

Welcome to the September 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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CONFERENCE TO ASSESS GREAT LAKES ECOSYSTEM. The 6th biennial conference of State of the Lakes Ecosystem Conference (SOLEC) will be held in Toronto, Canada, October 6-8. At this meeting, the governments of Canada and the United States of America assess and report on the condition of the Great Lakes basin ecosystem using indicators, with an emphasis on physical integrity. According to conference literature, "attendees will explore managerial implications of the indicators' findings, consider the size of our Great Lakes 'ecological footprint,' and recognize the Great Lakes 'success stories' that exemplify a commitment to preserving and restoring the environment." Draft papers and material for SOLEC 2004 will be available in advance of the conference. For further information about SOLEC, go to: <http://www.solecregistration.ca/en/default.asp>.

OTHER CONFERENCES/MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

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September 27-October 1: World Dredging Congress (WODCON) XVII in Hamburg, Germany, sponsored by the World Organisation of Dredging Organizations. Meeting theme: Dredging in a Sensitive Environment. For more information go to: <http://www.woda.org/WODCONXVII/index.html>.

October 14-16: Urban Waterfronts 22: Gathering by the Waters. Milwaukee, Wisconsin. <http://www.waterfrontcenter.org/conference/index.html>

October 18-21: 21st Annual Conference on Soils, Sediments and Water, University of Massachusetts at Amherst. The theme of the meeting is "Expediting and Economizing Cleanups." For more information, contact Denise Leonard at 413/545-1239 or by e-mail at: info@UMassSoils.com. <http://www.umasssoils.com>.

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. Register at <http://www.smwg.org>. More information is available from Dr. Todd Bridges at 601-634-3626 (e-mail: Todd.S.Bridges@erdc.usace.army.mil).

October 28-30: Sustainable Management of Wetlands and Shallow Lakes. Final conference of a European

Union-LIFE project at Friedrichshafen at Lake Constance, Germany. For more information, e-mail: office@bodensee-stiftung.org.

November 3-5: 24th International Symposium of the North American Lake Management Society, Victoria, British Columbia. <http://www.nalms.org/symposia/symposia.htm>

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." Abstract deadline: June 30. <http://www.battelle.org/sedimentscon>. More information is available at: info@confgroupinc.com).

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/>

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>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

MAJOR REPORT ON OCEAN POLICY AVAILABLE. The U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy has completed its final report, *An Ocean Blueprint for the 21st Century*. This publication calls for a new governance framework, more investment in marine science and a new stewardship ethic by all Americans - all within the context of an ecosystem-based management approach - to halt the decline of this nation's oceans and coasts. The report is available online. <http://www.oceancommission.gov/>

WEB SITE MAINTAINS LISTING PCB-RELATED ARTICLES. This isn't a new service, but it's new to us: a web page with "Current News of Wisconsin and Global PCB Issues and the Environment" published by Fox River Watch, a project of the Clean Water Action Council in Green Bay, Wisconsin. This page provides links to articles on PCBs dating back to 1996. Articles with bold-faced headings relate to

PCBs in sediments. http://www.foxriverwatch.com/media_news_pcb.html

REGIONAL SEDIMENTS MANAGEMENT NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED. The Corps of Engineers Waterways Experiment Station is publishing a newsletter on its activities. To download a pdf version of this periodical, go to: <http://www.wes.army.mil/rsm/news/news.html> and select the link for "Recent Publications." A primer on the regional sediment management is also available at the same location.

PROGRESS REPORT PUBLISHED ON ANACOSTIA ACTIVE CAPPING DEMONSTRATION. The Hazardous Substance Research Center/South & Southwest has released a new factsheet summarizing recent progress on the active capping demonstration it is leading on the Anacostia River in Washington, DC. Active caps combine sequestration of contaminated sediment layers with treatment. To download the factsheet, go to: <http://www.hsrc-ssw.org/pdf/RB28.pdf>.

EPA SEEKING STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS ON DETECTION AND QUANTITATION PROCEDURES. How should EPA develop and use detection and quantitation procedures in Clean Water Act projects? EPA is eliciting suggestions, ideas and recommendations from stakeholders through use of a situation assessment procedure. To find out more information about this activity, go to: <http://www.epa.gov/ost/methods/det/stakeholder-fs.htm#assist>.

PAPER ON SEDIMENT DYNAMICS AND POLLUTANT MOBILITY AVAILABLE ONLINE. The European Sediments Research Network (SEDNET) has made available for download on paper entitled "Sediment Dynamics and Pollutant Mobility in Rivers: An Interdisciplinary Approach" by U. Forstner. The document is available in pdf format (402 Kb) from the following web address. http://www.sednet.org/materiale/Forstner_2.pdf.

REMEDATION ACTIVITIES

DESIGN & CLEANUP PROGRESS REPORT RELEASED ON HUDSON PCB PROJECT. On September 10, EPA issued Design & Cleanup Progress Report No. 7 on the Hudson River PCBs Superfund site. To see Progress Report No. 7 in its original form, please visit www.epa.gov/hudson where it can be located either in the Stay Informed box on the top page or under Progress Reports under Project Design. Hard copies also are available by visiting or calling the Hudson River Field Office at (518) 747-4389.