

Sustainable Remediation Forum (SURF)

SURF 26: July 17, 2014

Webinar

Members participated in SURF 26 via webinar on July 17, 2014. The two-hour webinar marked the 26th time that various stakeholders in remediation—industry, government agencies, environmental groups, consultants, and academia—came together to discuss the use of sustainability concepts throughout the remediation life cycle. Meeting minutes and audio of the webinar are posted for members at www.sustainableremediation.org. Members should log in and access the minutes and audio by clicking “SURF Meeting Minutes” under “Member Resources.”

Welcome

Nick Garson (SURF President) welcomed SURF members to SURF 26 and reviewed the organization’s mission and structure (see Attachment 1). The organization chart presented shows the Board of Trustees, committees, and technical initiatives. (The chart is available to members on the website under “Member Resources,” “Board Documents” at <http://www.sustainableremediation.org/documents/>.) Nick encouraged participants to get involved in SURF through leadership opportunities or in teams through committees or initiatives.

Updates from Committees and Technical Initiatives

Members provided updates on the recent progress of the Case Study Initiative and Social Aspects of Sustainability Initiative. Summaries of these updates are provided below.

- **Case Study Initiative**
John Simon (Initiative Chair) provided a brief introduction of the purpose of this initiative and detailed recent accomplishments, including the development of a template and creation of an e-mail account for receiving case studies (see Attachment 2). Currently, initiative members are focusing on obtaining case studies. Contacts have been made with international groups, SURF Canada, SURF-UK, and Network for Industrially Contaminated Land in Europe (NICOLE). In addition, a case study will be featured every quarter in the *Remediation Journal*. The goal is to compile 50 case studies in the next year. Completed case studies and questions about the initiative may be directed to csi@sustainableremediation.org.
- **Social Aspects of Sustainability Initiative**
Melissa Harclerode (Initiative Co-Chair) reviewed the objectives of the white paper that initiative members are writing (see Attachment 3). The goal is to complete the majority of the writing by October 1, 2014. Members of SURF Canada and SURF Taiwan are co-authors and have contributed text about the tools and indicators in their countries.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare the paper; interested individuals should contact Melissa or Kristin Mancini, the Initiative Co-Chairs.

ISO Soil and Site Assessment Standard

Paul Nathanail (University of Nottingham) provided a progress update on an ISO (International Organization for Standardization) standard being developed for soil and site assessment. The standard provides guidance on sustainable remediation, including standard terminology, information about the key components and aspects of a sustainable remediation assessment, and an assessment of the relative sustainability of alternative remediation technologies. Next steps were reviewed and are included in Attachment 4.

Integrating Sustainability into Department of Defense Acquisition Programs

Paul Yaroschak (Department of Defense) and Craig Cammarata (Enviance) discussed a sustainability analysis tool that combines a streamlined life-cycle assessment and life-cycle costs to compare alternatives. Using the tool, resulting impacts are compared and then monetized in a way that is compatible with the Department's cost structure. Use of the tool has shown that more informed decisions result, with more thought given to life-cycle implications. Presentation slides are provided in Attachment 5.

Discussions after the presentation focused on the development of external costs, including life-cycle costs. In addition, participants discussed slide 9 and noted that the model captures impacts and costs in time, which is not typical of a traditional life-cycle assessment.

Sustainable Return on Investment

Andrea Bohmholdt (URS) presented the sustainable return on investment (sROI) methodology, which is a nonproprietary methodology based on economic principles. The methodology is a quantitative approach that captures an expanded spectrum of values and criteria for measuring the triple bottom line impacts of a project in monetary terms. In addition, it includes an uncertainty analysis to demonstrate the likelihood of realizing costs and benefits. Presentation slides are provided in Attachment 6.

Imagine H₂O

Scott Bryan (Imagine H₂O) presented information about Imagine H₂O and discussed some of the ways that SURF and his organization could work together. Imagine H₂O is a nonprofit organization with the mission to inspire and empower people to solve water problems. Through business plan competitions that address specific water opportunities, the organization offers cash prizes and helps competing entrepreneurs turn their plans into reality. The process generates unique opportunities for collaboration. SURF members are welcome to participate in a competition or to serve as a judge or mentor. Presentation slides are provided in Attachment 7.

