



A Tribute to Ira May

As many of you may have heard, Ira May passed away unexpectedly on January 16, 2024. Ira was a valued At-Large Trustee on the SURF Board, attending Board calls with his camera on, smile bright, and SURF lei visible in the background. He embodied the characteristics that our organization strives for – affable, approachable, and thoughtful. Through his commitment to SURF and well beyond, Ira left a legacy of promoting sustainability while building relationships with people. Ira leaves behind his beloved wife Yvette, son Stephen, and daughter-in-law Lina Reyes. SURF has donated to three organizations in Ira's memory: Pure Earth (pureearth.org), Dig Deep (digdeep.org), and the Society for the Preservation of Nature in Israel (natureisrael.org). For a full obituary, click here. Ira will be greatly missed by the SURF Board of Trustees and SURF members.



Dive In! Analysis of Sustainable Remediation Case Studies at European Sites

Has your mind ever wandered during a technical presentation or lecture? You're not alone. Audiences are more likely to be engaged and think critically when speakers use examples to demonstrate concepts. That's why we all love case studies! In a commentary in the *Remediation Journal* last month, Sweeney, et al. analyzed 10 European case studies to identify trends, drivers, and key success factors of how sustainable remediation is being implemented. Click here to access.



Did You Know? EPA Publishes Primer and Fact Sheet

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hit the ground running in 2024 and tackled two topics that may be of interest to SURFers.

Integrating Green Remediation and Climate Resilience Under the Superfund Remedial Acquisition Framework: A Primer for Service Contractors is aimed at two audiences: existing and prospective Superfund service contractors. Although not guidance, the procurement primer provides information about green remediation and climate resilience strategies for existing contractors to consider when planning and implementing work. Prospective contractors can use the primer as a resource when responding to contract solicitations under EPA's Superfund Remedial Acquisition Framework. Click here to access the document.

The seven-page fact sheet, *Consideration of Climate Change at Contaminated Groundwater Sites*, provides information that demonstrates the importance of both understanding which groundwater characteristics may change under future climate scenarios and considering these changes and their potential impacts throughout the site cleanup process. Click <u>here</u> to access the document.

Upcoming Events

SURF Events

Leap Day Happy Hour

Virtual – For SURF Members Only February 29, 2024 4 p.m. PST* (5 p.m. MDT and 7 p.m. EST) Link will be sent the week of the event.

Not a SURF member and want to join in on the fun? Click here.

Webinars

EPA Webinar: Affordable and Workforce Housing Development on Former Brownfield Sites

Monday, February 26, 2024 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. EST

Click here for more information or to register.

ITRC Webinar: Sustainable Resilient Remediation

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 1:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. EDT

Click here for more information or to register.

Conferences

AEHS West Coast Conference: 33rd Annual International Conference On Soil, Water, Energy, And Air

March 18 - 21, 2024 San Diego, California

Click here for more information or to register.

SURF Involvement at 33rd Annual International Conference on Soil, Water, Energy, and Air

^{*} Future events will be scheduled to favor SURF members in Eastern time zone locales.

SURF Session:

Sustainable Remediation

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. PST

Closed Loop PFAS Treatment: Separation, Concentration,

Destruction

Leveraging More Effective, Safer ISCO by Non-Extreme Persulfate

Activation to Yield Sustained Secondary Treatment

Restoring Brownfields with Enhanced Phytoremediation: Case

Studies of Successful Installations

- Sustainability in Groundwater Remediation
- Pushing Beyond Limits, Engineered Phytoremediation Provides

Cost-Effective, Nature Based, Sustainable Remediation Alternative

Leading Programmatic Sustainable Remediation: Standard Process

Implementation and Lessons Learned

SURF Membership

Meeting

Thursday, March 21, 2024 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. PST

- Introduction of 2024 Board of Trustees
- Update from SURF's Environmental Justice Initiative
 Team
- Riding the Wave: SURF's Next Technical Initiative

SURF Happy Hour

Thursday, March 21, 2024 After the SURF Meeting

- Sponsored by <u>ecoSPEARS</u>
- 5:30 p.m. PST