

Welcome to the October-November 2004 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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NEWLY ANNOUNCED CONFERENCES/MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

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3RD INTERNATIONAL SEDNET CONFERENCE SET FOR NOVEMBER. The European Sediments Research Network (SedNet) will conduct its final conference November 25 and 26 in Venice, Italy. The first day will summarize the results of the three-year SedNet project, and the second day of the program will focus on the future of sediment management in Europe. More details on the program and registration information are available at: <http://www.sednet.org/final.asp>.

ABSTRACTS SOUGHT FOR 2006 INTERNATIONAL SEDIMENTS SYMPOSIUM IN JAPAN. The 3rd International Symposium on Contaminated Sediments will be held May 23-25, 2006, in Shizouka, Japan. Sponsors are ASTM International, Tokai University, and the Marine Geoenvironmental Research Association. The organizing committee is currently soliciting research papers related to characterization, evaluation, restoration, and management of contaminated sediments in fields such as oceanography, limnology, sedimentology, geochemistry, marine geotechnology, and environmental science and engineering. To participate in the symposium, presenters/authors must submit a 250-300 word preliminary abstract by November 30, 2004, on the online abstract submittal form at the following web site: <http://soildyn.oc.u-tokai.ac.jp/~iscs2006/>.

OTHER CONFERENCES/MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

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December 2-3: 2nd European Conference on Dredged Sediments and Mineral Values in Europe, Amsterdam Holiday Inn Hotel in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
<http://www.klasse4.nl/files/congres2004.html>

January 23-26, 2005: First International Conference on Environmental Science and Technology in New Orleans, Louisiana. Abstracts are due May 31. Go to <http://www.AASci.org/conference> for more information or send e-mail inquiries to: conference@AASci.org.

January 24-27, 2005: Third International Conference on Remediation of Contaminated Sediments, New Orleans, Louisiana. Conference theme is "Finding Achievable Risk Reduction Solutions." More Information is at: <http://www.battelle.org/environment/er/conferences/sedimentscon/default.stm> or by e-mail at info@confgroupinc.com.

March 5-10, 2005: 3rd Conference on Watershed Management to Meet Water Quality Standards and Emerging Total Maximum Daily Load. Sponsored by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, Sheraton Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia. <http://www.asae.org/meetings/TMDL2005/index.html>

March 13-19, 2005: 9th International Conference on Energy & Environment, Cairo and Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. Contact Dr. Ralph H. Kummler at rkummler@chem1.eng.wayne.edu or 313-577-3775. For more information, go to <http://www.sediments.org/cairo-meeting.pdf>.

March 14-17, 2005: 15th West Coast Conference on Soils, Sediments and Water, sponsored by the Association for Environmental Sciences at the Marriott Mission Valley in San Diego, California. <http://www.aehs.com/conferences/westcoast/>

June 6-9, 2005: 8th International Symposium on In-Situ and On-Site Bioremediation. Baltimore, Maryland. <http://www.battelle.org/environment/er/conferences/biosymp/default.stm>

July 19-22, 2005: Watershed Management Conference, "Managing Watersheds for Human and Natural Impacts: Engineering, Ecological, and Economic Challenges." Sponsored by the Environmental and Water Resources Institute (EWRI) of the American Society of Civil Engineers. <http://www.asce.org/conferences/watershedmanagement2005/>

June 26-29, 2005: TMDL 2005, Hyatt Regency Philadelphia. Sponsored by the Water Environment Federation on technical practice of the Clean Water Act's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) regulations. <http://www.epa.gov/owow/tmdl/training.html>

August 28-September 2, 2005: 10th Annual International Symposium on the Interactions between Sediment and Water and the International Association for Sediment Water Science. Lake Bled, Slovenia. <http://www.wsc.monash.edu.au/iasws/2005symposium.htm>

REGULATORY NEWS

DETECTION AND QUANTITATION PROCEDURE PROPOSAL BEING WITHDRAWN. EPA is withdrawing its March 2003 proposal to revise detection and quantitation procedures used in Clean Water Act programs. The agency is making this decision based on the divergent views it has received on the proposed revisions and its desire to improve the procedures through a possible stakeholder dialogue. More information is available at: <http://www.epa.gov/ost/methods/det/index.html#noda>.

REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES

GE REPORTS ON PROGRESS TO CLEAN HUDSON RIVER. A progress report on the clean-up of PCBs in the Hudson River is now available on a General Electric Company web site describing highlights on this remediation project. It can be downloaded at: <http://www.ge.com/en/commitment/ehs/hudson/>.

EPA FINALIZES QUALITY OF LIFE STANDARDS FOR HUDSON RIVER CLEAN-UP. EPA has published its final quality of life performance standards for the Hudson River PCB remediation project. The purpose of these standards is to diminish potential impacts on quality of life of the various clean-up activities along the upper Hudson River. These standards will now be incorporated into the dredging project design plans under development by General Electric. To download the document, go to the following web page: http://www.epa.gov/hudson/quality_of_life_06_04/index.html

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

PROPOSALS SOUGHT FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEAN-UP DEMONSTRATIONS. The Superfund Innovative Technology Evaluation (SITE) Program is requesting proposals for sites to host demonstrations and/or evaluations of innovative technologies for hazardous waste clean-up. The due date for proposals is January 18, 2005. The SITE Program has particular interest in evaluating in-situ and lower-cost technologies. One of the program's priority areas is sediments contaminated with pesticides, PCBs, PAHs, or heavy metals including arsenic and mercury. More information is available at: <http://www.epa.gov/ORD/SITE/solicitation/fy05solicitation.htm>.