

Welcome to the March 2004 SedWeb E-Mail Update, a monthly 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, 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

DREDGING SEMINAR PLANNED FOR APRIL. The Dredged Material Evaluation and Management Seminar will be held April 14-15 at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel-Gateway in Cleveland, Ohio. The event is sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in association with the Great Lakes Dredging Team. The program is intended for technical and policy staff members from state and federal resource agencies, port authorities, tribal and local governments, nonprofit groups and consultants. The program will cover legal and policy issues of dredging and dredged material management, procedures for sampling sediment proposed for dredging, chemical and biological testing procedures to evaluate management options, software for data analysis and modeling impacts, and case studies of dredged material management. There is no registration fee for the seminar, but space is limited. To register, send an e-mail to billie.h.skinner@usace.army.mil. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel in downtown Cleveland, 1100 Carnegie Avenue under the name "U.S. Army Corps of Engineers." Contact the hotel to make reservations at 1-877-782-9444.

ABSTRACTS DUE MAY 31 FOR AAAS INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE. The American Academy of Sciences will sponsor the First International Conference on Environmental Science and Technology in New Orleans, Louisiana, January 23-26, 2005. The conference will provide a multidisciplinary platform for environmental scientists, engineers and management professionals to discuss the latest developments in environmental research and applications, including contaminated sediments. The deadline for submitting abstracts is May 31. Go to <http://www.AASci.org/conference> for more information or send e-mail inquiries to: conference@AASci.org.

CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON SUSTAINABLE GREAT LAKES. The Great Lakes Sustainability Conference will be held May 5-6 at the Sheraton Cleveland City Centre Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio under the sponsorship of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Great Lakes Commission. This conference will assemble Great Lakes stakeholders to report on progress and unaddressed needs in sustainability initiatives, strengthen collaborative links, and design strategies for collective action. More information is available at: <http://www.glc.org/announce/04/01sustain.html>.

21ST SOILS, SEDIMENTS & WATER CONFERENCE PLANNED FOR OCTOBER

The 21st Annual Conference on Soils, Sediments and Water will be held October 18-21 at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. The theme for this year's conference is "Expediting and Economizing Cleanups." The conference typically attracts 700-800 attendees from state and federal agencies, the military, academia, the environmental engineering and consulting community, and industries including railroad, petroleum, transportation, and utilities. For more information, contact Denise Leonard at 413/545-1239 or by e-mail at: info@UMassSoils.com. The conference web site,

with links to past conference information, is: <http://www.umasssoils.com>.

CALENDAR OF OTHER UPCOMING TECHNICAL CONFERENCES/MEETINGS:

- March 15-18, 2004: 14th Annual West Coast Conference on Soil, Sediment and Water. San Diego, California. Sponsored by the Association for Environmental Health and Sciences and the U.S. Navy. <http://aehs.com/conferences/westcoast/index.htm>
- April 20-23: Symposium on Monitoring Lakes and Reservoirs, North American Lake Management Society, Chicago, Illinois. <http://www.nalms.org/symposia/symposia.htm>
- May 4-7, 2004: Aquatic Weed Control Short Course, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. <http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/aw>
- May 15-20, 2004: International Conference on River/Catchment Dynamics: Natural Processes and Human Impacts. Solsona, Catalonia, Spain. <http://www.ctfc.es/conference2004>
- May 24-28, 2004: International Association for Great Lakes Research 2004 Conference, Waterloo, Ontario. Theme: Great Lakes Need Great Watersheds. <http://www.iaglr.org/conference/2004/>
- July 11-14, 2004: Watersheds 2004. Sponsored by the Water Environment Federation in Dearborn, Michigan. For more information, e-mail watershed04@wef.org or call 703-684-2400, x 7010.
- July 11-14, 2004: 44th Annual Meeting of the Aquatic Plant Management Society, Tampa, Florida. <http://www.apms.org>
- September 12-15, 2004: Second National Conference on Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration. Washington State Convention & Trade Center, Seattle, Washington. Sponsored by Restore America's Estuaries. <http://ca.mycontent.org/General/RAEConference/>
- September 19-24: 29th International Conference on Coastal Engineering. Lisbon, Portugal. Organized by the Portuguese National Civic Engineering Laboratory under the auspices of the Coastal Engineering Research Council of the American Society of Civil Engineers. <http://www.icce2004.org/>
- October 26-28: Conference on Uncertainty and Risk Management at Sediment Sites. St. Louis, Missouri. Sponsored by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. EPA, the Hazardous Substances Research Center/South & Southwest, U.S. Navy, NOAA, and the Sediment Management Work Group. <http://www.smwg.org>
- November 3-5, 2004: 24th International Symposium of the North American Lake Management Society, Victoria, British Columbia. <http://www.nalms.org/symposia/symposia.htm>
- January 2005. Third International Conference on Contaminated Sediments. New Orleans, Louisiana. Date and program information to be announced.
- 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>.
- 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/>

Sediments Remediation

INCREASED FUNDING LEVELS FOR GREAT LAKES LEGACY ACT PROPOSED. According to a January 29 EPA news release, the Administration's 2005 budget proposal will include \$45 million for the cleanup of contaminated sediments in the Great Lakes system. If approved, the funding would be used to start or further the cleanup of four to six of the "Areas of Concern," sediment that is heavily contaminated with PCBs, heavy metals and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). The request is a \$35 million increase over 2004 Legacy Act funding. The budget also seeks an additional \$3 million for the Great Lakes Program for restoration projects and an additional \$1 million for research on control of invasive species such as the zebra mussel and Asian carp in the Great Lakes. EPA will work with states, tribes and other stakeholders to identify sites to receive money for cleanup. Funds could enhance an existing cleanup or help start a new project. Further information is available from: Great Lakes Legacy Act at: <http://www.epa.gov/glla> ; and Great Lakes Program at: <http://www.epa.gov/glnpo/index.html>

PROPOSALS DUE FOR GREAT LAKES LEGACY ACT FUNDING. March 31 is the due date for submission of the first round of research proposals under the Great Lakes Legacy Act of 2002. This legislation was enacted to address the problem of contaminated sediment in the Great Lakes and authorizes \$270 million in funding over five years beginning in fiscal year 2004. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO) was designated to administer the funds, and is therefore currently soliciting project ideas for addressing contaminated sediment problems within the U.S. areas of concern. For more information, go to the following web site: <http://www.epa.gov/glnpo/sediment/legacy/rfp.html>

Management Guidance

SEDNET PUBLISHES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SEDIMENT RESEARCH PRIORITIES. The European Sediment Research Network (SedNet) has published a downloadable document containing its recommended priorities for short-, medium-, and long-term sediments research. The recommendations are grouped according to SedNet's five main soil research clusters. <http://www.SedNet.org/newsitem.asp?ni=87>

WEB SITE PROVIDES INFORMATION ON LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN BASIN ECOSYSTEM. A web site has been established to document the activities of the West Lake Pontchartrain Basin Program at Southeastern Louisiana University. This EPA-sponsored program is determining the ecological status of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin ecosystem and providing scientific information to promote its recovery. For more information, go to: <http://www.selu.edu/Academics/Faculty/teperkins/Manchac/index.html>.