

Welcome to the August 2002 SedWeb E-Mail Update, a periodic summary of recent developments about contaminated sediments remediation. This update is a service the Sediments Web Community (<http://www.sediments.org>), an online resource for researchers 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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Regulatory Updates

COMMENTS SOUGHT ON EPA CONTAMINATED SEDIMENTS SCIENCE PLAN. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is seeking public comments by September 20 on its new draft contaminated sediments science plan. See the plan at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/action/guidance/cssp.pdf> and <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/action/guidance/cssp-appendix.pdf>. This science plan is a mechanism for the EPA to develop and coordinate agency-wide science activities in the contaminated sediments area. For more information, go to <http://www.sediments.org/science-plan.html>.

SEDIMENTS ADVISORY PANEL. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking nominations for individuals to serve on a new science advisory board panel that will review the agency's draft Contaminated Sediments Science Plan in Autumn 2002. For more information, contact Lee Hofmann, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response at 202-566-1928 or Hofmann.Lee@EPA.gov. To find out more about this announcement, go to <http://www.sediments.org/nominations.html>.

EPA, CORPS OF ENGINEERS COLLABORATION ON URBAN RIVERS CLEANUP. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will collaborate on the remediation and restoration of degraded urban rivers as a result of a recently signed a two-year memorandum of understanding (MOU). The agreement is intended to promote cooperation between EPA's remediation and water quality activities along with the Corps of Engineers' environmental restoration, navigation, and waterways maintenance activities. For more information, go to <http://www.sediments.org/moa.html>.

HUDSON RIVER SEDIMENT SITE CHARACTERIZATION AGREEMENT. EPA has reached agreement with the General Electric Company (GE) for the company to fund and perform sediment characterization work, an initial step in the design of the Hudson River PCBs site cleanup. Sediment characterization includes the sampling and mapping of PCBs in the river bottom. For more information, go to <http://www.epa.gov/hudson/>.

Reports/Publications

SECOND ISSUE OF JOURNAL FEATURES EUROPEAN SEDIMENTS ACTIVITIES. The second edition of the Journal of Soils and Sediments has been published, and a number of articles (particularly on sediments remediation activities in Europe) can be downloaded as PDF files from the journal's web site, which is: <http://www.scientificjournals.com/jss/welcome.htm>.

WEB LISTING OF SEDIMENTS RESOURCES EXPANDED. The Hazardous Substance Research Centers' SedWeb site has expanded and reorganized its listing of links to sediments resources. To look at these links, go to: <http://www.sediments.org/links.html>. To suggest other links to add to the list, send an e-mail to: mark.hodges@gtri.gatech.edu.

Conferences/Meetings

WORKSHOP ON ENVIRONMENTAL STABILITY OF CHEMICALS IN SEDIMENTS. An intensive three-day workshop on environmental stability of chemicals in sediments is planned April 8-10, 2003 at the Wyndham San Diego at Emerald Plaza in San Diego, California. The conference will focus on the important biogeochemical and physical factors that modify the stability, mobility, and/or bioavailability of inorganic and organic contaminants in aquatic sediments. Attendance is open to public, but aimed at those interested in the management of contaminated sediments. The conference is being sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Navy, the South/Southwest Hazardous Substances Research Center, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Geological Survey and the Sediment Management Work Group. For more information, go to <http://www.smwg.org/>.

RTDF SEDIMENTS ACTION TEAM MEETING NOTES. The Sediments Action Team of the Remediation Technology Development Forum (RTDF) met in Baltimore, Maryland, on March 11-13 for one of its periodic meetings. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss general business items, review rapid assessment technologies for characterizing contaminated sediment sites, and evaluate approaches to treat contaminated dredged material in confined disposal facilities. The mission of the Sediments Remediation Action Team is to develop cost-effective, on-site technologies to remediate contaminated sediments and enable recovery of biological systems. To read an extensive set of meeting notes, go to <http://www.rtdf.org/public/sediment/minutes/031102/summary.html>.

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON DREDGED SLUDGE REMEDIATION. The European Conference on Dredged Sludge Remediation will be held October 30-November 1 in Rotterdam in the Netherlands at the Hilton Rotterdam. The conference will focus on environmentally sound re-use of contaminated dredged harbor sludge and river sediments into useful building materials. More information about the conference is available at <http://www.klasse4.nl/files/congres2002.html>.

Outreach/Community Involvement

AUGUST WORKSHOP ON COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AT HUDSON RIVER PCB SITE. The Marasco Newton Group (under contract with EPA) is developing a community involvement plan for the Hudson River PCBs site, and the organization will elicit stakeholder comments on its proposed framework at a community workshop August 27 in Ft. Edward, New York. The workshop is open to everyone and will be from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Ft. Edward Fire House on 114 Broadway. A summary of the first community workshop put on by Marasco Newton is at <http://www.marasconewton.com/hudsonriver>. Please contact the Marasco Newton Group at 1-800-480-9058 or send an e-mail to stage1comments@marasconewton.com if you are interested in participating in the August 27 workshop.