# Sustainable Remediation Forum (SURF) SURF 27: November 11-12, 2014

SURF 27 was held at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan on November 11 - 12, 2014 and focused on "Sustainable Remediation in Action." Individuals that participated in the meeting, along with contact information, are listed in Attachment 1. The meeting marked the 27<sup>th</sup> 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 are posted for members at www.sustainableremediation.org. Members should log in and access the minutes by clicking "SURF Meeting Minutes" under "Member Resources."

# Day 1

The meeting began with Mike Rominger (meeting facilitator) discussing meeting logistics, ground rules, nonconfidentiality assumptions, export control laws, and antitrust issues. He thanked current SURF sponsors for supporting the organization. (Members interested in sponsorship opportunities should contact the SURF Treasurer at treasurer@sustainableremediation.org.) Presentation slides for Day 1 are provided in Attachments 2 through 12.

# Introduction to SURF

Amanda McNally (SURF Secretary) welcomed SURF members to SURF 27 and reviewed the organization's mission (see Attachment 2). SURF has a presence on Twitter (@SR\_Forum) and LinkedIn (Sustainable Remediation Forum). Amanda showed participants SURF's revised 2013 definition of sustainable remediation:

"Sustainable remediation is site assessment and remediation that protects human health and the environment while maximizing the environmental, social, and economic benefits throughout the project life cycle."

She emphasized that this definition focuses on the entire life cycle of the project. In addition, Amanda reviewed the value proposition of SURF, which includes access to cutting-edge case studies and opportunities to collaborate and network.

Lastly, Amanda encouraged participants to nominate themselves or another SURFer for vacant positions on the 2015 Board of Trustees. All nominees must be SURF members in good standing. To nominate, members should log in and access the nomination form by clicking "Nominations: 2015 Board of Trustees" under "Member Resources." Presentation slides are provided in Attachment 2.

# Panel Discussion: Sustainable Strategies for Managing Contaminated Properties

Kevin Lund [Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)], Grant Trigger (RACER Trust), Daniel Vrendenburg (University of Michigan undergraduate student), and Gina Cortese

(University of Michigan graduate student) discussed the sustainable engineering systems applied at the Willow Run Facilities, including the decisions to select end-of-pipe treatment using a subsurface wetland and leach field and adaptive reuse of the concrete slab. Panelists (1) provided background about the facility and summarized the sustainable remediation elements, (2) described the integration of University of Michigan student work through the university's Multidisciplinary Design Program, and (3) emphasized the importance of creating sustainable remediation solutions from the opportunities presented on-site. Presentation slides are provided in Attachment 3.

Kevin began by discussing the various definitions of sustainable remediation. He presented the SuRF-UK definition and said that he likes it because it includes the idea of balance:

"...the practice of demonstrating, in terms of environmental, economic and social indicators, that the benefit of undertaking remediation is greater than its impact, and that the optimum remediation solution is selected through the use of a balanced decision-making process."

Although sustainable remediation necessitates balancing a number of overlapping and interrelated factors (i.e., technical, legal, regulatory, societal, business), Kevin believes that collaboration is the most important. He discussed the phrase "remediation for redevelopment," which is being used more frequently in Michigan. The "remediation for redevelopment" concept involves the belief that business development and environmental stewardship can and should co-exist to promote sustainable engineered systems that safeguard public health and quality of life and also are compatible with sustaining natural (i.e., environmental) systems.

Facility Background and Sustainable Remediation Elements (Kevin)
 The Willow Run site is located approximately 12 miles east of the meeting venue in
 Ypsilanti Township, Michigan. The 350-acre site was occupied by a manufacturing plant
 that was originally built in the 1940s as an airplane assembly plant and has over 80 acres
 of concrete slab. About 40 acres of light nonaqueous phase liquid (LNAPL) was found
 underneath the concrete plant floor, a system of storm sewers installed at or below the
 groundwater table provides groundwater control at the site, and a gravel sand unit over
 clay is the predominant geological profile. An existing wastewater treatment plant
 (WWTP) separates LNAPL, providing limited treatment of approximately 200 gallons per
 minute of combined storm and groundwater. Discharge is to the local utility. On-site
 storm water and groundwater management cost approximately \$1 million/year.

Sustainable remediation efforts include using the former concrete floor of the plant (which is about ½-mile long) to mitigate infiltration and direct contact exposure to the contamination, using the existing storm water system to collect oil and groundwater, and creating a subsurface wetland and leach field to provide end-of-pipe treatment.

• Student Work (Gina and Daniel) The University of Michigan's Multidisciplinary Design Program focuses on giving students the opportunity to solve real-world problems and create breakthroughs in design by working in teams with experts in a variety of fields. For this project, nine students performed a literature review of wetland case studies and developed the design working hand in hand with the MDEQ. Students performed bench-scale tests to determine the most appropriate and beneficial vegetation and to define the best-case treatment scenario. Models were constructed to test theoretical contaminant removal and plant uptake from four media types. Results allowed plans to be optimized and costs for typical consulting services to be offset.

Bench-scale tests were followed by pilot-scale testing. Over two semesters, five students constructed scalable models to test contaminant reduction via a free-surface flow wetland, subsurface flow wetland, and leach field. Results indicated that all three systems could function to lower contaminant levels to the appropriate discharge requirement.

• Site-Specific Opportunities (Grant)

Grant emphasized the importance of creating sustainable remediation solutions from the opportunities presented on-site. Although land is an asset at this site (like so many other remediation sites), demolition and disposal of the 80 acres of concrete on-site was cost prohibitive. Instead, the team evaluated the specific conditions and features at the site to identify assets.

- The plant floor was concrete and was designed and built with a natural grade so that the planes could roll downhill during assembly. By designing small berms and taking advantage of the existing slope design, the team developed a plan to redirect storm water off the slab to a new storm water retention system. This concept converts the slab into a storm water management asset. In addition, by diverting storm water out of the sewer system, the existing storm water system will be converted into a new asset a groundwater control and capture system. By stepping back and reconsidering the site features as potential assets, the team converted an obsolete structure and former storm sewer system with an overall improved landscape architecture goal in mind.
- Long-term, lower operations and maintenance costs can be achieved by incorporating a natural system (i.e., wetland) into the treatment train. With the proposed infiltration system as a final step in the process, the goal is to operate with zero discharge for at least six months or longer if system performance can sustain that objective. It is expected that this system will operate at a substantially lower annual cost with only nominal operator requirements.

Participants asked panelists questions about community involvement at the site. Kevin meets with the Township Supervisor about twice/month and meets with members of the adjacent

community (2,500 homes) as well. He will be obtaining community input on the next step, which is redevelopment of the site as a connected vehicle research and test facility. (The alternative is to reuse the site as an industrial park.) Kevin emphasized the importance of local community involvement in this project and believes it is the remediation professional's job to respect, preserve, and integrate the end use of the site as an important part of the community.

For example, the Yankee Air Museum sought support to acquire a portion of the former Willow Run plant to relocate the local air and technology museum to a renovated portion of the plant. The MDEQ worked closely with Ypsilanti Township, RACER Trust, and local community leaders to address issues associated with the Yankee Air Museum proposal. In October, Yankee Air Museum closed on the purchase of about 155,000 square feet of the former plant and has begun the work necessary to rehabilitate the structure for a new museum. The effort was only possible with strong local and state support.

One participant asked when sustainable practices were incorporated into the project life cycle. Kevin said that the first action taken on the project was to renovate an existing on-site building for RACER Trust offices. Based on discussions with the community, community members placed value on the preservation of the historical aspects of the site and the protection of human health and the environment. Kevin commented that the local township has an environmental commission, which makes it easier to discuss green and sustainable remediation because the community is already embracing it.

#### Enhancing Sustainability in Brownfield Redevelopment

James Harless (Soils and Materials Engineers) presented case studies in which environmental risk management techniques were used to enhance brownfield redevelopment sustainability. He also examined the roles of the environmental regulatory environment and the availability of financial incentives for these sustainability approaches. Presentation slides are provided in Attachment 4.

