

Welcome to the November 2005 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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CONFERENCES/MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

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November 13-17: Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) 26th Annual North America annual meeting on the theme, "Environmental Science in a Global Society," Baltimore, Maryland USA. <http://www.setac.org/baltimore/baltimore.html>

November 14-15: Second "Communicating European Research 2005" Conference and Exhibition, Brussels, Belgium. <http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/research/cer2005.html>

November 15-16: Workshop on Sediment Management in River Basins, Manchester, UK. <http://www.sednet.org/newsitem.asp?ni=150>

November 29-December 1: 2005 Partners in Environmental Technology Technical Symposium & Workshop. Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. Sponsored by the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP) and Environmental Security Technology Certification Program (ESTCP). For more information, send an e-mail to partners@hgl.com or call 703/736-4548. More information will be forthcoming in the near future.

January 8-12, 2006: International conference on "Ecology in an Era of Globalization" to be held in Merida, Mexico. The Ecological Society of America is organization the event, which is designed to develop strategies to increase international access to ecological knowledge and increase collaboration among environmental scientists. Go to <http://esa.org/montreal> and click on "Mexico Meeting."

January 26-27, 2006: 6th National Conference on Science, Policy and the Environment on the theme "Energy for a Sustainable and Secure Future." Washington, DC, at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. <http://www.ncseonline.org/ncseconference/2006conference/>

April 2-6, 2006: Joint 8th Federal Interagency Sedimentation and 3rd Hydrologic Modeling Conferences. Silver Legacy Hotel, Reno Nevada. <http://water.usgs.gov/wicp/acwi/hydrology/mtsconfwkshops/ann-4-2-2006.html>

May 7-11, 2006: 16th Annual Meeting of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry's SETAC Europe Annual Meeting on the theme, "Controversies and Solutions in Environmental Sciences," in The Hague, The Netherlands. <http://www.setaceumeeting.org/thehague/>

May 22-25, 2006: 5th Annual International Conference on Remediation of Chlorinated and Recalcitrant Compounds, Monterey, CA. Sponsored by Battelle.
<http://www.battelle.org/environment/er/conferences/chlorcon/default.stm>

May 22-26, 2006: International Association for Great Lakes Research Annual Conference on the theme "Great Lakes in a Changing Environment." Windsor, Ontario. <http://www.iaglr.org/conference/2006/>

May 23-25, 2006: 3rd Annual Symposium on Contaminated Sediments, Shizuoka, Japan, sponsored by ASTM International. <http://soildyn.oc.u-tokai.ac.jp/~iscs2006/>

June 25-30, 2006: 2nd Gordon Research Conference on Permeable Sediments at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. <http://www.grc.org/programs/2006/permsed.htm>

July 3-7, 2006: ICCE meeting on Sediment Dynamics and the Hydromorphology of Fluvial Systems. Dundee, Scotland. <http://www.sediments.org/circular.pdf>

August 6-11, 2006: 8th Annual Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant on the theme, "Integration of Science, Policy, and Socioeconomics." Madison, Wisconsin. <http://www.mercury2006.org/>

September 18-20, 2006: SETAC Asia/Europe Annual Meeting at Peking University in Beijing, China. For information, go to: http://www.setac.org/htdocs/what_meet_setac.html.

September 26-28, 2006: Third International Symposium on Integrated Water Resources Management, Ruhr-University Bochum. Conference theme: "Reducing The Vulnerability of Societies Against Water Related Risks at the Basin Scale." Sponsored by the International Commission for Water Resources Systems. <http://conventus.de/water/index.php>

May 13-17, 2007: Coastal Sediments 2007 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Conference theme: Coastal Engineering and Science in Cascading Spatial and Temporal Scales. Deadline for receipt of abstracts is May 15, 2006. <http://www.asce.org/conferences/cs07/index.cfm>

WEB-ACCESSIBLE CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Speaker presentations (many with audio clips synchronized to slides) are now online from the NATO-sponsored Advanced Research Workshop on the Assessment and Remediation of Contaminated Sediments held in May 2005 in Bratislava, Slovak Republic. <http://www.hsrb-ssw.org/bratislava.html>

All lecture presentations from the Dredged Material Assessment and Management Seminar held April 26-28 in Boston, MA, can be found at <http://el.erdc.usace.army.mil/dots>. This training is held at least once a year by the Dredging Operations Technical Support (DOTS) Program and is hosted by a Corps Division or District office. This seminar focuses on assessment and testing for waters regulated under the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act and the Clean Water Act. Approximately 20 lecturers spoke on topics such as Regulations and Policies; Inland, Ocean, and Upland Testing Manuals; Sediment Quality Guidelines; Innovative Technologies; Contaminated Sediment Remediation; Risk Assessment Applications; Nearshore/Aquatic Placement Models; and other dredging-related subjects.

EUROPEAN POLICY GUIDANCE ACTIVITIES

The Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) and the European Sediment Network (SedNet) have joined forces to form the European Advisory Group on Sediments. This initiative began

May 24 at the 2005 SETAC Europe Annual Meeting in Lille, France. The group intends to concentrate, discuss and communicate sediment-related issues, challenges and concepts. As a first task, the group has compiled a list of suggestions of sediment-related topics for the 2006 SETAC Europe annual meeting in The Hague May 7-11. Eleven of the advisory group's participants have volunteered to form a steering group to assist in facilitating exchange between research (SETAC) and application (SedNet) on sediment related issues. For further information, please contact Dr Susanne Heise: s.heise@tu-harburg.de and/or download a call for abstracts at <http://www.sediments.org/europolicy.pdf>.

PUBLICATIONS

The Journal of Soils and Sediments has published its 2005 Volume 3. Selected articles can be freely downloaded, including an editorial entitled "Management, Policy and Science: Do We Need a Journal of Soils AND Sediments?" authored by Dr. Sabine Apitz. For more information, go to the following site: <http://www.scientificjournals.com/sj/jss/inhalt/Band/5/Ausgabe/3/Jahrgang/2005>

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has published Volume 8, Number 1 of its Dredging Research newsletter. The lead story in this issue is "Beneficial Uses of Dredged Material: Meeting the Challenges Ahead." Another article in the newsletter focuses on a dredging operations decision support system. Download a PDF version of the newsletter at: <http://el.erdc.usace.army.mil/dots/new.cfm>.

REMEDICATION PROJECTS

The U.S. Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have reached an agreement with General Electric, requiring the company to begin the dredging called for in EPA's 2002 Record of Decision for the Hudson River PCB's Superfund site. Under the terms of this consent decree, lodged in federal district court in Albany, NY, October 6, GE will construct the sediment transfer/processing facility needed for the project and perform the first phase of the dredging according to design plans being developed under a prior agreement. The dredging is scheduled for the 2007 spring through fall dredging season. The agreement also calls for GE to pay EPA up to \$78 million for the Agency's past and future costs. EPA has already collected \$37 million from GE through past settlements. More details and a copy of the consent decree and record of decision are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/region02/news/2005/051115.htm>.