

SUSTAINABLE REMEDIATION FORUM



International Sustainable Remediation Alliance members at SustRem2023

L to R, Front Row: David Tully (ALGA/SuRF ANZ), Roy Thun (SURF US), Alan Thomas (SURF UK), and Ms. Li-Hsun Chang and Ms. Shih-Han Lin (both SuRF Taiwan)

L to R, Back Row: Johan De Fraye (NICOLE), Francois Beaudoin (SuRF Canada), and Mr. Shun-Chieh Chu (SuRF Taiwan)

SustRem2023 in Melbourne an International Success

Last month, over 650 people from around the world attended the 8th International Sustainable Remediation Conference (SustRem2023) in Melbourne, Australia, to learn and share sustainable practices for managing contaminated sites. The conference was hosted by the Australasian Land & Groundwater Association (ALGA) and SuRF-Australia/New Zealand (SuRF-ANZ) and held in conjunction with ecoforum. The program included over 120 speakers (!), prompting lively discussions and thoughtful exchanges of ideas. Perhaps attendees were inspired by their surroundings. The conference was held at the Grandstand Building of the 183-year-old Flemington Racecourse, a work of art in and of itself. The building design was inspired by the shape of the race track; the 16,000 Roses of Flemington; and the hats donned by spectators at the annual Melbourne Cup Carnival (click [here](#) for photo).

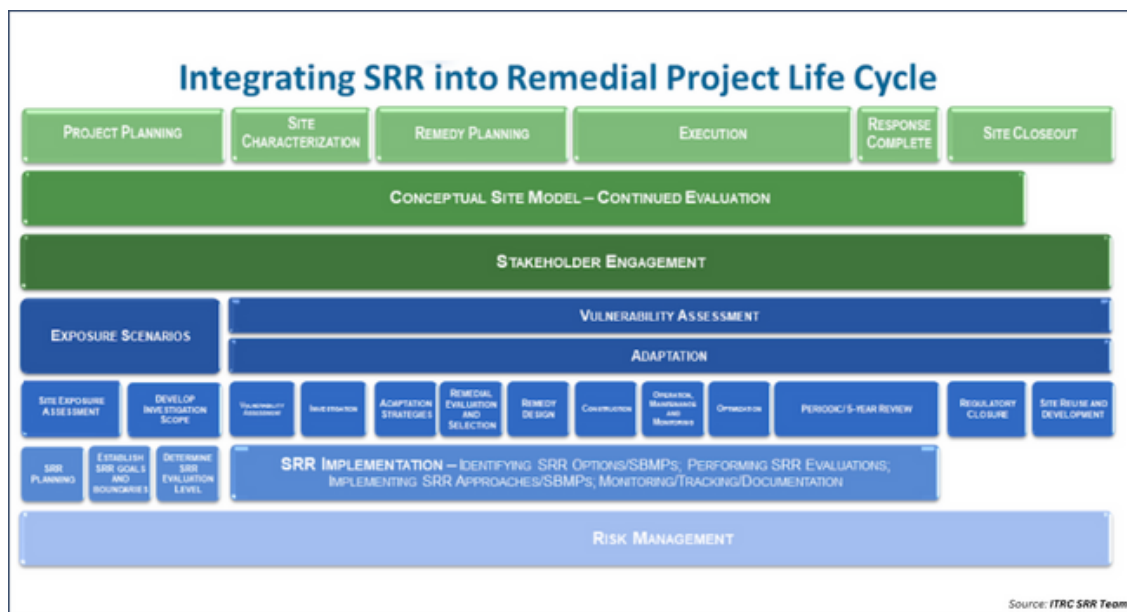
Don't know about SustRem conferences? No worries. These sustainable remediation focused conferences are held annually around the world, coordinated by International Sustainable Remediation Alliance (ISRA) members such as CL:AIRE, NICOLE, NICOLA (Network for Industrially Contaminated Land in Africa), and various SURF chapters worldwide. To learn more about ISRA or SURF, contact former At-Large Trustee [Roy Thun](#).



Dive In! Federal Agencies' Environmental Justice Plans and Progress

Last month, the White House Council on Environmental Quality published

Strategic Planning to Advance Environmental Justice (click [here](#) to access). The document provides Federal agencies with a template for environmental justice strategic plans. The plans are required per last year's Executive Order (EO) 14096, *Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All*. Per the EO (click [here](#)), agencies were required to make their strategic plans available to the public by October 21, 2023 and include a section on their Environmental Justice Scorecard, which was established as part of EO 14008, *Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad*. Click [here](#) to access agencies' scorecards.



Did You Know? Circling Back to a Valuable Resource

Did you know there's a resource where you can find:

- A framework to integrate sustainable resilient remediation into a project at any phase of the project life cycle?
- Common misperceptions about sustainable resilient remediation that are disproven through example case studies?
- A tool to create a site-specific summary of best management practices associated with climate change impacts?

It's true. The Interstate Technology Regulatory Council's (ITRC's) 2021 *Sustainable Resilient Remediation* guidance is chock-full of practical ways to integrate sustainable and resilient actions into remediation planning, design, and cleanup. SURFers were actively engaged in creating the guidance, co-leading three of the five writing subgroups. Check out the guidance [here](#). Fun

Fact: Ira May (current SURF At-Large Trustee) was a Program Advisor for the effort.

Upcoming Events

SURF Events

SURF EJ Technical Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 7, 2023

3:00 p.m. EST

Email [Nicole Tucker](#) to register.

Webinars

EPA Tools and Resources Webinar: Equitable Resilience Builder

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST

More information will be available [here](#) as the date nears.

Conferences

DOD Environmental Sustainability and Energy Resilience Symposium

November 28 - December 1, 2023

Arlington, Virginia

Click [here](#) for more information or to register.