Attachment 1
SURF Mission and Organization Chart

Mission Statement

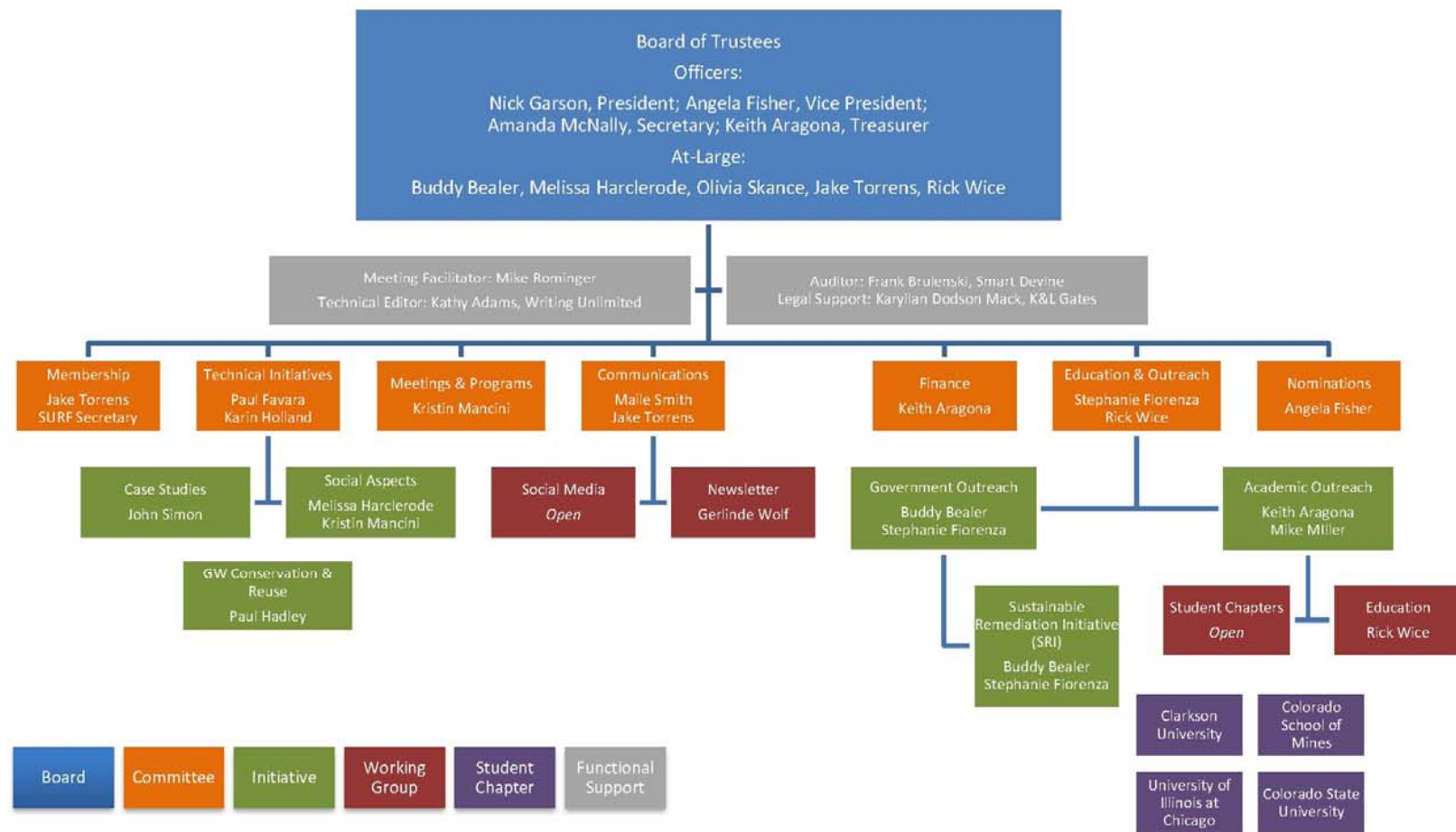


The mission of SURF is to maximize the overall environmental, societal, and economic benefits from the site cleanup process by:

- Advancing the science and application of sustainable remediation
- Developing best practices
- Exchanging professional knowledge
- Providing education and outreach



SURF Organization



Attachment 2
Update: Case Study Initiative

Case Study Initiative



Team Members:

- Lead – John Simon
- Barbara Maco, Wactor & Wick
- Jake Torrens & Venkat Jayaraman, Amec
- Carl Lenker, Gannett Fleming
- Kevin Morris, ERM
- Amanda McNally, AECOM

- Board Liaison – Nick Garson

Objectives:

- Compile case study examples of sustainable remediation implementation

Accomplishments:

- Prepared final CSI report template, final tracking template, example case study and presentation format
- Prepared example case study
- Updated template instructions
- Created CSI-SURF email account
- Conveyed submission request to SURF members and LinkedIn site
- Received 2 case studies in mailbox
- Received 10 case studies from NAVFAC

Next Steps:

- Coordinate with SURF Canada – Met with S. Karnis on 5/21; plans to provide contact
- Coordinate with SURF UK & NICOLE – K. Morris to coordinate
- Submit case study to Remediation J. – August 30th
- Contact NAVFAC case study report authors – June 30th
- Collect case studies – ongoing
- Review 2 case studies received and convert the NAVFAC studies
- Populate data base - ongoing

Upcoming Meetings/Presentations:

- SURF Board update – July 17th
- Plan breakout session at Ferrara SustRem Workshop – September (B. Maco to lead)

Help Needed:

- **Help Needed: Board**
 - Promote SURF members to develop case studies
- **Help Needed: Entice SURF members to complete case studies**



Attachment 3

Update: Social Aspects of Sustainability Initiative

Social Aspect TI



Team Members:

- Co-Leads – Melissa Harclerode and Kristin Mancini
- Members:
 - Angela Fisher, Jake Torrens, Karina Tipton, Olivia Skance, Rick Wice, and Venkat Jayaraman
 - SURF Canada & SURF Taiwan Liaisons
- Board Liaison – Melissa Harclerode

Objectives:

- Prepare a White Paper to address the following:
 - Illustrate the importance of performing a complete sustainability assessment when evaluating contaminated site remediation projects.
 - Provide tools to the remediation sector for evaluating impacts to the social and socio-economic nexus of remediation.
 - Share knowledge of existing case studies where the impacts to the social and socio-economic nexus have been evaluated for the remediation sector.

Accomplishments:

- Section I Complete
- Outline Revised and Presented in Document Format
- Reached out to SURF Canada and SURF Taiwan

Next Steps:

- Distribute Document & Identify Subsection Writers

Upcoming Meetings/Presentations:

- Deadline for Draft White Paper October 1, 2014
- Next meeting schedule for October 2014.

Help Needed:

- Help Needed: Board
 - None at this time
- Help Needed: Membership
 - Volunteers to help prepare White Paper



Attachment 4
ISO Soil and Site Assessment Standard

ISO/TC 190/SC 7/WG 12 Sustainable remediation progress update

Professor Paul NATHANAIL

(University of Nottingham and LQM)

Chair, ISO/TC 190/SC 7/WG 12 Sustainable remediation

Working group members

Active experts nominated by national standards bodies of:

- Australia
- Austria
- France
- Germany
(inc DIN secretariat)
- Italy
- Japan
- Netherlands
- Sweden
- UK
(inc Chair)

NB Much of the original text was written by a group that included many members of SURF and SURF Canada but their countries are not members of TC190 so cannot nominate anyone to WG12

Scope of the document

- The Standard provides guidance on sustainable remediation. In particular, it provides:
 - a standard terminology and information about the key components and aspects of sustainable remediation assessment.
 - Informative advice on the assessment of the relative sustainability of alternative remediation strategies.

