



SURF and SAME Enter Strategic Partnership

SURF is excited to announce that we have entered a strategic partnership with the Society of American Military Engineers' (SAME's) Environmental Community of Interest (COI). SAME, founded in 1920, is a nonprofit with nearly 28,000 members dedicated to identifying and resolving national security infrastructure-related challenges. The organization's COIs provide opportunities for their members to become involved nationally with other professionals focused on a particular technical field (e.g., architectural practice) or demographic (e.g., K-12 STEM outreach) within the architecture, engineering, and construction industries. SURF is partnering with the Environmental COI, which brings together government and industry to collaborate on major U.S. environmental challenges. Over the coming months SURF and SAME will be working together to strengthen our common goals. If you're interested in helping with this effort, contact SURF President Betsy Collins (president@sustainableremediation.org).

IDENTIFYING COMMUNITIES WITH ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (EJ) CONCERNS



Dive In! How to Identify Communities with Environmental Justice Concerns

Do you know the difference between equality, equity, and justice? Is it accurate use the phrase “environmental justice communities”? In [this video](#), Matthew Tejada (Director of Environmental Justice at EPA) gives a quick lesson on EPA’s definitions of these words and phrases and describes the importance of using them consistently. Although the video is aimed at EPA employees, all viewers will learn how to begin to identify communities with environmental justice concerns. Check it out!



Did You Know? SURF Partners with GRA on February 2023 Conference

Tired of attending conferences where there's only one perspective on a topic and no time to ask questions? Look no further. SURF has partnered with Groundwater Resources Association (GRA) for the Association's first climate and sustainable remediation event. The conference, ESG: Climate Resilient & Sustainable Remediation, will be held on February 6 and 7, 2023 in San Diego, California, and the agenda is full of ways to interact and learn more. Day 1 focuses on climate resilient remediation and includes three panel discussions, a session with small discussion groups, and a networking opportunity. Day 2 is a half day that begins with a 5K run/walk followed by – you guessed it – two more panel discussions! SURF is proud to host one of these discussions along with a case study and tool training. Each day features a keynote speaker representing the regulatory community. Click [here](#) to learn more, access the agenda, and register.

Upcoming Events

SURFers...VOTE!

2023 Board of Trustees and Proposed By-Law Changes

Voting begins January 20, 2023 and ends midnight EST on February 6, 2023

Look for an email soon with more information.

Webinars

SAME Webinar: Reaching Underrepresented Communities Through Engineering For Us All

January 18, 2023

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. EST

Click [here](#) for more information.

SURF Webinar: Endophyte-Assisted Phytoremediation: A Sustainable and Resilient Nature-Based Solution for Remediation

February 15, 2023

1:00 p.m. - 2 p.m. EST

Click [here](#) to register.

Conferences

Groundwater Resources Association Symposium ESG: Climate Resilient & Sustainable Remediation

SURF is proud to partner with GRA for this event - stop by our booth and say hi!

February 6-7, 2023

San Diego, CA

Click [here](#) to register.

32nd Annual International Conference on Soil, Water, Energy, and Air

March 20-23, 2023

San Diego, CA

Click [here](#) for more information.

See below for SURF Sessions and membership meeting.

SURF Involvement at 32nd Annual International Conference on Soil, Water, Energy, and Air

SURF Session:

**Sustainable Remediation
in Practice**

March 21, 2023

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. PST

- Proof that the Most Aggressive Remediation Action Can Also Be the Greenest
- Fixing Failures or Re-thinking Futures? From Resilient Remedies to Resilient Land-and Water-scapes
- In-Situ Remediation of Hexavalent Chromium: From Fungicide to Fruit Juice

**SURF Membership
Meeting**

March 21, 2023

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. PST

- Agenda Pending

**SURF Session: ESG and
Sustainable Remediation**

March 22, 2023

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. PST

- Climate and Community Mapping: New ASTM Guidance
- ESG Ratings and SDGs: Are They Mutually Exclusive?
- Demonstration of How Remediation Projects Influence ESG Priorities

**SURF Session: Climate
Change and Resiliency**

March 22, 2023

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. PST

- Bioelectrochemically Processed Lignite for Golf Courses, Landscaping, Regenerative Agriculture, and Carbon Sequestration
- Benefits of Including Climate Change Considerations in a Sediment NAPL Remedy
- Balancing Ecosystem and Security Goals: Can We Even Argue They Differ Anymore?
- Fitting Environmental Response Actions into Sustainability Reporting Frameworks

Mark Your Calendar!

***8th International Sustainable Remediation Conference
(SustREM 2023)***

Held in conjunction with ecoforum 2023

October 10-13, 2023

Melbourne, Australia

Click [here](#) for more information.