

SURF Break | March 2025



# **SURF Recap: AEHS West Coast Conference**

Even the most experienced social media influencer would have been impressed by SURF's content on the first full day of the AEHS (Association for Environmental Health and Sciences Foundation) West Coast Conference in San Diego, California. Nine presentations comprised our technical sessions, which included two case studies featuring remediation technologies selected to finally achieve closure. In both cases, regulatory agencies issued no further action determinations. Our SURF Meeting at the end of the day was designed to allow participants to interact and collaborate rather than listen. With the current political environment and new direction of the Trump Administration, the group discussed two hypothetical case studies from the perspectives of the responsible party and consultant, community member, and regulator. The resulting discussions highlighted overlapping and differing values, reinforcing the need for transparency, cooperation, and collaboration when remediating contaminated sites.

**Sorry you missed it?** Join us at the next SURF webinar on April 30, 2025, and at Battelle on June 23, 2025 for a short course about sustainable resilient remediation tools. See below under "Upcoming Events" for more information.



# **Dive In! State Environmental Agencies Identify Research Needs**

Last month, the Environmental Research Institute of the States (ERIS) released its report documenting the responses of state environmental agency leaders to a Fall 2024 survey. ERIS, an education and research nonprofit organization, issues the survey once every two years to identify key research priorities and support the EPA's Office of Research and Development. Survey respondents included representatives from 46 states, two territories, and the District of Columbia. The survey design and process are described in the report, along with summaries of follow-up conversations with state environmental agency staff. Click here to access the report.



## Did You Know? Track EU's Progress on 90 Soil Strategy Actions

The saying "you can't manage what you don't measure" holds true in any field – documentation and tracking are essential to drive progress and make informed decisions. The European Union (EU) designed a Soil Strategy Actions Tracker to track the progress of the 90 actions outlined in the Soil Strategy for 2030. The strategy provides a framework and specific measures to protect and restore soils and ensure that soils are used sustainably. To date, 62 actions have been completed, 24 are in progress, and four have been withdrawn. Click here for details.

# **Upcoming Events**

#### **SURF Events**

SURF Webinar: Sustainable Remediation Strategy, Best Practices, and Real-World Applications

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 12 p.m. EDT Registration link coming soon!

SURF Short Course: SURF Guide to Sustainable Resilient Remediation Tools

Battelle Bioremediation Conference

Monday, June 23, 2025

Conference registration: click <u>here</u> Short course registration: coming soon!

#### **Other Events**

EPA Webinar: Economic Prosperity and Community Growth Through Superfund Redevelopment Wednesday, April 23, 2025 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. EDT To register, click <u>here</u>.

## AquaConSoil 2025

June 16-20, 2025 Liège, Belgium For more information, click <u>here</u>.

## **Battelle Bioremediation Conference**

June 23–26, 2025 Boston, MA For more information, click <u>here</u>.

## 2025 Global Summit on Environmental Remediation

November 4–6, 2025 Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richland, WA For more information, click <u>here</u>.