Current Structure of document

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. Sustainable Remediation | 9. Environmental dimension |
| 2. Scope of the document | 9.1. Environmental indicators |
| 3. Sustainable development, regeneration and remediation | 10. Promoting sustainable remediation |
| 3.1. Sustainable Redevelopment and regeneration | 11. The role of governance and institutional structures |
| 4. Risk based contaminated land management | 12. Metrics and indicators: trends and thresholds |
| 5. Integrated appraisals, metrics and evaluations | 12.1. Quantification and Qualification |
| 5.1. Tiered assessments | 12.2. Options for Indicator and Metric Selection |
| 5.2. Tiered assessment frameworks | 12.3. Setting Objectives for Remediation |
| 5.3. Sustainability assessment techniques | 13. The role of sustainability assessment tools |
| 5.4. Holistic sustainability indicator sets | 13.1. Intended Objectives Addressed by Tools |
| 6. Decision making | 13.2. Pre-Determined Metrics and Indicators |
| 6.1. Project framing | 13.3. Geographic and Process Specific Information |
| 6.2. How to decide for a sustainable remediation approach | 13.4. General Questions for Understanding Tool Use and Applicability |
| 6.3. Key principles in decision making | 14. Communication |
| 7. Economic dimension | 15. Glossary |
| 8. Social dimension - generic and remediation specific | 16. References |

What's in

- Definition of Sustainable Remediation
- Site specific boundaries and constraints matter
- The need for differentiating indicators that can be measured or observed (metrics)
- Parsimony rules – KISS
- Clear definitions of key terms
- The need to consider social, environmental, economic and governance aspects
- Site specific (not generic) sustainability
- Relative (not absolute) sustainability

What's not

- Definitive list of indicators
- Weightings of different indicators
- Reviews of individual tools
- Recommended tools
- Reviews of other concepts including green, GSR, redevelopment
- Endorsement of existing methods including MCEA, SURF-UK or Taiwan

Sustainable remediation assessment is at the proof of concept stage
not *quite* at prototype stage and
far from the production line

Next steps

- Finalisation of text
- Formatting into ISO template
- Submission to TC190/SC7
- Voting by SC7
- Discussion at TC190 meeting (Berlin, October 2014)
- Adoption as Technical Specification
- Review 3 years after publication for a revision to a full Standard

What is the anticipated impact?

- Consistent definitions
- Recognised value of qualitative and semi quantitative sustainability assessments
- Raised awareness of SR in countries without a local SURF

Attachment 5
Integrating Sustainability into Department of Defense
Acquisition Programs



Acquisition, Technology and Logistics

Integrating Sustainability into DoD Acquisition Programs

July 2014

Briefing for Sustainable Remediation Forum



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Craig Cammarata
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Enviance Inc.

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Part 1 - Overview

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Objective

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Better informed acquisition decisions leading to:

- **Increased sustainability of systems, and supporting infrastructure**
 - » Minimize environmental/health impacts
- **Lower Total Ownership Cost**

How? Sustainability Analysis Using Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) Methods

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What is a Sustainability Analysis?

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Sustainability Analysis = SLCA + LCCs

Streamlined Life Cycle Assessment
Gives Relative Impacts
Must be "Doable"

Life Cycle Costs
Must be compatible with
DoD cost structure

Used to Compare Alternatives!

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Sustainability Analysis Outputs

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1) IMPACTS. “Spider-web” diagram or bar charts that compares alternatives by showing their relative life cycle human health and environmental impacts

- A decision tool for making sustainable decisions

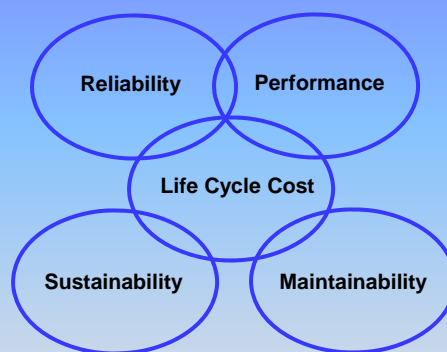
2) COSTS. Life cycle costs for each alternative...informs Total Ownership Cost estimates

- Internal (to DoD)
- External (to society)
- Contingent (risks)

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An Element in Trade Space Analysis

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5 Steps of a Sustainability Analysis

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Step 1

- Define the Scope - Establish functional unit (performance parameter) & system boundary

Step 2

- Develop the Life Cycle Inventory – provide system inputs (resources to be used)

Step 3

- Estimate Life Cycle Impacts – use pre-defined scoring factors

Step 4

- Estimate Life Cycle Costs – Internal, external, and contingent

Step 5

- Display Results & Compare Alternatives

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SLCA Model for DoD

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Inputs

Energy
Chemicals &
Materials
Water Use
Land Use

**System
Boundary**

Research &
Development

Production &
Deployment

Operation &
Support

Disposal

Impacts

Outputs

Mission Impacts

Human Health Impacts

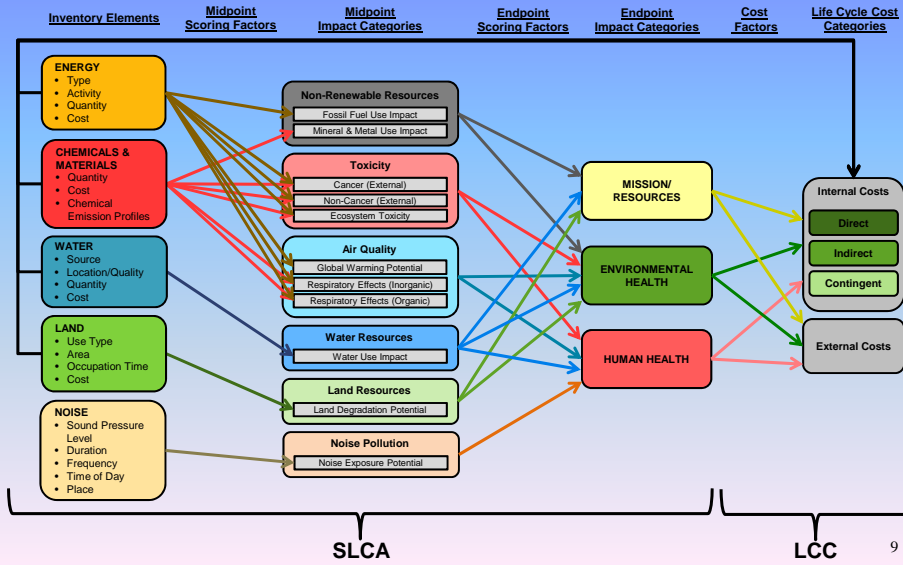
Environmental Impacts

Life Cycle Costs

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Sustainability Analysis (SA) Framework