• Ventower Industries

Ventower Industries constructed a 110,000 square foot facility to manufacture steel towers for wind turbines on 38 acres of an industrial waste landfill located in a coastal ecosystem near Lake Erie. Significant challenges associated with the project included (1) addressing the high levels of on-site contamination and exposure pathways of direct contact and vapor intrusion, (2) designing a foundation to support a large plant on unconsolidated wastes while preventing the spread of groundwater contamination, and (3) securing over \$7 million in brownfields financing to pay for the extra costs. A commitment to sustainability throughout the work resulted in approaches that eliminated soil and groundwater generation during construction (e.g., no water was used during soil stabilization) and contractor requirements for minimal commuting, minimal on-site engine idling, and the use of biodiesel.

Mason Run

This project involved the transformation of a 50-acre abandoned paper mill site into a 500-home community. Over 140,000 cubic yards of coal ash was present at the site and its removal was deemed necessary to facilitate residential redevelopment. One of the challenges to managing the cinder/ash fill was a requirement to maintain the existing site grade, which would result in the 2 feet of cinder/ash fill being replaced with clean fill after removal. The project team designed and negotiated with the MDEQ the technical and regulatory specifications for an alternate, sustainable, on-site solution whereby clean soil was excavated from beneath the roads and parks in the development and the cinder/ash fill in these areas. The native soil removed from the roads and parks was used to replace the impacted coal ash fill removed from residential lots. The on-site encapsulation and reuse of 140,000 cubic yards of cinder ash material saved over \$2.5 million in response costs, making the project economically viable.

• Abercrombie Center

The Abercrombie Center is a 7,000 square foot building in Southgate, Michigan and former home to a dry cleaning operation. As a result of these operations, the soil underneath the building was contaminated with tetrachloroethene, which posed an indoor inhalation risk for future building occupants. The remediation strategy focused on preserving as much of the building as possible and converting it to usable space once again. The interior of the building was demolished and the concrete floor removed both to enable access to source materials for removal and disposal and to allow the installation of a passive vapor intrusion mitigation system. The response action design minimized the removal and disposal of contaminated soil, while providing a safe solution. The vacant property was redeveloped as a multi-tenant retail and commercial center.

Discussions after the presentation focused on the importance of brownfield funds and cleanup levels for soil left in place. In the case of Ventower Industries, James said that brownfield funds were used as incentive money to support construction of the facility. In response to a different question, James said that active remediation is not always required for brownfield development in some states. None of the three example sites was required to be remediated, just safely reused, which means the application of risk-based approaches.

## The Greening of Chevy in the Hole: Phytotechnology on an Urban Brownfield

Joel Parker (Environmental Consulting & Technology) presented a case study of the ongoing sustainable remediation being conducted at the site of the original Chevrolet manufacturing plant in Flint, Michigan. A summary of the site background, master planning, social catalysts, and current metrics and status is provided below. Presentation slides are provided in Attachment 5.

#### Background

This 130-acre property was a key center of manufacturing for General Motors and is known as Chevy in the Hole because it is located in a depression along the Flint River. The Flint River flows through downtown Flint and the site. After several floods, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers installed a concrete, one-mile channel in 1963. In the mid-1990s, General Motors began to close plants at site, and the last building was demolished in 2004. After the buildings were demolished, the site was paved with asphalt to eliminate direct contact with site contaminants, including solvents, oils, and metals. In addition, a barbwire fence was installed at the property perimeter to restrict access.

#### Issue-Driven Master Planning

Unlike conventional brownfield redevelopment, reuse discussions at this site were driven by site-specific issues and conditions. With no interested developer, the goal was to leverage site issues and conditions into an asset or resource and let this thinking drive reuse. Two positive items were identified about the site: time and space. Because reuse was not being driven by a developer, there were no demands to constrain the timelines of treatment technologies. In addition, the space (or location) of the site demonstrated its potential as a community connector. Surrounded by two elementary schools, two universities, a stadium, residential communities, and a children's museum (to name a few), the site could serve as an important center of the community.

#### • Trees as Social Catalyst for Change

In 2011, the site was awarded a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant for the reduction of toxic substances on a brownfield site via the U.S. Forest Service. The grant focused on the need for trees at key locations along the river to serve as a riparian buffer and as nutrient runoff filter strips to protect the river from compost piles. The compost piles had evolved from the use of a portion of the site for municipal yard waste collection, which offered considerable savings to the City under financial duress.

Different disciplines were brought together, and phytohydraulics was identified as the primary mechanism for contaminant treatment. Trees were planted and irrigated using solar power with pumped water from the river. Within one growing season, trees grew to an average of 8 to 10 feet, with the compost pile filter strip trees growing to as much as 13 feet. With the tangible evidence of trees, the community began to view the site as something that could be positive. The trees changed their view of the site and helped initiate a sense of ownership in the community. With community interest sparked, the public came forward with ideas for reuse.

#### • Current Metrics and Status

At this time, the social benefits of remediation far outweigh the technical benefits. Approximately 1,600 new trees have been planted and over 200 pioneer trees have been irrigated and their growth stimulated. After two growing seasons, small whips and 10-inch cuttings watered using solar power have grown as high as 25 feet with a 95% survival rate. In addition, the concept of filter strips for runoff collection was demonstrated successfully. Site contamination is being leveraged as an asset, with technologies being featured for local high school students through STEM programs. Community college students have received classroom and on-site field training and related certificates in environmental techniques (e.g., low-flow groundwater sampling) to better equip them in environmental industry careers. Community interest has prompted an annual city art festival to be held on the site for the last two years, and the First Annual Flint River Flotilla was held in 2014 so that residents could float through Chevy in the Hole on their kayaks and inner tubes.

• Future Plans

Future site activities will include a third phytoremediation planting effort to focus on the potential for vegetation to uptake contamination from soil and be harvested as biofuel or other related uses. In the future and with additional green infrastructure, the site could be used as a local storm water utility authority.

Discussions after the presentation focused on communication with the community. Joel said that the project is a human communication exercise and emphasized the importance of not only talking to the community, but listening as well. He said that, at this site, the social aspects of the triple bottom line were weighed more heavily than the technical aspects.

## DuPont and Remediation Partners Making Remediation LCA Easier and More Accessible

Paul Favara (CH2M HILL) presented a case study in which DuPont and its remediation partners Geosyntec Consultants, URS, CH2M HILL, and Parsons worked to develop Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) modules to make the application of LCA to sustainable remediation easier and more accessible to those who want to use LCA but don't have remediation-specific data sets. Using the best approaches of existing tools (i.e., SiteWise, SRT, and SEFA) and through a peer-review process, the team developed a sustainable remediation approach that leverages the benefits of other industry tools that are pre-populated with remediation-related materials, processes, and equipment. The approach uses SimaPro LCA software and achieves the following:

- Builds up remediation technology input (i.e., inventories that contribute to each remediation technology)
- Vets the input datasets to ensure they are appropriate for specific application and makes modifications as necessary
- Documents basis for specific datasets to provide transparency
- Builds up technology-specific modules to support overall remediation-specific applications

The approach will allow faster ramp up of LCA utilization in the remediation industry and provide environmental remediation practitioners with better and faster means to evaluate the trade-offs of alternatives and identify optimization opportunities. Presentation slides are provided in Attachment 6.

Participants asked questions about the availability of the tool and cost. Paul said that DuPont is working on internal approval processes to release the results of the work and plans to make the tool available for free. The tool assumes that the user has a license fee from SimaPro. Paul believes that this newly developed hybrid tool cuts the learning curve of SimaPro in half. He acknowledged the added expense of SimaPro compared to other tools, but emphasized the added value as well (e.g., other tools do not allow the user to know when burden shifting has occurred).

