

Welcome to the May 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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ABSTRACTS DUE FOR SETAC NORTH AMERICA CONFERENCE

June 1 is the deadline for abstracts to be submitted to the SETAC North America Conference, which will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 11-15. The conference has a contaminated sediments session with the following topics:

- Assessment and Remediation of Chemical Contamination in Tidal Estuary Sediments
- Contaminated Sediments and Soils (General Session)
- Biological Contamination of Great Lakes and Marine Coastal Beaches
- North American Experiences in Contaminated Sediment Assessment and Management: Canadian and US Perspectives
- Strategies for sustainable management of sediments
- Contaminated Harbor and River Sediment

For more information, go to <http://milwaukee.setac.org> and click on "Sessions."

OTHER CONFERENCES/MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS/TRAINING

May 20-24: SETAC Europe 17th Annual Meeting on the theme: "Multiple Stressors for the Environment: Present and Future Challenges and Perspectives." Porto, Portugal.
<http://www.setaceumeeting.org/porto/>

May 21-24: Joint Services Environmental Management Conference. Columbus, Ohio.
<http://www.jsemconference.com/2007/index.htm>

May 23: Internet Seminar on Long-Term Stewardship of Wetland Mitigation Sites. <http://clu-in.org/studio/seminar.cfm>. 1:00 to 3:00 pm EST (17:00 to 19:00 GMT). Sponsored by EPA Technology Innovation Program.

June 1: This is the deadline for the call for abstracts and online registration for the Partners in Environmental Technology Technical Symposium & Workshop December 4-6, 2007 in Washington, D.C. This event is sponsored by the Environmental Security Technology Certification Program (ESTCP) and the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP)

June 14: ITRC Risk Assessment and Risk Management: Determination and Application of Risk-Based

Values. <http://clu-in.org/studio/seminar.cfm>. 11:00 to 1:10 pm EST (15:00 to 17:15 GMT). Sponsored by EPA Technology Innovation Program.

June 20-22: 4th European Conference on Contaminated Sediments. Antwerp, Belgium. Sponsored by REUSED Foundation. <http://www.reused.nl/>

June 25-27: American Water Resources Association (AWRA) Summer Specialty Conference: Emerging Contaminants of Concern in the Environment: Issues, Investigations, and Solutions. Vail, Colorado. <http://www.awra.org/meetings/Vail2007/index.html>

July 31: Abstracts due for Sixth International Conference on Remediation of Chlorinated and Recalcitrant Compounds in Monterey, California, May 19-22, 2008. <http://www.battelle.org/chlorcon/>

August 1-4: 10th International Symposium on River Sedimentation. Moscow, Russia. <http://isrs10.hydro-msu.ru/en/>

August 6-9: 3rd International Conference on Environmental Science and Technology, Houston, TX. Sponsored by American Academy of Sciences. www.aasci.org/conference/env/2007/index.html

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 24-27: 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.

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>

PERIODICALS, PUBLICATIONS, AND PAPERS

SedNet (The European Sediment Network) has published, *Sustainable Management of Sediment Resources*, the 3rd volume in the SedNet-Elsevier book series. This volume is edited by Susanne Heise. Information on how to order this and/or the other volumes, is available at:
<http://www.sednet.org/content/view/102/103/>

REMEDIATION PROGRAMS

The Sediment Management Work Group (SMWG) has sent a 9-page letter of comments to the U.S. EPA's modified Record of Decision for remedying sediment contamination on the Fox River in Wisconsin. SMWG has also submitted an 11-page response to the draft Great Lakes Binational Toxics Strategy Report. Both responses can be downloaded from the SMWG web site home page, www.smwg.org.

If a tentative agreement holds, PCB-contaminated sediment removed this year from an area around the Plainwell Impoundment will not be sent to the Allied Paper disposal area in Kalamazoo, Michigan, according to the U.S. EPA's Region 5 office. "EPA has clearly heard the concerns of Kalamazoo officials and residents," said Regional Administrator Mary Gade. "This agreement allows more time to better address local concerns about disposal without further delaying the time-critical cleanup work at the Plainwell Impoundment." No determination has been made regarding a disposal site or sites for material excavated during 2008. EPA will solicit public input on all disposal options considered. The 2007 cleanup work - which was halted on April 13 to allow for additional community input - was scheduled to resume on May 2. EPA expects that about one-third of the sediment will be removed during 2007. Under the new plan, material excavated from the river during 2007 will be sent to permitted commercial landfills. More information about the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund site may be found at www.epa.gov/region5/sites/kalproject/

The next Community Advisory Group meeting for the Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site project will be Thursday, May 24 at 1 pm at Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs, NY. More information is at: <http://www.hudsoncag.ene.com/default.htm>.