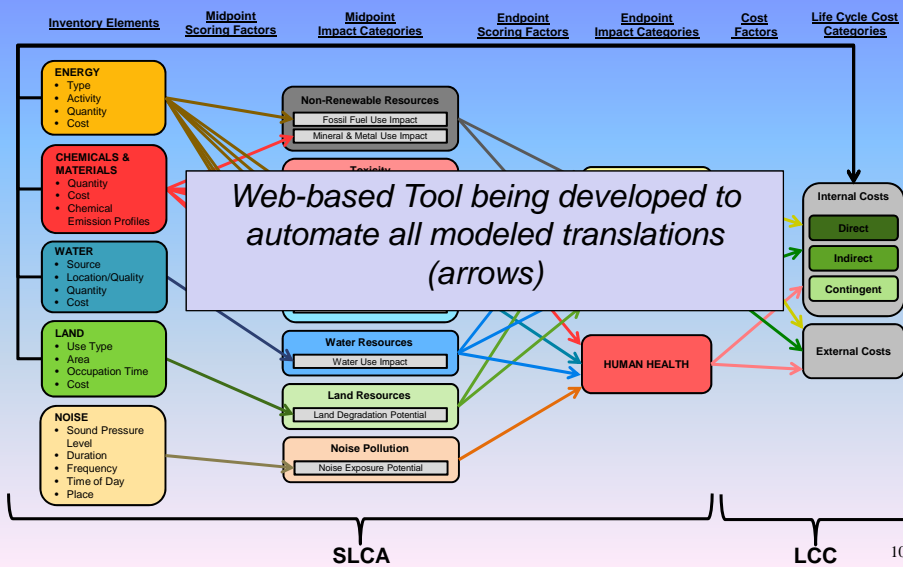
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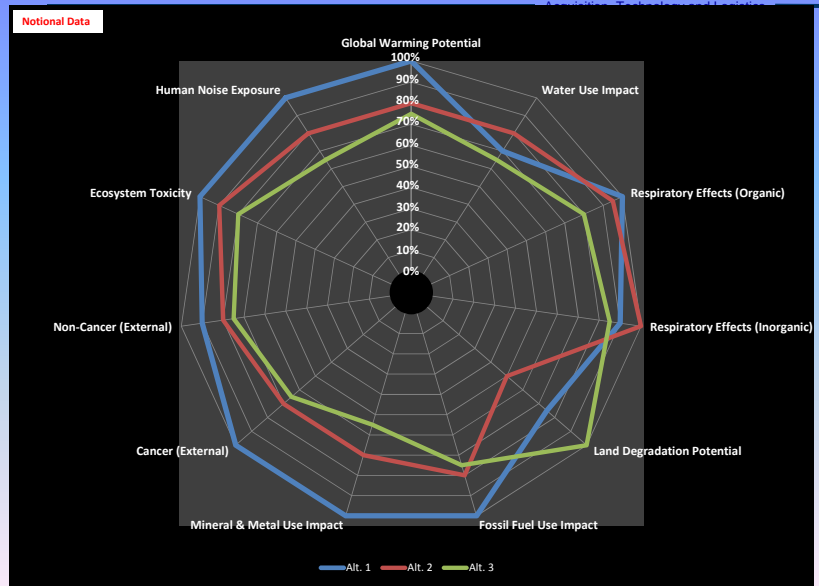
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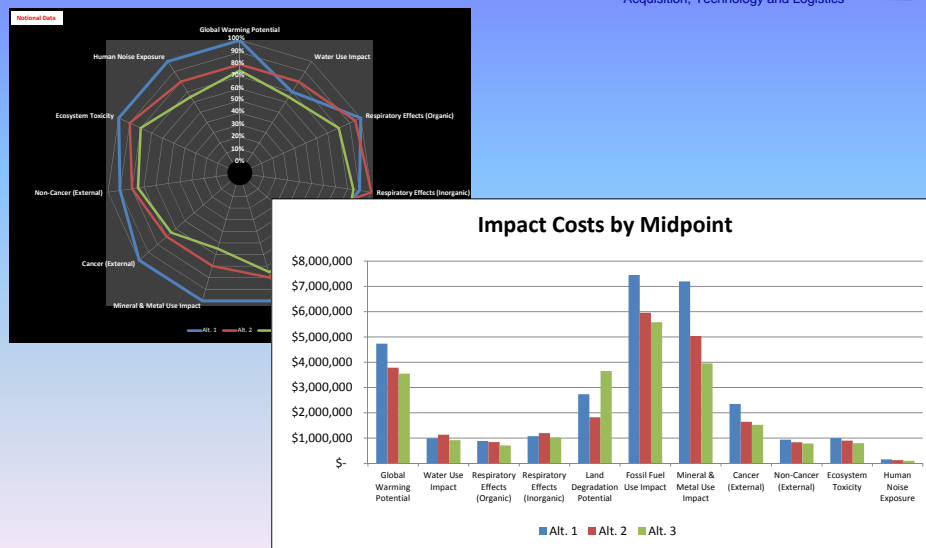
Comparing Impacts Spider-Web Diagram



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Monetizing Impacts

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Benefits of Sustainability Analysis

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- **Provides a practical yet rigorous and consistent analyses**
- **Forces thinking about life cycle activities of system:**
 - Human health & environmental impacts
 - Life cycle costs of impacts
- **Bottom line: More informed decisions with more thought to life cycle implications**