# Sustainable Remediation Initiative: The Year of Implementation

Melissa Harclerode (CDM Smith) provided an overview of the Sustainable Remediation Initiative (SRI) and its accomplishments in 2014. She explained that SRI is a collaboration of members of SURF, the American Petroleum Institute (API), and the Interstate Technology Regulatory Council (ITRC). Presentation slides are provided in Attachment 7.

- Green and Sustainable Remediation (GSR) Roundtable
  - On June 3, 2014, SRI convened the *GSR Roundtable* in Washington, D.C. Roundtable participants included SRI members, regulatory and federal agency representatives, and industry leaders. The following challenges were identified during the Roundtable: (1) a lack of uniform GSR implementation and tracking, (2) different definitions for GSR being used, (3) enforcement and jurisdictional limitations, and (4) a lack of resources.
    Opportunities for better implementation were discussed and included case studies and rewards and/or incentives. To overcome obstacles, Roundtable participants discussed the idea of a "Comprehensive Package" for GSR that would help cross-programmatic implementation and address the challenges associated with multiple definitions of terms.
- Federal Remediation Technologies Roundtable (FRTR)
   On November 6, 2014, the SURF members of SRI made a GSR presentation to the FRTR from the perspective of a member of the private sector. Case studies and the importance of time of implementation were discussed in the presentation.

## Breakout Session 1:

## Social Aspects of Sustainable Remediation and Case Study Initiative (CSI)

The first breakout session focused on two of SURF's technical initiatives: the Social Aspects of Sustainable Remediation (Melissa Harclerode, Initiative Co-Chair) and CSI (John Simon, Initiative Chair). Attendees participated in their preferred groups and Melissa and John provided a brief recap of discussions and action items to the larger group upon reconvening.

# Applying Three Elements of Sustainability Groundwater Pump-and-Treat Optimization

Jennifer Borski [Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR)] presented a case study of an optimization evaluation of an existing groundwater collection and ex-situ treatment system at a former chrome plating facility in Kaukauna, Wisconsin. The evaluation involved not only identifying ways to optimize the existing remedy, but also identifying alternative remedial options that considered environmental, economic, and social issues applicable to the site. The goals are to reduce and immobilize the contaminant mass, phase out the groundwater collection and treatment system, and return the site to private control so that the current business tenant will remain rooted in Wisconsin. Evaluation results revealed that the existing groundwater collection system was not fully capturing the plume and identified several optimization options and alternative remedies. Based on these results, a separate in-situ remedy was designed and implemented in Summer 2014 and modifications were made that reduced hazardous waste generation, chemical consumption, and labor for maintenance of the groundwater collection and treatment system. Presentation slides are provided in Attachment 8.

In response to questions, Jennifer emphasized the WDNR's focus on redevelopment and approach of pulling all available resources to maintain current business tenants. In fact, WDNR request for proposals are catered to contractors located in Wisconsin with priority given to geographically local field staff. Jennifer also mentioned that the WDNR has a goal to significantly reduce or even eliminate landfill disposal.

#### SURF Student Chapters Update

Mike Miller (Co-Chair, Academic Outreach Initiative) provided the background and purpose of SURF's Academic Outreach Initiative and introduced Rachael McSpadden, Director of Communications for SURF's Colorado State University (CSU) student chapter. Presentation slides are provided in Attachments 9 and 10.

• Academic Outreach Initiative

This SURF initiative began its work in 2010 with the main goal of establishing relationships with students, professors, and researchers so that sustainable remediation would be established in universities, students would be involved in technical initiatives, SURF would collaborate with key researchers, and the future of SURF would be sustainable through new members and colleagues. A faculty advisor and SURF mentor/liaison are the two components of a student chapter. Experience has shown that an active faculty advisory is the key to the success of a SURF student chapter. Current vibrant SURF student chapters include CSU, Clarkson University, and University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). At the end of his presentation, Mike asked participants to consider volunteering as a SURF mentor or sharing the job with a fellow SURF member. The responsibilities of the position are as follows:

- Check in with Student Chapter President (30 minutes per month).

- Participate in conference call with Student Chapter Faculty Advisor and student chapter members (30 minutes every two months).
- Coordinate with SURF committee leaders to identify needs and opportunities so that students can become engaged in committee work.
- Contact SURF members to identify resources (e.g., speakers for student chapter meetings, research topics).
- CSU Student Chapter

The mission statement of the CSU student chapter of SURF is to "expose students to the science and application of sustainable remediation through field trips, lectures, and group activities." The chapter currently consists of 12 graduate students and eight undergraduate students. Rachael reviewed the chapter's objectives for the upcoming academic year, which includes increasing involvement and interaction with the Parent Organization (i.e., SURF). Having a SURF Mentor/Liaison would help bridge this gap.

After both presentations, participants discussed the importance of student chapters. One participant said, "We owe it to them [the students]" and encouraged participants to "take action." Other participants provided the following suggestions to students as ways of contributing to SURF's mission:

- Mine case studies in literature and complete SURF case study template (available on website homepage)
- Read *Groundwater Conservation and Reuse at Remediation Sites* and consider working on one of the future research needs identified.
- Contact Melissa Harclerode (Co-Chair, Social Aspects Technical Initiative) if interested in teaming with Masters and Ph.D. students regarding social impact tools.

# SURF Process Improvements

Bruce Wilkinson (Haley & Aldrich) provided background about a process improvement exercise that was designed for SURF leadership to understand SURF's current status and what might be holding SURF back from achieving its complete mission. At this meeting, Bruce used the technique as a way to explore the goal to "be <u>the</u> leader in sustainable remediation, but aligned with other <u>partners</u> working toward a common goal, sharing best practices, outreach, etc." An interactive exercise was designed to capture thoughts on contributing and/or restraining forces that will help and/or hurt SURF in achieving the following: "Become a leader in sustainable remediation in order to fulfill SURF's mission statement." Participants wrote thoughts on post-it notes, which were then placed on a Force Field Diagram (see Attachment 11). Presentation slides are provided in Attachment 12.

# Day 2

At the beginning of the second day of the meeting, participants shared what they learned during the first meeting day and general reflections (see Attachment 13). Presentation slides for Day 2 are provided in Attachments 14 through 20.

## EPA Region 1 RCRA Sustainable Remediation Summary and BMP Evaluation

John Simon (Gnarus Advisors) provided an overview of two ASTM standard guides associated with sustainable remediation [*Standard Guide for Integrating Sustainable Objectives into Cleanups* (ISOC), ASTM E2876] and greener cleanups (*Standard Guide for Greener Cleanups*, ASTM E2893) and emphasized the consensus-based process used to develop these documents. At the core of each standard are the selection of best management practices (BMPs) and a flexible evaluation process. In practice, standards are applied on a phase-by-phase basis. John highlighted some of the environmental BMPs included in the Greener Cleanups Standard, as well as the social and economic BMPs in the ISOC Standard.

Next, John presented a case study that demonstrates how these standards were applied together in a hybrid approach. The case study involves a site with over 200,000 pounds of dense, nonaqueous phase liquid (DNAPL) in which the selected remedy included affected material consolidation, capping, source removal using in situ thermal treatment, groundwater containment using a combination of barrier walls and pump and treat technology, and a wetland ecological feature. During open discussions with the community about potential end uses at the site, community members expressed a desire to blend ecological and commercial uses. A total of 75 environmental BMPs from the Greener Cleanups Standard were used, with 15 BMPs for in situ thermal treatment (e.g., insulating piping, recovering electrodes) alone. The community provided input into final remedy selection, which helped to integrate social and economic BMPs. A project website and Community Advisory Panel were developed, and a stakeholder-driven reuse planning process (including a market analysis) was implemented. Nature trails were provided and ecological diversity was maintained. Presentation slides are provided in Attachment 14.

After the presentation, one participant emphasized the importance of quantifying BMPs when possible to provide a stronger basis for the importance of the BMP.

