

National Sediment Forum Business Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, June 2, 2009: *State of the Art in Sediment Assessment and Remediation*

10:15 AM – 10:25 AM Welcome & Purpose: Jim Hahnenberg, Region 5

10:25 AM – 12:00 PM Session # 1 - Roundtable Discussion: Setting Realistic Sediment Clean Up Levels and Fish Tissue Remediation Goals

This roundtable discussion will address how sediment cleanup levels and performance standards are selected that result in biota and tissue levels that protect fish and shellfish consumers, but also factor in technology engineering limitations. The objective of the session is to identify information & policy needs related to this issue.

Moderator: Steve Ells, OSRTI

Panelists: Steve Ells and Robin Anderson (OSRTI), Lawrence Burkhard (ORD/NEERL), Eric Blischke (Region 10), and Scott Cieniawski (Great Lakes National Program Office [GLNPO])

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch

1:30 - 3:00 PM Session # 2 - Roundtable Discussion: Dealing with Uncertainty and Improving ROD Quality

This roundtable will address issues such as: Is there a need to use more of an adaptive management approach at sediment sites? Can we acknowledge uncertainties upfront and build flexibility into the cleanup process that allows for changes based on new information? Can this concept be married with the CERCLA framework of making a remedy decision at the ROD stage? The objective of the session is to identify information & policy needs related to this issue.

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3:00 PM – 3:15 PM Break

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM Session # 3: Updates on Contaminated Sediment Activities

Moderator: Eric Blischke, Region 10

3:15-3:30 EPA Office of Research and Development. Randall S. Wentzel, Ph.D. (National Program Director, Land Research Program) or Patricia Erickson (Assistant Director, Land and Nano, National Risk Management Research Laboratory)

3:30-3:45 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Todd Bridges, Ph.D. (Senior Research Scientist for Environmental Science, U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center)

3:45-4:00 Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program/Environmental Security Technology Certification Program (SERDP/ESTCP). Andrea Leeson, Ph.D. (Environmental Restoration Program Manager SERDP/ESTCP)

4:00-4:15 EPA Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation (OSRTI): Activities, Fact Sheets and Guidance. Steve Eills (OSRTI)

4:15-4:30 EPA GLNPO. Update on the Great Lakes Legacy Program, Marc Tuchman (GLNPO)

4:30 PM – 5:30 Session # 4: Discussion: Future Directions of NSF

Moderator: Eric Blischke, Region 10

4:30-4:45 New Co-Chair(s): Election of a co-chair and/or establish a NSF planning committee of 3-5 people

4:45-5:30 How can the NSF most benefit RPMs? The objective of this session is to identify and rank future directions of the NSF.

Future direction topics might include:

- Annual meetings and training
- Technical support to regional staff (bring member knowledge and experience to help others)
- Exchange of up-to-date info related to sediment remediation
- Promote communication between Regions and ORD to bring current state-of-the-science developed by the labs out to regional offices; to focus laboratory resources on research areas important to project managers in Regions; and work to maintain consistency in interpretation of guidance and application of policy
- Participate on work groups to develop/review fact sheets, issue papers, technical papers
- Recommendations for conference call topics, future meetings, issue papers, etc.

5:30pm Adjourn