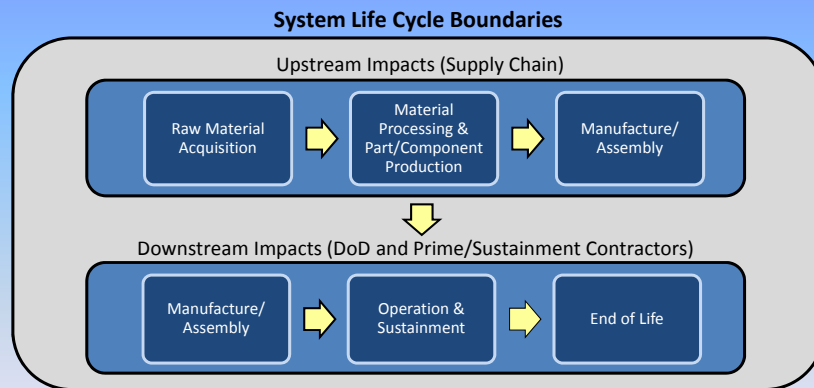
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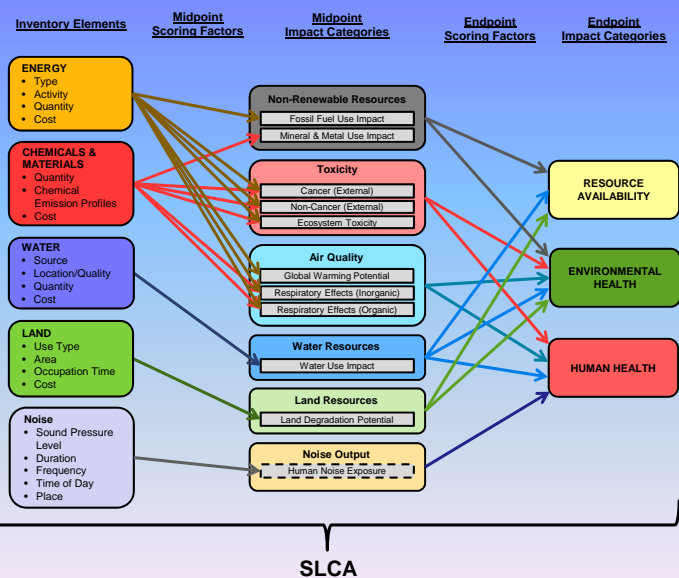
Part 2 – Sustainability Analysis Details

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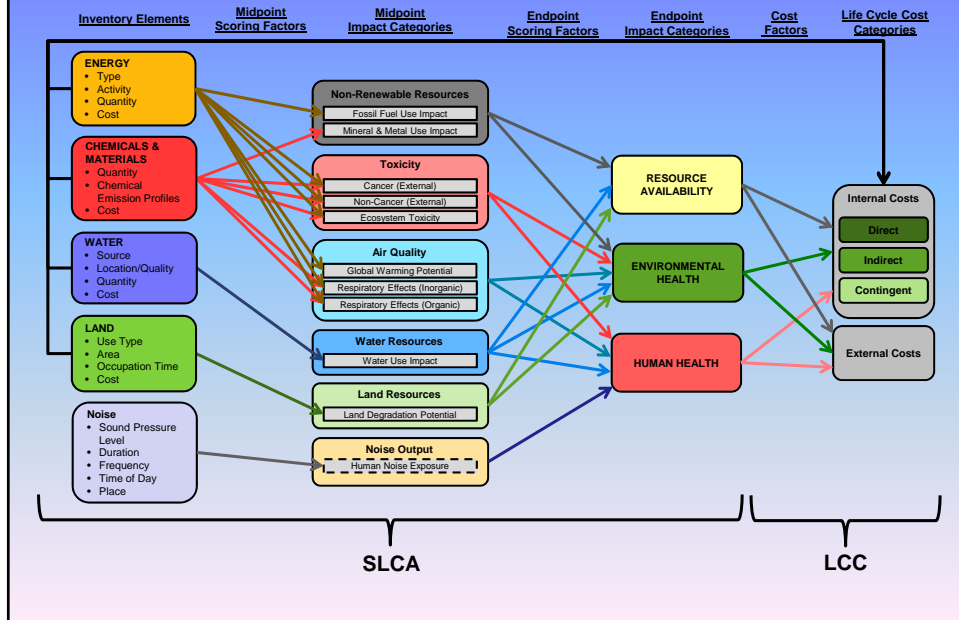
A Sustainability Analysis Covers Full Life Cycle



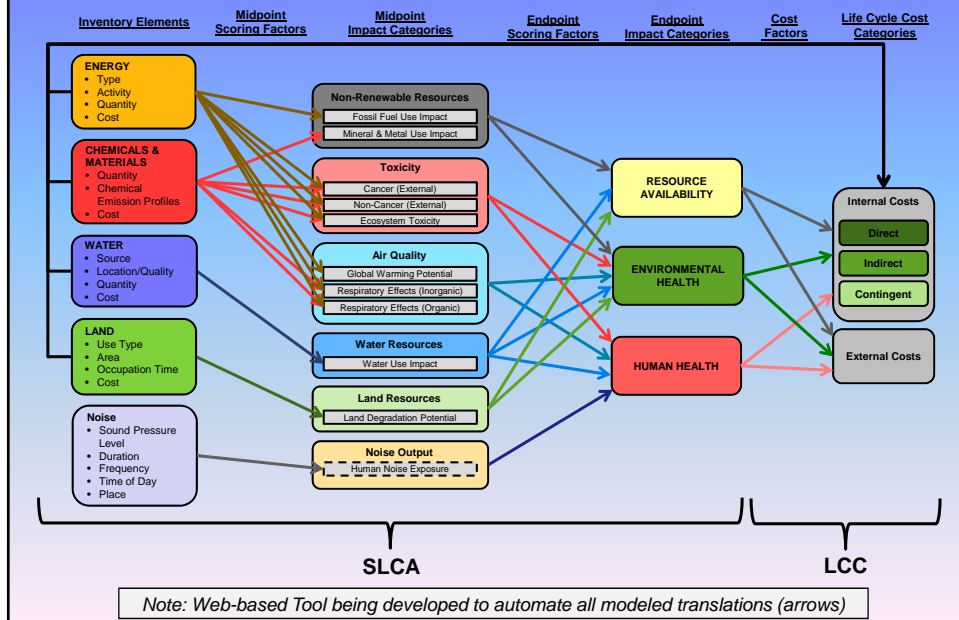
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Sustainability Analysis (SA) Framework



Ensuring robust results...



With a user experience that...