## Muddy Boots Meet Tech: Sustainable Tools for Environmental Data Management

Josh Ryan (Ornicept) presented information about an end-to-end fieldwork collaboration tool that has been developed to reduce the burdens of project managers and fieldwork staff while reducing material and energy usage, improving project turnaround, and reducing overall project costs. Josh described the historical and current practices associated with the manual nature of data management in the field. Although recent improvements in batteries and rugged tablet technology have opened the door to mobile computing in the field, a lack of tools that could handle fieldwork challenges has slowed adoption. In addition, the benefits of digital forms have not justified the investment to change the status quo. The developed fieldwork

collaboration tool gets past this hurdle and allows project managers (and even regulators and clients if desired) to review the collected data as soon as fieldwork is complete. Josh compared the return on investment for three approaches to data management: the status quo, digital forms, and collaboration tool. Presentation slides are provided in Attachment 15.

At the end of Josh's presentation, one participant said that he believes data management is a process challenge rather than a software or hardware challenge because remediation professionals continue to implement projects without thinking about how data will be managed or how data management will be staffed.

## Sustainable Remediation: Looking Ahead Through to 2014

Sharron Reackhof (PG&E) provided an update about her company's overall sustainability program, as well as 2013-2014 goals. As highlighted in other SURF meetings, PG&E developed programmatic sustainable remediation guidance in 2011 to establish a consistent approach to evaluate, incorporate, and track the benefits of sustainable BMPs across its environmental remediation site portfolio. To date, the guidance has been applied to over 80 sites. In 2013, PG&E challenged its project teams to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions during field activities and document sustainable practices in technical reports. Sharron emphasized the importance of simple tools to document and track metrics and said that the key to the program's success thus far has been collaboration. The team, which includes consultants from multiple companies, works and listens to each other to implement and track program progress consistently. As a result, project team members view their remediation sites more holistically, leading to substantial and tangible environmental, social, and economic benefits. In March 2014, a draft green vendor list of over 150 companies was developed. Presentation slides are provided in Attachment 16.

## Long-Term Benefits of a Systematic and Collaborative Sustainability Approach

Kristin Mancini (ARCADIS) presented a case study demonstrating the implementation of the PG&E Sustainable Remediation Guidance during site investigation and remedial activities at a site impacted with hexavalent chromium in Hinkley, California. A wide range of sustainability activities were implemented at the site including, but not limited to, construction debris recycling and reuse, equipment emission controls, beneficial use of impacted groundwater, local economy boost, a program to develop a more skilled and competitive workforce, and preservation of historic and cultural resources. Key lessons learned include the importance of a common sustainability language, a systematic approach to track and quantify sustainability benefits, and – above all – a collaborative team approach. Details about the approach, metrics, and revisiting and refocusing efforts are provided below. Presentation slides are provided in Attachment 17.

• Approach

Kristin described the collaborative approach taken by the site PG&E team, consultants, and contractors and emphasized the importance of project leadership support of

sustainability initiatives. Having a formalized approach supported by both the PG&E project management and PG&E sustainable remediation team helped drive sustainability thinking on the project and encourage participation by all seven consultants involved. In addition, PG&E's guidance provided the team with a common sustainability language.

Metrics

Nine metrics or stressors were selected to track all site activities. Stressors were identified and selected by consultants and PG&E together and were defined as physical, chemical, or biological parameters with the potential to produce environmental, economic, and/or social impacts. Best management practices were identified and developed, and sustainability benefits were evaluated against qualitative and quantitative metrics (e.g., air emissions, material usage and waste generation, biological resource impacts, impacts to local economy, health and safety).

• Revisiting and Refocusing

Quarterly tracking requirements and annual sustainability goals required the team to revisit and refocus sustainability activities continually. After the first year, the accuracy and reliability of data collection were reviewed and data collection and interpretation were refined. Individual consultants focused on one particular aspect of sustainability (e.g., on-site equipment emission controls). In addition, material that could be diverted from landfill disposal was refocused on the percentage of <u>total</u> waste diverted.

Participants asked questions about metrics and stakeholder and project team interest in sustainability. Kristin said that the PG&E guidance requires the use of a published recognized standard for metrics, which allows consultants some flexibility. In response to other questions, Kristin said that sustainability activities at the site are driven primarily by PG&E (vs. stakeholders). The PG&E project manager mandated adherence to the guidance and consideration of sustainability and consultants worked together as a team to determine the process.

## U.S. EPA and Sustainability

Brad Bradley (USEPA Region 5) presented how EPA Headquarters and Region 5 are working sustainability into their programs. EPA Administrator McCarthy has identified seven themes for guiding the agency's work in the future, and supporting greener cleanups and sustainability is integral to at least three of these themes: (1) making a visible difference in communities across the country, (2) addressing climate change and improving air quality, and (3) working toward a sustainable future. Brad described EPA's goal of cleaning up and advancing sustainable reuse and said that the triple bottom line considerations of sustainability are woven into existing cleanup programs. For example, environmental and economic considerations are integrated into the Superfund Redevelopment Initiative, the Partnership for Sustainable Communities, and Re-Powering America's Land. Social considerations are integrated into EPA's Community

Engagement Initiative. Brad ended his presentation by discussing some of the tools (e.g., Spreadsheets for Environmental Footprint Analysis, environmental justice tools) used to quantify sustainability considerations. Presentation slides are provided in Attachment 18.

Discussions after the presentation focused on the importance of a consistent sustainability message from EPA and the need to track worker safety by remediation technologies.

### **Regulatory Panel Discussion**

John Simon (Gnarus Advisors) moderated the regulatory panel discussion, which included Brad Bradley (USEPA Region 5), Jennifer Borski (WDNR), Kevin Lund (MDEQ), and Rebecca Bourdon [Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)]. The questions and a summary of panelists' responses are provided in the table on the next page.

Questions	Panelists' Responses				
Questions	Kevin Lund	Jennifer Borski	Brad Bradley	Rebecca Bourdon	
Which drivers do your	Kevin will recommend that his	As of November 2013, rules	Green contract language will	Rebecca's organization does	
organization currently and	organization use green	were promulgated to require	likely be included in all major	not mandate green contract	
anticipate use for enhancing	contract language.	that a sustainability evaluation	contracts in the next three	language except in the	
the integration of sustainable		be performed as part of	years. Green and sustainable	requirements within their	
remediation into cleanups?		remedy selection. The WDNR	remediation contacts located	Master Services Contract	
For example, do you think		has a website dedicated to	in EPA Region 5 states	within the Remediation	
your organization will		sustainability that contains	participate in a quarterly	Division.	
incorporate sustainable		links to other resources and has	conference call to share		
remediation into		published a Green and	knowledge.		
enforcement orders, grants,		Sustainable Remediation			
or Agency-lead cleanup?		manual. The WDNR is			
		implementing greener cleanup			
		practices at state-funded			
		cleanup sites and working to			
		apply these practices more			
		consistently across all projects.			
How does your organization	Unless laws change, the	The WDNR does not have the	Without new legislation, the	N/A	
support the implementation	MDEQ cannot mandate	authority to mandate	EPA Region 5 integrates the		
of each of the three aspects	sustainable remediation.	sustainable remediation, but	concept of green and		
of sustainable remediation?	However, the importance of	WDNR representatives try to	sustainable remediation into		
Specifically, do you have any	communicating risks,	engage consultants in	its existing programs.		
drivers for social and	decisions, and plans to	conversation and change the			
economic aspects of	appropriate stakeholders is	culture so that the concepts of			
sustainable remediation in	paramount.	sustainable remediation			
addition to the		become part of the fabric of			
environmental aspects? Do		the organization. The WDNR			
you have pre-established		has a public participation			
BMP lists or do you rely on		requirement if remediation is			
industry-provided lists?		funded through the state.			

