

Welcome to the September 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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HURRICANE KATRINA INFORMATION SOURCES

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has published an Environmental Health Needs and Habitability Assessment of New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. This study includes test results on the status of sediments in the city. Go to the following web site to download the report: http://www.epa.gov/katrina/reports/envneeds_hab_assessment.html. Sediment testing data is available at <http://www.epa.gov/katrina> by clicking on a button for sediments test results on the left column.

The Hazardous Substance Research Center/South & Southwest (HSRC/S&SW) has compiled and begun dissemination of a four-page brochure with basic information to assist Gulf Coast residents who are returning home in the aftermath of the two recent hurricanes. An electronic version of this brochure is available on-line. <http://www.hsrb-ssw.org/update19.pdf>

CONFERENCES/MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

Continuing: 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>

October 13-14: European workshop on heavy metal-contaminated marine sediments at the Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology in Bremen, Germany, sponsored by the European Commission. Registration deadline is October 1. For more information, go to: <http://www.sednet.org/newsitem.asp?ni=144>

October 16-21: 18th Biennial Conference on Estuarine Interactions in Norfolk, VA. Abstracts are invited from January 12 to March 15. <http://www.sgmeet.com/erf2005/default.htm>

October 17-20: Annual International Conference on Soils, Sediments and Water. Sponsored by University of Massachusetts at Amherst. <http://www.umasssoils.com>

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."

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>

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

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

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>

PUBLICATIONS

The Superfund Innovative Technology Evaluation (SITE) program is posting a variety of documents on technologies for monitoring and measuring dioxin or dioxin-like compounds in soil and sediment. <http://www.epa.gov/ORD/SITE>

EPA's Technology Innovative Office has published results of a U.S. Geological Survey study on the use of a pushpoint sampler for investigating the interaction of a groundwater contaminated plume with sediment. <http://clu.in.org/programs/21m2/projects/detail.cfm?ID=33>

The Sediment Management Work Group (SMWG) maintains a collection of technical papers on sediment management topics. To download them, go to: <http://www.smwg.org>, click on the "Technical Papers" button, and then select another link to "Technical Papers."

During the 2005-2006 legislative session, Congress has considered a number of bills related to sediment management in the United States. They include the Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization and Environmental Accountability Act, the Great Lakes Restoration Act; the NOAA Chesapeake Bay Watershed Monitoring, Education, Training and Restoration Act; the Anacostia Watershed Initiative Act; the Clean Power Act; the Mercury Emission Act; the National Aquatic Invasive Species Act; and the

Water Resources Development Act. To read these bills and track their progress, go to:
<http://thomas.loc.gov> and select the keyword "sediments."