Is simple and efficient to use

Guides the analyst along every step of the process

Clearly communicates design tradeoffs

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Questions & Discussion

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Backups

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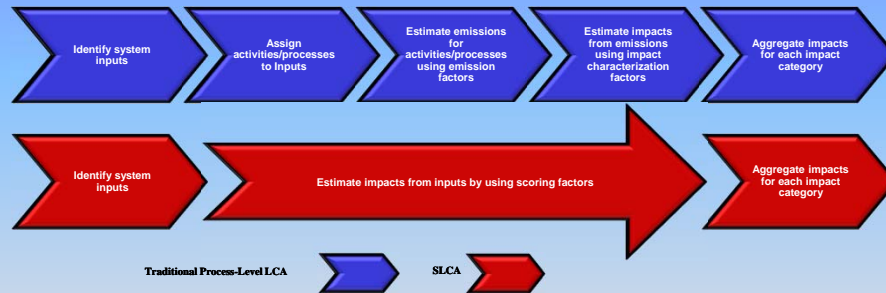
Midpoint Impact Categories

Impact Grouping	Midpoint Category	Metric	Explanation of Metric
Non-Renewable Resources	Fossil Fuel Use	MJ deprived	Indicator of resource availability, competing demand, and substitutability of a specified fossil fuel or source of electricity, measured in amount of energy deprived
	Mineral Resources Use	kg deprived	Indicator of resource availability, competing demand, and substitutability of a specified mineral or rare earth metal, measured in mass of mineral/metal deprived
Air Quality	Global Warming Potential	kg CO ₂ eq	Quantification of all greenhouse gas emissions, measured in units of carbon dioxide equivalents
	Respiratory Effects (Inorganic)	kg PM _{2.5} eq	Quantification of all inorganic air emissions that can result in respiratory illnesses, measured in units of particulate matter equivalents
	Respiratory Effects (Organic)	kg NMVOC eq	Quantification of all organic air emissions that can result in respiratory illnesses, measured in units of non-methane volatile organic compound equivalents
Water Resources	Water Use	m ³ deprived	Indicator of resource availability, competing demand, and substitutability of water withdrawn from a specified location, measured in volume of water deprived
Land Resources	Land Degradation Potential	ha.yr arable eq	Indicator of the biological quality of the incremental land being transformed and occupied, measured as area units of arable land equivalents per year
Toxicity	Cancer (External)	CTU _h	Quantification of an emission's potency in terms of its ability to cause cancer, measured in standardized human common toxicity units
	Non-Cancer (External)	CTU _h	Quantification of an emission's potency in terms of its ability to cause non-cancer illnesses, measured in standardized human common toxicity units
	Ecosystem Toxicity	CTU _e	Quantification of an emission's potency in terms of its ability to kill ecosystem species, measured in standardized ecosystem common toxicity units
Noise Output	Human Noise Exposure	person.dBA	Quantification of the magnitude and duration of noise exposure to human populations, measured as recorded decibels (A-weighted) multiplied by size of exposed population
	Ecosystem Noise Exposure	species.dBA	Quantification of the magnitude and duration of noise exposure to ecosystem populations, measured as recorded decibels (A-weighted) multiplied by size of exposed population

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Comparing SLCA Methodology to LCA

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Steel vs. Composite Assessment

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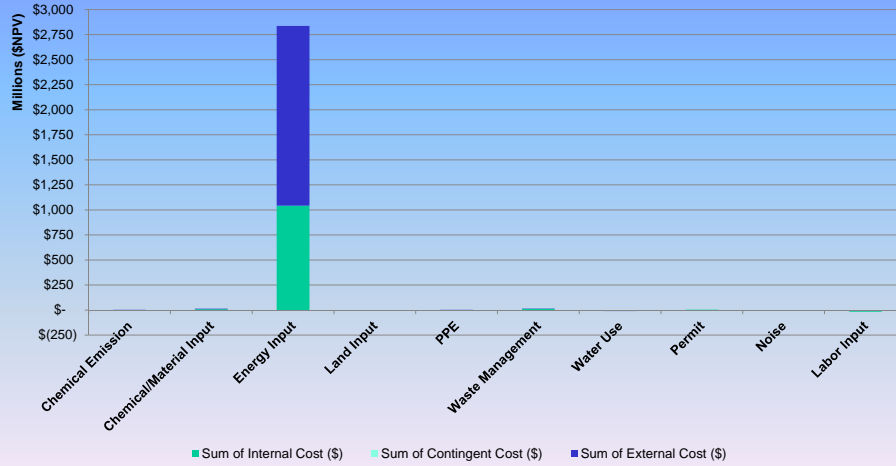
Hypothetical Example: Compare two material alternatives (steel vs. composite) for use in a the superstructure of a noncombat passenger ship



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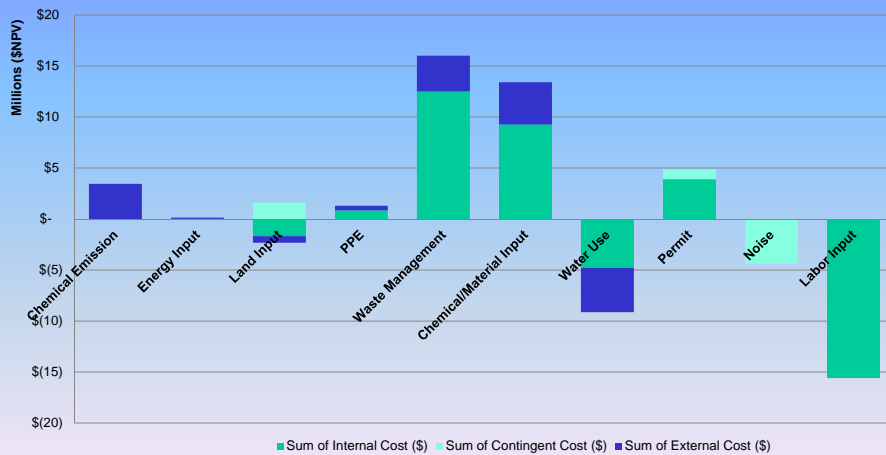
STEP 5 (continued)

Difference between Steel and Composite Superstructure over 30-yr Life by Inventory Category
(positive numbers favor the composite alternative)