Questions	Panelists' Responses				
Questions	Kevin Lund	Jennifer Borski	Brad Bradley	Rebecca Bourdon	
Does your organization	The MDEQ references the	The WDNR has developed its	The USEPA Region 5	The MPCA references both	
reference any industry	ASTM standard in its guidance	own site reference guides,	references only the ASTM	ASTM standards (Standard	
standards, such as the ASTM	(e.g., for LNAPL). Keep writing	which consist of a page of	Standard Guide for Greener	Guide for Integrating	
standards or ITRC guidance	good guidance!	BMPs. The existence of the	Cleanups in its guidance.	Sustainable Objectives into	
documents?		ASTM standards and the fact		Cleanup and Standard Guide	
		that industry supports them		for Greener Cleanups) in its	
		has helped integrate concepts		guidance.	
		into practical applications.			
Which sustainable	The MDEQ can only promote	Although the WDNR does not	The USEPA Region 5 tools	The MPCA uses the	
remediation tools do your	green and sustainable	have authority to require	focus more on greener vs.	Corrective Action UST beta	
organizations' programs	remediation tools on state-led	responsible parties to use	sustainable remediation.	calculator, SRT, and	
promote or support?	projects.	sustainable remediation tools,		SiteWise™.	
		it encourages the use of these			
		tools in state-funded cleanups.			
		Sustainable remediation tools			
		are required as part of			
		contractors' scopes of work,			
		but using the tools is not a			
		contractual requirement.			
What types of training and	Kevin serves at the ITRC	Jennifer participates in free	All six states within USEPA	N/A	
resources are made available	coordinator, so he provides	ITRC webinars for the 100	Region 5 have been trained in		
to your organization?	some training to personnel.	WDNR project managers across	terms of greener cleanups.		
	He stressed the need for free	the state. Eight WDNR staff	Brad attends free ITRC		
	training due to tight, small	obtained approval to attend an	trainings.		
	budgets.	EPA-sponsored conference on			
		the ASTM Standard Guide for			
		Greener Cleanups.			

### Sustainable Remediation Experiences

Mike Miller (CDM Smith) presented SURF member sustainable remediation experiences in the private sector, including an overview of the lessons learned from implementing sustainable remediation, a description of three case studies, and a discussion about the value of sustainable remediation. The presentation was also made previously to the Federal Remediation Technologies Roundtable (FRTR), which includes the U.S. Departments of Defense, Energy, and Interior; EPA; and National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Presentation slides are provided in Attachment 19.

Overall Lessons Learned

The following lessons learned apply to the general implementation of sustainable remediation rather than at a specific site:

- Use sustainable remediation as the mechanism by which the following elements of project success are achieved: cost savings, efficient planning, value, and organizational decision making.
- Integrate sustainable remediation elements earlier in the remedial process to ultimately implement new sustainable technologies and more effectively integrate social and economic considerations.
- Decrease the sustainability burdens of a remedy by moving into a new solution space (see slide 6, Attachment 19).
- Underpin technologies and alternatives with sustainable remediation objectives.
- Gilbert-Mosley Case Study

At this 3,850-acre site in Wichita, Kansas, sustainable remediation objectives were applied before the remedial investigation and feasibility study phase. Through collaboration with regulators, a preemptive voluntary cleanup approach was developed to remediate a four-mile long plume of chlorinated solvents in groundwater in an aggressive timeframe. Tax-increment financing, liability waivers for property owners, property loans, and a cost sharing formula with a major responsible party were pursued. A risk-based approach reduced the volume of groundwater requiring treatment by 40% at a cost savings of \$8 million. The groundwater treatment remedy includes an environmental education center in which treated groundwater is reused in the water fountains.

• Oakland Army Base Case Study

This site is a former Army base that was decommissioned in 1999, resulting in the loss of about 7,000 jobs. Sustainable remediation objectives were applied in the predevelopment stage and the focus throughout the project was appropriately balancing triple bottom line considerations for the well-being of West Oakland residents. The community was involved from the earliest planning phases of the project

to remedy selection; over 150 meetings were held with stakeholders. Stakeholder concerns included immediately improving Oakland's fiscal and economic situation, expanding an undeveloped or underutilized portion of Oakland's economy, and improving the quality of existing residential areas by moving specific businesses out of the neighborhood. The alternative selected is a world-class intermodal gateway for transporting goods by seaport, railroad, and highway. During implementation of the remedies, air quality mitigation measures and ambient air monitoring were performed. Transparency and ongoing communication with stakeholders allowed for feedback and optimization during implementation. Details of these efforts are provided below.

- Predevelopment planning involved 12 stakeholder interviews, market scans of 25 potential uses, the development of detailed opportunities and constraints report, and the establishment of an expert panel to develop and analyze four site alternatives.
- Construction will create about 1,500 jobs, with an additional 1,800 permanent positions during operation. The project work-hour goals are as follows: 50% residents, 25% disadvantaged workers, and 20% apprentices. Employers are prohibited from screening for prior criminal convictions (with some exceptions).
- Air quality mitigation measure plans are as follows: use grid electricity instead of diesel-powered generators and pumps; recycle, reuse, and/or salvage 69% of the demolition materials; crush and reuse 100% of the concrete and asphalt; and sell about 3,150 tons of salvaged materials for recycling.
- Sustainable Return on Investment (sROI) Case Study This case study involves quantifying the sROI of potential remedial alternatives for a landfill mining project. This approach provides a more comprehensive picture of investments by translating social and environmental impacts into economic terms, including an uncertainty analysis to demonstrate the likelihood of realizing costs and benefits, and generating results that are defensible and transparent.

The site contains two landfills, one of which was used for the disposal of offspecification X-ray film. The two alternatives evaluated for the landfill were (1) excavation and off-site disposal and (2) recycling of the polyethylene terephthalate (PET) for product. A life-cycle analysis was performed using SimaPro to evaluate the social monetized damage of environmental externalities (e.g., carbon dioxide, sulfur oxide, particulate matter) associated with each alternative. 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. Data were synthesized and inputs for the model and probability distribution function were identified. As a result, PET was shipped to China for cleanup and recycling and then sold.

Mike ended his presentation by reminding participants that sustainable remediation is best considered early and throughout a remediation project and emphasizing that social and economic benefits are reachable through environmental considerations.

# Debrief: SustRem 2014 Conference

In September 2014, Amanda McNally, SURF Secretary, attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Sustainable Remediation (SustRem 2014) in Ferrara, Italy. Hosted by SURF Italy (a working group of RECONnet), SustRem 2014 was organized around five major themes of sustainable remediation, including conceptual framing; tools, metrics, and indicators; "greening" remediation; case studies; and stakeholder involvement. Amanda provided highlights of the conference, including updates from the international SURF network and a workshop on the Case Study Initiative (CSI), chaired by SURF's Barbara Maco. Through the conference, participants learned that environmental footprint tools are well established and widespread use of life-cycle analysis for remediation is occurring. The need for case studies of sustainable remediation persists and participants discussed the benefits of a case study sustainability rating system. Amanda also reported that a poster on SURF's Groundwater Reuse Technical Initiative was on display at the conference and was awarded Best Poster at the conference. Kudos to the GW Reuse TI Team for this effort! Presentation slides are provided in Attachment 20. Attachment 1 SURF 27 Participant Contact Information

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Attachment 2 Introduction to SURF







		History	0
	2006	Founded as an adhocracy with 20 members	,
	2009	Published groundbreaking White Paper in the Remediation Journal	•
	2010	Incorporated as a non-profit organization	•
	2011	Published framework and guidance on metrics and life cycle assessment in the Remediation Journal	
	2013	Engage with the International SuRF Network and Partners     Published Guidance on Groundwater Conservation and Reuse and Integration of Remediation and Reuse	
	2014	<ul> <li>Federal GSR Roundtable, SURF 25 – 27, 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Sustainable Remediation (Ferrara, Italy)</li> </ul>	
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Attachment 3 Panel Discussion: Sustainable Strategies for Managing Contaminated Properties



nonstrating, in terms of commental, economic and social indicators, that the benefit of undertakin dian than its in part, and that remediat on Solution is selecte through the use of a balanced decision-making process. (SURF-












































Attachment 4

Enhancing Sustainability in Brownfield Redevelopment



Passionate people revitalizing our world



#### **BROWNFIELD SITE**

The term "brownfield site" means real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.



Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Redevelopment Act (2002)



#### **BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT**

The Epitome of Sustainability:

Reuse previously developed land

Reduce sprawl and greenspace absorption

**Reuse existing infrastructure** 

Revitalize urban core areas

**Control environmental hazards** 

#### **REDEVELOPMENT IMPACTS**

- 32% 57% reduction in vehicle miles travelled vs. greenfield development (location efficiency)
- 47% 62% reduction in storm water runoff
- 5% 13% increase in values of nearby residential properties
- \$0.5 \$1.5 million cumulative property value increase within one-mile radius





#### **ENHANCING SUSTAINABILITY**

#### Manage energy use (electricity and fuel)

- Conserve through response design
- Minimize staff, equipment and materials travel / transport / idling
- Use alternative sources

#### Manage water and wastewater

- Minimize use and production
- Reuse/recycle

#### **ENHANCING SUSTAINABILITY**

#### **\* Reduce GHGs**

- Minimize staff, equipment and materials travel/transport/idling
- Manage energy use



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#### **ENHANCING SUSTAINABILITY**

- **\*** Wind power for the plant (Phase II)
- \* Excess fill retained on site
- Soil stabilization and environmental responses with no spoils or effluents
- Minimal remediation resources directed to site development
- Minimal commuting
- \* Minimal on-site engine idling
- \* Use of biodiesel



## CHALLENGES



35 acres of cinder/ash fill – ~1.5' thick (150,000 cy) 50,000 sf filled basements Buried infrastructure Coal residuals Contaminated soil Bedrock 9' bg Residential reuse

#### SOLUTIONS

- Staged response/redevelopment program
- Swap coal/ash for clean soil under roads and parks
- Excavate utilities and concrete basements
  - Dispose fill
  - Recycle concrete and metal
- Remediate contaminated soil
  - Metals
  - Solvents
  - PCBs





# ABERCROMBIE CENTER



## CHALLENGES

- \* Former dry cleaner tenant
- \* Chlorinated solvent contamination
  - To depths > 15' under
  - > 12,000,000 µg/kg soil
  - > 80,000,000 µg/m<sup>3</sup> soil gas
- Clay soil
- \* Limited redevelopment potential



### **ENHANCING SUSTAINABILITY**

- Preservation of structure and external utilities
- Minimal soil excavation, waste transportation and disposal
- Minimal commuting
  - Local contractors
  - On-site equipment staging
- Minimal on-site engine idling





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#### ENHANCING SUSTAINABILITY IN BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT

# **BE CREATIVE**

Passionate people revitalizing our world

James Harless, PhD, CHMM Vice President / Principal Attachment 5 The Greening of Chevy in the Hole: Phytotechnology on an Urban Brownfield THE GREENING OF CHEVY IN THE HOLE: Phytotechnology on an Urban Brownfield November 11, 2014

Joel Parker, M.S., Project Designer Environmental Consulting & Technology





# USDA/Forest Service City of Flint

Center for Community

Progress

ECT

Sand Creek Consultants

AKT Peerless

Wade Trim

ECT















#### **The Situation**

- 100+ acres
- No development interest
- Multiple contaminants
- Complex environmental system
  - Hydrogeology
  - Contaminant fate & transport
- "What do we have going for us here?"

#### **Our glass is half full**

- Time
- Space



- We have no immediate redevelopment pressure or demands to constrain the technologies we use
- Conventional thinking: we need lots of \$\$\$ (*i.e. Developer*) to deal with all the negatives
- Altered thinking: leverage everything into an asset or resource and let this thinking drive the reuse of this space
- But how & where do we start?









- Funding mechanism for better CSM
- -\_Social "catalyst" for site



2012 Arbor Day Planting: Compost Pile Filter Strip 14 September 26, 2012 – Same Filter Strip













#### Phyto is the "spark" catalyzing Chevy in the Hole

- Technical, Social, Recreational aspects
- First inertial mass to the project
- Holistic Role of Phyto in Urban Brownfields
- Funding to enhance CSM

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 The Chevy project gives back to phyto/tech transfer as ecological field lab








## Future Activities...2014 and Beyond

Kettering University Biological Research

STEM Mentoring with Flint Students







## Other Fortuitous Processes





= Grant \$\$\$ for Green Technology Incubation

#### Site Demonstration as a Metals Speciation Reactor:

- Mercury
- Chromium
- Tiered wetlands as reactors





Attachment 6 DuPont and Remediation Partners Making Remediation LCA Easier and More Accessible





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#### How is LCA input Different/Similar?



- Similar to SEFA and SiteWise in that it is a Bottom-Up build up
- Conversely, SRT has constructed treatment modules that includes all the inventory elements for a specific technology
   You only need to adjust the quantities
- The challenge comes from HUGE library of information to select input parameters from
  - SEFA/SiteWise already includes inventory of remediation input
  - SRT goes further with all components consolidated in technology
- DuPont and their remediation partners worked to develop modules to make application of LCA easier
  - Hybrid of "best of" the approaches used by other tools

#### LCA Modular Approach Key Elements



- Build up remediation technology input (inventories that contribute to each remediation technology)
- Vet the input datasets to make sure they are the appropriate ones to use for specific application
- Document basis for specific datasets (e.g., bentonite) to provide transparency on why specific dataset most appropriate for inclusion in technology build-up
- Build-up technology specific modules





- Capping
- Cut-off Wall
- Excavation
- Groundwater extraction, treatment, and reinjection
- Insitu bioremediation
- Insitu soil mixing
- Well drilling processes
- Also selected and included specific inventories for energy and transportation



# Example – InSitu Soil Mixing - Processes



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TASK, Mobilization - In Situ Bioremediation TEMPLATE - 2014-07-16	
TASK, Monitoring/Sampling - In Situ Bioremediation TEMPLATE - 2014-07-16	
TASK, System O&M or EVO Injection Event - In Situ Bioremediation TEMPLATE - 201	4
TASK, Utility Clearance-Geo Srvy - In Situ Bioremediation TEMPLATE - 2014-07-16	
TASK, Well & System Installation - In Situ Bioremediation TEMPLATE - 2014-07-16	

Drill Down – Deliver	ry and	O&I	M					
Known inputs from nature (resources) Name Water, unspecified natural origin, low water stress	Sub-compartment	Amount WaterExtract	Unit e m3	Distribution	SD^2	2 or 2*SDMin	Max	Comment Extracted
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### Drill Down Substrate (SRS)



Name	Amount	Unit	Distribution	SM	NComment
Refined Soy Oil, at plant/USB ECON Alloc Schmidt Refining - 2014-07-16	0.569	kg	Undefined		From CRG model
Emulsifier for SRS - 2014-07-16	0.07	kg	Undefined		Parsons model; mass based on CO2
					footprint document amount.
Tap water, at user/US-US-EI U	0.3025	kg	Undefined		Ingredient and mass from Terra Systems
Veact pacts from where at fermentation / IS* IIS_ET	0.003	ka	Undefined		report Ingredient and mass from Terra Systems
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Diammonium phosphate, as P2O5, at regional storehouse/US-US-EI U	0.0005	kg	Undefined		Ingredient and mass from Terra Systems
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Refined Soy Distillate soybean oil co-product/USB ECON Alloc Schmidt Refining - 2014-07-16	0.003524	Kg	Undenned		on CO2 equivalent to match Terra
					Systems Report
High density polyethylene resin, at plant/RNA	0.0056	kg	Undefined		Assumes drums are recycled 10 times
(Insert line here)					Derore disposal
Known inputs from technosphere (electricity/heat)					
Name	Amount	Unit	Distribution	SM	Comment
Transport, combination truck, diesel powered/US	0.72	tkm	Undefined		Transport of materials and drums to
				production facility (681 km from mate production facility: source: Terra Sys	
					and to remediation site (100km from
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## Value of project

