
 - September 12-15, 2004: Second National Conference on Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration. Washington State Convention & Trade Center, Seattle, Washington. Sponsored by Restore America's Estuaries. <http://ca.mycontent.org/General/RAEConference/>
 - October 2004: Evaluating Risk and Managing Uncertainty at Contaminated Sediment Sites. Three-day intensive conference in St. Louis, Missouri. Date to be announced.
 - November 3-5, 2004: 24th International Symposium of the North American Lake Management Society, Victoria, British Columbia. <http://www.nalms.org/symposia/symposia.htm>
 - January 2005. Third International Conference on Contaminated Sediments. New Orleans, Louisiana. Date to be announced.

Management Guidance

ITRC RESEARCH TO ADDRESS CONTAMINATED SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT

The Interstate Technology Regulatory Council is sponsoring a four-year study from 2004-2008 aimed at clarifying management issues regarding dredged materials and contaminated sediments. The research team plans to produce several guidance documents and Internet training. The ITRC is a state-led coalition working together with industry and stakeholders to achieve regulatory acceptance of environmental technologies. A summary description of the project is available at: www.itrcweb.org/user/ConSed04a.pdf.

Remediation Projects

DOCUMENT RELEASED ON HUDSON RIVER QUALITY OF LIFE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has released draft documents on the "Engineering Performance Standards" and "Quality of Life Performance Standards" to be used in remediation of the Hudson River PCB Superfund Site. These standards were developed during the remedial design phase of the project, with input from the public. A copy of each document is available on the home page at <http://www.smwg.org>.

HUDSON RIVER PROJECT ENGINEERING STANDARDS WORKSHOP PLANNED IN JANUARY

A peer review workshop on the engineering performance standards for the Hudson River PCB Superfund Site remediation project will be held January 27-29. This session is designed to provide a forum for peer reviewers to discuss proposed standards. Members of the public are welcome to attend as observers and may make comments during a designated period. The workshop will be at the Gideon Putnam Hotel and Conference Center, 24 Gideon Putnam Road, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. To register, call (781) 674-7374 and reference the "Hudson River PCBs Site EPS Peer Review Workshop." To make comments in the observer comment period, please indicate this when registering. You also may register online at <https://www.ergweb.com/projects/hudsonriver/register.htm>.