

Welcome to the March 2003 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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Conferences/Meetings/Workshops

SPRING MEETINGS CALENDAR:

- A national workshop on in-situ capping will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 12-14. Go to <http://www.sediments.org/capping-workshop.html> to download an informational flyer and get registration details.
- An intensive three-day workshop on environmental stability of chemicals in sediments is planned April 8-10, 2003 at the Wyndham San Diego at Emerald Plaza in San Diego, California. For details, go to: <http://www.sediments.org/env-stab.html>.
- The Second International Symposium on Contaminated Sediments will be held in Québec City, Canada May 26-28 on the theme "Characterisation, Evaluation, Mitigation/Restoration, Monitoring and Performance." Information on the symposium is available at <http://www.scs2003.ggl.ulaval.ca/>.
- The Coastal Sediments '03 Symposium will be held May 18-23 at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater Beach, Florida. <http://www.coastalsediments.net/>

DIOXIN 2003 CONFERENCE SET FOR AUGUST IN BOSTON. The 23rd International Symposium on Halogenated Organic Pollutants and Persistent Organic Pollutants will be August 24-29 at Boston's Weston-Copley Hotel and Conference Center. <http://www.dioxin2003.org/>

ARCHIVED VERSION OF INTERNET WORKSHOP ON ANACOSTIA CAPPING PROJECT ONLINE. The Hazardous Substance Research Center/South & Southwest, in conjunction with the EPA Technology Innovation Office (TIO), delivered a live Internet workshop March 12 on the Anacostia River demonstration of innovative "active capping" technologies. Speakers were project director Dr. Danny Reible of Louisiana State University and one of the project's principal investigators, Dr. Greg Lowry of Carnegie-Mellon University. An archived version of the presentation, with presentation slides and audio of the speakers, is available at: <http://www.clu-in.org/studio/>. Once at this site, select the "Internet Seminars" button and then go to "Archived Seminars."

Regulatory Information

LIST OF SUPERFUND SITES WITH SEDIMENTS CONTAMINATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. The EPA Superfund program has published a list of Superfund sites with significant contamination on its web site. Included in this list are sites "for which EPA has signed a Record of Decision (ROD) or Action Memo for sediment cleanup which selects a remedy involving more than 10,000 cubic yards of sediment to be dredged or excavated, or more than five acres to be capped or monitored for natural recovery." Site descriptions include fact sheets. <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/resources/sediment/sites.htm>

COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR EPA SEDIMENT REMEDIATION GUIDANCE DOCUMENT. The period for public comment on EPA's draft report on "Contaminated Sediment Remediation Guidance for Hazardous Waste Sites" has been extended by 30 days to April 2. For more information, go to the following site: <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/resources/sediment/guidance.htm>

Reports/Publications

NEWSLETTER INCLUDES GUIDANCE MANUALS OF FRESHWATER SEDIMENT ASSESSMENT. The February issue of the web newsletter, *Contaminated Sediments News*, includes links to pdf-formatted guidance manuals to support assessment of sediments in freshwater ecosystems. The newsletter also summarizes a selection of recent journal articles and includes information about upcoming conferences. <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/pc/csnews/issue34.htm>

REPORT AVAILABLE ON MANISTIQUE HARBOR DREDGING REMEDY. The retrospective summary report of the Manistique Harbor, Michigan, dredging remedy is available for downloading on the web site of the Sediment Management Work Group. <http://www.smwg.org>

New Technologies

RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL AVAILABLE FOR EVALUATION. The U.S. Corps of Engineers' Dredging Operations Technical Support Program is making available a risk assessment tool for evaluation. TrophicTrace is an Excel™ add-in that can be used to calculate, with inputs provided by users, potential human health and ecological risks due to bioaccumulation of sediment-associated contaminants. To download the software and a users manual, go to the following web site. <http://www.wes.army.mil/el/trophictrace/index.html>.