LCA Perception	Opportunity Created by Project
Reviewers don't have access to datasets - concern with "gaming the results"	Documentation of datasets provides transparency on datasets
LCA data libraries are large and there is uncertainty on which datasets to use	Project team members vetted datasets and selected the most relevant for technology
Each LCA requires a bottom-up construction of technology	Technology build-ups provided for most common remediation technologies
LCA is expensive	LCA is still an expensive tool but provides more information for decision making
LCA required a lot more training as compared to other tools	Project datasets will provide easier remediation technology buildup but you still need to know how to use SimaPro utilize
Figure out which datasets to select can be time consuming	Modularized data technologies speed up process; can be modified based on site conditions
LCA takes more time	LCA is even faster than footprint tools, provided experienced practitioner is engaged

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Attachment 7 Sustainable Remediation Initiative: The Year of Implementation























Attachment 8 Applying Three Elements of Sustainability: Groundwater Pump-and-Treat Optimization









































Attachment 9 Academic Outreach Initiative











Attachment 10

**Colorado State University Student Chapter** 




# SURF Sustainable Remediation Forum Colorado State University Student Chapter

# **Officer Positions:**

#### **Current:**

- Missy Tracy (President)
- Emily Stockwell (Vice President)
- Gabi Davis (Treasurer)
- Rachael McSpadden (Communications)

### **CSU Faculty Support:**

- Mitch Olson (Advisor)
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 SURF Sustainable Remediation Forum Colorado State University Student Chapter
 Active Members:

 12 Graduate Students
 8 Undergrads
 Civil and Environmental Engineering

 Communications:

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 Meeting advertisements
 Fliers, Listservs
 Facebook

# Sustainable Remediation Forum Colorado State University Student Chapter Student Chapter Objectives for 2014-2015 academic year Generate interest in environmental problems/principles Understand principles of sustainability, the triple bottom line, and how they can be incorporated into environmental problems Create social connections with students and faculty with similar environmental interests Introduction to environmental contaminant fate and transport Introduction to common remediation approaches Explore related environmental issues Increase involvement and interaction with Parent Organization























Attachment 11 Force Field Diagram

#### Force Field Diagram SURF 27

## **Restraining Forces**

"sustainable remediation is fluff SR is excuse for cheaper cleanups hard to maintain - used to be new false perception regarding sustainable remediation now mature greenwashing leads to false impression "punish the pollutor" mindset limited resources (time, money, people) limited to remediation (end of pipeline; too specific) competing voices (ASTM, EPA, ITRC) green remediation responsible party with limited resources no legislation that allow regulators to mandate sustainability disconnect between Executive Orders and actual practice inadequate demonstration of value communication between regulatory agencies and legislators (lack of) consultants lack convincing story for responsible parties not marketing cost savings/value lack of effective communications regarding SR remediation community fixed in its ways RPs are looking to reduce liability (dig and haul) over GSR SURFers not informing their companies

SURFers not informing their companies not identifying receptive responsible parties need sustainable remediation in academia

clients not given SR option and traditional option

Become <u>the</u> leader in Sustainable Remediation in order to fulfill SURF's mission statement

**Contributing Forces** growing recognition mature and growing recognition ability to reach other disciplines societal tools small but passionate workforce sustainable remediation can result in saving \$ student chapter engagement sustainable remediation builds on success of brownfields focused and have a niche interdisciplinary cross-over to other fields corporate sustainability collaborative effort with agencies and groups - antitrust not-for-profit allows to collaborate integrating SR for development is easier - more accepted among other sectors many different groups working on common goal we are the experts! we have the experience and knowlege sharing of knowledge

members embracing new approaches to SR putting SR at the forefront for academia and industry

Attachment 12 SURF Process Improvements









# **SURF 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

Attachment 13 Participant Reflections

## **Day 1 Participant Reflections**

Participants responded to the question "What did you learn yesterday" as follows:

- We face the same challenges that we faced at the beginning of SURF.
- SURF is a great group. Impressed with the openness.
- Impressed with presentation by Joel Parker. Reestablishing trees was an entry into sustainable remediation in an economically depressed area where it wouldn't have happened any other way.
- Case studies presented had a strong social focus or driver even though social issues were not a focus of our meeting. Pleasantly surprising and inspirational.
- SURFers have passion. Sustainable remediation isn't just a buzz word, which is great.
- We are several orders of magnitude up on the learning curve than years ago.
- Enlightening meeting with good collaboration. The group works together and listens together while respecting each other's opinion. Refreshing open forum and inviting to new participants.
- As environmental practitioners, we deal with all different scales of sites. Day 1
  presentations focused on big sites, but we need to remember small properties. It would
  be good for SURFers to provide guidance on the different site conditions about what
  sustainable remediation means to you.
- Fostering/mentoring students is wise investment and crucial for lifeblood of the organization.

Participants responded to the question "What didn't you hear yesterday? What was missing?" as follows:

- How do you normalize CO<sub>2</sub> value so that it has meaning across all three elements of sustainability? This would be a good tool to gauge good/bad decisions. On social side, we need more tools.
- Day 1 presentations were missing hard data and metrics which allow us to judge how a similar approach might help our programs.
- "Sustainability" was missing.

Attachment 14 EPA Region 1 RCRA Sustainable Remediation Summary and BMP Evaluation





# GNARUS ASTM Greener Cleanups Standard

#### Sections

- 1. Scope
- 2. Referenced Documents
- 3. Terminology
- 4. Significance and Use
- 5. Planning and Scoping
- 6. BMP Process
- 7. Quantitative Evaluation
- 8. Documentation and Reporting



Expertise

## <u>GNARUS</u> **Environmental Best Management Practices** Standard Management Practice (not included because routine) **Environmental Best Management Practices** - An environmental or "green" BMP is an approach that reduces the environmental footprint of an activity - ASTM's GCS Task Group developed a comprehensive list of green BMPs - Green BMPs drive environmental footprint reduction - Green BMPs can be sorted by activity, remediation technology or core elements - Green BMPs organized around EPA's five core elements in GCS these and social and econonmic core elements in ISOC Expertise









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gory		Energy	Air	Water	Materials and Waste	Land and Ecosystems	In-situ Thermal Treatment
rials	Maximize the reuse of existing wells for sampling, injections or extractions, where appropriate, and/or design wells for future resuse	x	x		x	x	x
rials	For in-situ thermal treatment using ERH, recover and recycle or re-use steel electrodes at project completion				x		x
nd Fuel	Insulate all applicable pipes and equipment to improve energy efficiency	x					x
Team Management	Use local staff (including subcontractors) when possible to minimize resource consumption	x	x		x		x
	1			-			10

















Attachment 15 Muddy Boots Meet Tech: Sustainable Tools for Environmental Data Management















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What	does the S	tatus Quo (	Cost?		
	TASK	TIME/FORM	HOURLY RATE	COST	
	Setup				
	Collect Data				
	Manage Data				
	Report				
	QC				
	Delivery				





# QUESTIONS

# Thank you

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Attachment 16

Sustainable Remediation: Looking Ahead Through to 2014




































### Internal Tracking of Metrics

- Simple table to complete
- 48 projects submittals within 6 weeks!
  - Covers > 60% of remediation portfolio

Period	Metric 1: Implementation of GHG Reducing BMPs During Field Activities		Metric 2: Documentation of Sustainable Practices In Technical Reports			
	(1) Number of Field Activities Involving the Use of Heavy Construction Equipment?	(2) Number of Field Activities where GHG-Reducing BMPs were Applied to Heavy Construction Equipment?	(3) Number of Technical Reports Submitted to Regulatory Agencies?	(4) Number of Technical Reports Submitted Containing Sustainability Writeup?	Comments	
Q1 2013						1
02 2013						
04 2013						
01 2014						