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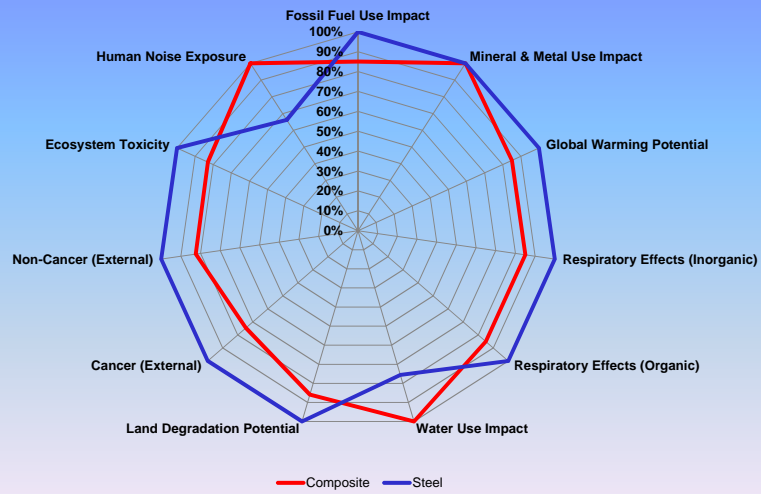
Difference between Steel and Composite Superstructure over 30-yr Life by Inventory Category (fuel for ship excluded)
(positive numbers favor the composite alternative)




STEP 5 (continued)


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Comparing Relative Midpoint Impacts



Attachment 6
Sustainable Return on Investment



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sROI (sustainable Return On Investment)


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sustainable Return on Investment

Making Investment Decisions based on the Triple Bottom Line



Three Spheres of Sustainability

sROI is a full life-cycle cost accounting of environmental and social impacts in addition to economic performance

Traditional Return on Investment (ROI) measures the financial return of an investment but it does not account for social and environmental impacts

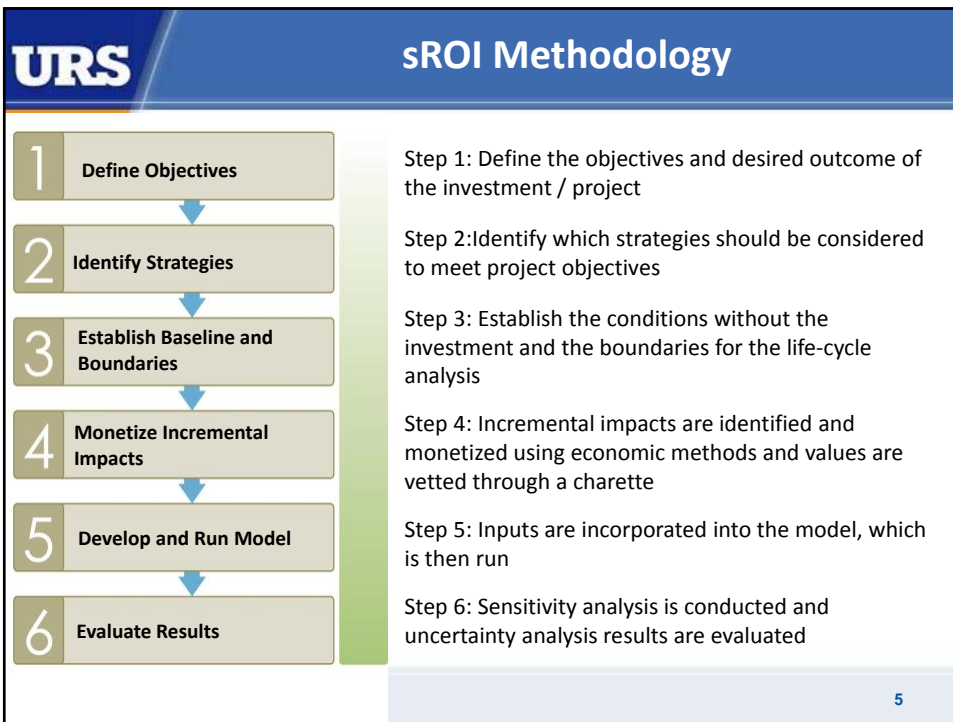
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URS **The Economics of sROI**

- Economic Impact Analysis (EIA) addresses how an economy is likely to change as a result of an action (e.g. jobs, income or tax revenue).
- Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) addresses whether an entity is better off by performing a certain action versus doing nothing or “business as usual”.
- sROI is similar to a BCA but produces multiple metrics:
 - Financial ROI and sROI Ratios
 - Benefit to Cost Ratio
 - Discounted Payback Period
 - Internal Rate of Return

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URS **Economic Valuation Methods**

Method	Description
Benefits Transfer	Uses estimations obtained from one context to estimate values in a different context or site
Choice Modeling	Survey approach where respondents choose preferred option from a set of alternative scenarios
Contingent Valuation	Willingness to pay values are elicited from survey respondents
Travel Cost	Value based on the cost of travel to utilize a resource
Replacement Cost	The cost to produce a man-made substitute represents the value of the resource or service
Avoided Cost	Costs that society avoids as a result of the resource or service (e.g. waste or water treatment)
Hedonic Pricing	The value of a resource is derived from its effect on market-priced goods (such as real estate)

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Charette

Collaborative workshop conducted to refine assumptions and vet values



Project Team

Facilitator
Economists
Subject Matter Experts
Technical Specialists

Public Agencies

External Stakeholders

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- Manufacturing site for electrical components and X-ray film
- Off-spec films were disposed in industrial landfills
 - Ballfield Landfill
 - On-site Landfill



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- Step 1 – Objective: Cost effective and sustainable landfill remediation
- Step 2 – Strategy: Remove polyethylene terephthalate (PET) from both landfills and recycle
- Step 3 – Baseline: Without the project, only waste from the Ballfield Landfill would be recovered and disposed of offsite
- Step 4 – Impacts: Construction cost, disposal cost, greenhouse gas emissions, criteria air pollutants, and PET recycling benefits

- Step 4 – Quantifying inputs
- The benefits transfer method is used to estimate economic values by transferring information from reputable and relevant economic studies.
- The damage estimates for criteria air pollutants include damage to human health, materials, plants and animals, ecology, visibility and aesthetics.
- The damage estimates for greenhouse gas emissions include net agricultural productivity, human health, property damages from increased flood risk, and ecosystem services.

