

Welcome to the May 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 OF TECHNICAL CONFERENCES/MEETINGS:

- 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 Seventh International Symposium on In-Situ and On-Site Bioremediation will be held June 2-5 in Orlando, Florida. <http://www.battelle.org/environment/er/conferences/biosymp/default.stm>
- The Gordon Research Conference on Permeable Sediments will take place June 15 at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. <http://www.skiio.peachnet.edu/grc/>

SUMMER MEETINGS CALENDAR OF TECHNICAL CONFERENCES/MEETINGS:

- The International Association for Great Lakes Research is sponsoring a conference on "Global Threats to Large Lakes: Managing in an Environment of Instability and Unpredictability" on June 22-26 at DePaul University in Chicago. <http://www.iaglr.org/conference/conference.html>
- A conference on "Moving on a Sustainable Great Lakes will be held June 25-26 at Lake Superior State University at Saulte Ste. Marie, Michigan. <http://www.glc.org/sustainable/>
- The 2003 World Water and Environmental Resources Congress will be June 23-26 in Philadelphia, PA, at the Adams Mark Hotel. <http://www.asce.org/conferences/ewri2003/>

Reports/Publications

SEDIMENT BIOAVAILABILITY BOOK AVAILABLE. The National Academy Press has just published a book entitled, *Bioavailability of Contaminants in Soils and Sediments: Processes, Tools, and Applications*. The 432-page book is authored by the National Research Council's Committee on Bioavailability of Contaminants in Soils and Sediments. It can be purchased through the National Academies Press web site or read online for free. <http://books.nap.edu/catalog/10523.html>

NAVY PUBLISHES GUIDE TO ENVIRONMENTAL BACKGROUND ANALYSIS. In April, the Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center published a 241-page book on "Guidance for Environmental Background Analysis - Volume II: Sediment" The book is downloadable at the following web address: http://enviro.nfesc.navy.mil/erb/restoration/fcs_area/con_sed/main.htm

EPA CONTAMINATED SEDIMENTS NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL ONLINE. The March issue of EPA's *Contaminated Sediments News* is now available on the web. It includes summarized journal articles, other journal article titles of interest, upcoming events and conferences, and websites of interest.

<http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/pc/csnews/issue36.htm>

Remediation Projects

SEDIMENT SAMPLING BEGINS ON HUDSON RIVER. Sediment sampling in the EPA's Hudson River PCBs cleanup project began this week at various locations throughout the Upper Hudson between Fort Edward and Troy. This sampling effort will determine the precise locations for dredging at the Hudson River Superfund site. It continues last year's collection of sediment samples. Contractors for General Electric will conduct the sampling program, and oversight will be provided by EPA, the New York State Department of Conservation, and the U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers. If you have questions about this program, call (518) 747-4389, go to EPA's Hudson River project Web site at www.epa.gov/hudson, or visit the Hudson River Field Office.