	Project Name: Fresno MGP	2013/2	2014 Metric Summary Wor	ksheet	
	Metric 2: Implementation of Field Ac	GHG Reducing BMPs During tivities	Metric 1: Documentat Tech	ion of Sustainable Practices in nical Reports	
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Q1 2013	0	0	2	0	-IRM Report (1/13/13) -Revised Draft RAP and response to
Q2 2013	0	0	4	1	Comments (L2N13) - Draft UST Removal Action Report (4-23- 13) - Tar Pit Contents Removal and Well Destruction Report (4-17-13) -Fare and Transport Modeling Report (6- 72-13)
Q3 2013	0	0	3	0	- Revised Draft RAP and response to comments on second Daft RAP (8/20/13) - Revised Final Draft RAP (9/9/13) -IBM Inspection Recott (9-12-13)
Q4 2013	0	0	2	0	-IRM Inspection Report (12-16-13) -Final Remedial Action Plan (12-6-13)
Q1 2014					









Attachment 17 Long-Term Benefits of a Systematic and Collaborative Sustainability Approach















Systematic and I	ematic Tra Benefits	ickir	ng of Imp	pacts	
STRESSOR	SUSTAINABLE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE	METRIC	SUSTAINABILITY STANDARDIZATION	SUSTAINABILITY CALCULATION RESULT	RATING
Implementa water injecti	ion GREM scope current on, Central Area IRZ, SCR	y includes IA, Source	operation of DVD L Area IRZ	'U, agricultural u	nits, fres
Greenhouse Gas Emissions	<ol> <li>Regular optimization of extraction flow rates and locations to reduce overall pumping and carbon substrate requirements.</li> <li>Maximize waste/material bulk</li> </ol>	Metric tons of CO <sub>2</sub> e/ total volume COCs in relevant media	LOW = ≤0.005 MODERATE = >0.005 and ≤0.01 HIGH = >0.01	4.68E-07	LOW























Attachment 18 U.S. EPA and Sustainability

#### U.S. EPA and Sustainability



Brad Bradley, U.S. EPA Region 5 Superfund Greener Cleanup Coordinator



#### **EPA** Themes

Administrator McCarthy identified seven themes for guiding the Agency's work in the future. Supporting greener cleanups and sustainability is integral to at least three of these themes, including:

- Making a Visible Difference in Communities across the Country
- Addressing Climate Change and Improving Air Quality
- Working Toward a Sustainable Future

### EPA and Sustainability

A goal of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) and its many partners is to preserve and restore land by promoting and using protective waste management practices and assessing and cleaning up contaminated sites. OSWER cleanup programs (including national and regional programs) address contaminated soil, groundwater, surface water, sediments, air, and other environmental media.



EPA has a clearly stated goal to clean up and advance sustainable reuse to make our communities safer and healthier. By maximizing the potential of our programs to spur environmental cleanups and by fostering stronger partnerships with stakeholders affected by our cleanups, we are moving toward our goal of building sustainable, healthy, economically vibrant communities.



Restoration of the riverfront in Oshkosh, WI – Before, During and After Brownfields Assessments and Cleanups completed.





#### The triple bottom line of sustainability is woven into our existing cleanup programs.

To support the *Environmental-Economic* leg of sustainability we consider anticipated reuse to better prepare sites for economic redevelopment. We go a step further through multiple efforts to foster sustainable redevelopment, such as the Superfund Redevelopment Initiative (SRI), the EPA/HUD/DOT Partnership for Sustainable Communities, Re-Powering America's Land and Area-wide Planning Grants. We also implement job training programs in the communities where we oversee major cleanups. In this way we enhance the skills sets of local citizens and improve their options to secure a job either on the remediation project or in the redevelopment effort and the businesses that move in after cleanups.



The *Social-Environmental* leg of sustainability also plays an important role how we manage our cleanup programs, which is particularly important as local communities have the most at stake in how contaminated sites are remediated. Our Community Engagement Initiative, for example, is designed to enhance our engagement with local communities and stakeholders to help them meaningfully participate in government decisions on how we approach cleanups.



Having robust mechanisms in our cleanup programs to engage a community and consider its economic interests, allows us to focus on improving the *social-environmental* leg of sustainability at site cleanups. We also recognize that each cleanup creates its own environmental footprint and there are opportunities for us to do our jobs "greener" and smarter. The Principles for Greener Cleanup, released in 2009, recommended that we evaluate our actions more holistically using the core elements as a framework. Since that time, EPA has undertaken several efforts to achieve protectiveness with a lower environmental footprint. These efforts include:

- Developing technical documents highlighting greener cleanup best management practices;
- Creating footprint assessment tools such as the Spreadsheets for Environmental Footprint Analysis (SEFA);
- Collaborating with the broader cleanup community to develop ASTM's Standard Guide for Greener Cleanups.

The *Social-Economic* leg of sustainability has become integrated into our decision making as well as how we manage our cleanup programs by consideration of Environmental Justice issues at all of our sites.



#### ASTM Standard Guide for Greener Cleanups

The ASTM Greener Cleanup Standard will help us to be mindful of our impacts, identify approaches that minimize the environmental footprint of our cleanups and advance OSWER's Greener Cleanup Principles.

Regarding green washing, protection of human health and the environment is our first priority. Greener cleanups are not intended to trade cleanup program objectives for other environmental objectives.

Successful greener cleanup practices will help achieve cleanup objectives by ensuring protectiveness while decreasing the environmental footprint of the cleanup itself.

#### ASTM Integrating Sustainable Objectives Into Cleanup

- Questions we have heard more than once since the release of the GC Standard Guide are: "Why is there a Greener Cleanups Standard and a Sustainability Standard?", and "What's the relationship between the two?"
- There is a perception that since EPA has not been more active in the development of the Sustainability Standard, the Agency only cares about the environmental considerations and less about the social and economic legs of sustainability.
- To be clear, we believe the triple bottom line sustainability concept is substantially woven into our cleanup programs. That said, we could do a better job communicating the holistic nature of sustainable practices in our cleanup programs.
- EPA recommends that we work together to ensure the communities where we conduct our cleanups understand how greener cleanups and sustainable use/reuse can be achieved, and how they can use existing channels to take part in the decision making process.



## EPA Region 5 GC/Sustainability

- Land Revitalization Coordinator
- Greening Grants Workgroup
- Effort to make all contracts sustainable
- Financial Break-Even Point Calculator
- Continued involvement in ASTM Standard Guide for Greener Cleanups and Integrating Sustainable Objectives into Cleanups
- Trade-offs not well defined



Attachment 19 Sustainable Remediation Experiences





















# Gilbert-Mosley

#### Estimated value derived:

- Risk-based approach → alternate cleanup levels
  - Reduced volume of groundwater requiring treatment by 40%
  - Saved ~\$8 million
- Helped promote > \$300 million in economic development through fast, aggressive cleanup












## OAB Redevelopment

#### **Pre-Planning**

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- Plans evaluated for:
  - Economic benefits to City/community, environmental impacts, and land use compatibility
  - All involved extensive trade-offs and public-private partnerships to fund infrastructure improvements
- Best land use → extension of Port services
- Local labor/employment rated as higher benefit than tax revenue





## OAB Redevelopment

#### Sustainability + Redevelopment

- Long-term quality-of-life benefits
  - Recycling operations out of West Oakland
  - Divert truck operations to rail (↓ VMT/emissions, injury, cost)
  - Local labor, job training, "banned the box"
  - Conformance with City's ECAP
- RAP + RMP for construction/operations
- >600 compliance and mitigation measures
  - Major focus: **air quality**

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Impact category	Incremental Impact (MT)	Value 2013\$
Economic Benefit		\$2,233,442
Climate change (CO2-eq)	14,426	\$904,44
Particulate Matter Formation (PM)	(368)	(\$2,619,934
Terrestrial acidification (SOx)	(10)	(\$32,830
Photochemical oxidant formation (VOC)	(0.06)	(\$166
	Net Benefit	\$484,95
	FROI	500%





# Questions?

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Practices demonstrated through case studies:

http://www.sustainableremediation.org/

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Attachment 20 Debrief: SustRem 2014 Conference









### International SuRF Network & Partners

- Italy
- Canada
- Australia/ New Zealand
- Netherlands
- United Kingdom
- Brazil
- Taiwan
- United States



