- Step 5 – Inputs are incorporated into the model

Base Case	
Construction Costs for Ballfield Landfill Only	\$1,965,997
Disposal Cost	\$713,700
Total Project Cost	\$2,679,697

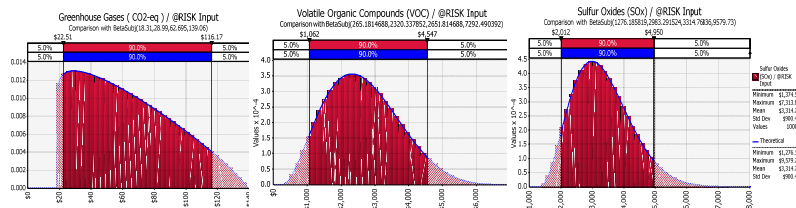
Recycling PET Alternative	
Construction Costs	\$3,276,661
PET Recycling Revenue	(\$2,830,406)
Total Project Cost	\$446,255

Economic Benefit	\$2,233,442
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- Step 5 – Inputs are incorporated into the model

SOCIAL DAMAGE ESTIMATES FROM AIR EMISSIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL EXTERNALITIES					
External Costs (2013\$ per metric ton of air emissions)					
Pollutant	# of Studies	Min	Median	Mean	Max
Carbon Dioxide (CO2)	5	\$18	\$29	\$63	\$139
Sulfur Oxide (SOx)	10	\$1,276	\$2,983	\$3,315	\$9,580
Particulate Matter (PM)	12	\$1,575	\$4,641	\$7,127	\$26,850
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)	5	\$265	\$2,320	\$2,652	\$7,292



Input distribution shows the probability of a particular outcome

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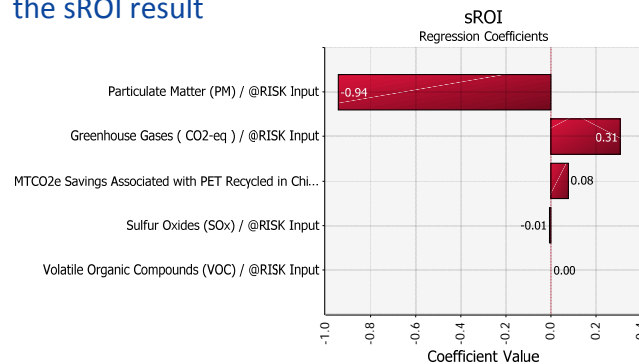
Step 6 – Results are evaluated

Impact category	Incremental Impact (MT)	Value 2013\$
Economic Benefit		\$2,233,442
Climate change (CO2-eq)	14,426	\$904,447
Particulate matter formation (PM)	(368)	(\$2,619,934)
Terrestrial acidification (SOx)	(10)	(\$32,830)
Photochemical oxidant formation (VOC)	(0.06)	(\$166)
Net Benefit		\$484,959
FROI		500%
sROI		109%

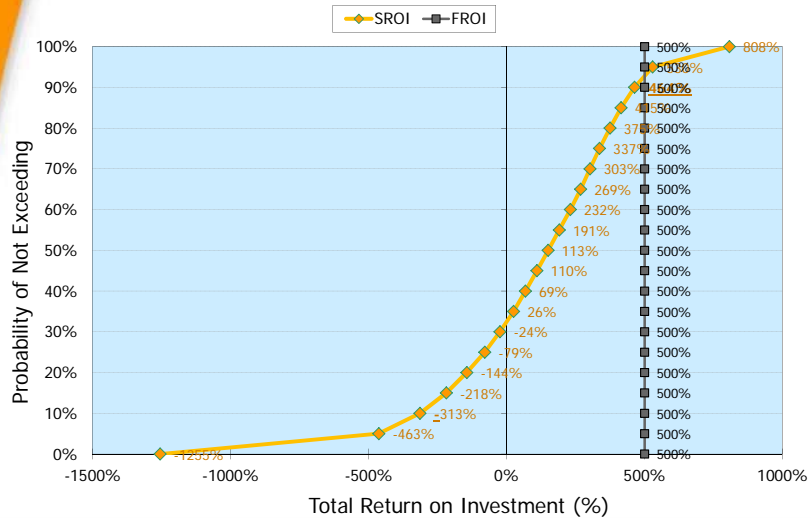
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Step 6 – Results are evaluated

- Sensitivity Analysis:
 - The negative value of PM has the greatest effect on the sROI result



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- Provides a more comprehensive picture of investments
- Translates social and environmental impacts into monetary terms
- Includes an uncertainty analysis to demonstrate the likelihood of realizing costs and benefits
- Combines objective data and expert judgment
- Generates results that are defensible and transparent





Questions?

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Attachment 7
Imagine H₂O

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Presentation to:
Sustainable Remediation Forum

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WHY IMAGINE H2O?

A pervasive lack of awareness of water problems and the opportunities they provide means few innovators and few funders; **Imagine H2O catalyzes innovation & investment**

Market Failure:

Void In Innovation

Few entrepreneurs,
disconnected
stakeholders

Little financing for
innovation, no support

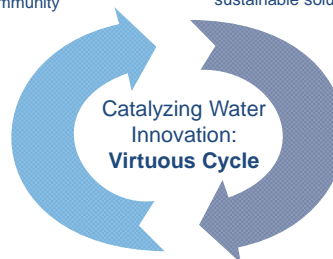


Imagine H2O:

Catalyzing Innovation

Attract entrepreneurs, build
diverse innovation
community

Attract investment,
support innovators,
sustainable solutions



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Less than 1% of all venture capital goes to water

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Advisory Board

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Professor
Stanford University

Dr. Peter Jaffe
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PROGRAMMING

Volunteering

Judging
Mentorship
Speaking

Participation

Nominate or submit competition
entries

PARTNERSHIPS

Sector Partnerships

Trade groups and associations

Corporate Sponsors & Donors

Beta Partners

Provide “first customer” or
beta testing opportunities in
commercial settings

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