

NATIONAL SITE ASSESSMENT SYMPOSIUM

SYMPOSIUM: THEN AND NOW

Since its inception in 1989, the National Site Assessment Symposium (NSAS) has been an annual forum for EPA, (including removal and remediation program staff) States, Tribes, and other Federal agencies to review accomplishments, revisit goals, and discuss recent and pending changes in legislation, funding, policies, and guidance. Speakers with a range of site assessment backgrounds share ideas and expertise on how to address evolving site assessment needs.

As in the past, this year's NSAS will provide interested parties with an opportunity to learn about and discuss the latest developments, policies, innovations, and lessons learned in the realm of site assessment and characterization. From the new challenges posed by Homeland Security measures in obtaining sensitive assessment data to One Cleanup Program approaches, the 2004 NSAS will address the spectrum of topics relevant to professionals conducting site assessments.

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The NSAS provides Federal, State, and Tribal stakeholders with an opportunity to share information on the new and changing approaches and policies in hazardous waste remediation that may affect site assessment activities.

Potential topics include:

- ◆ Brownfields
- ◆ Eligible Response Sites/Exclusions
- ◆ Emerging Issues (e.g., Orchards, UXO, Naturally Occurring Asbestos)
- ◆ Homeland Security's Impact on Obtaining Sensitive Information
- ◆ Innovative Site Characterization Approaches
- ◆ Lead Guidance
- ◆ Management Panel
- ◆ One Cleanup Program Approaches
- ◆ Program Updates
- ◆ Tribal Lands
- ◆ Site Discovery programs
- ◆ Site Reuse/Redevelopment
- ◆ State Initiatives
- ◆ Superfund - Emerging Issues, Alternative Sites, Basic Research Program
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- ◆ Unified Phase Approach
- ◆ Vapor Intrusion

SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

To register for this year's National Site Assessment Symposium, please visit our registration page on the Web at:

www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/sitesmt/symp04/index.htm

Please fill out the registration form completely. You will receive a confirmation email once your registration has been processed. All symposium attendees will be required to pay a registration fee of \$25. Any questions can be directed to symposium organizers via the following email address: fisk.joan@epamail.epa.gov

It is EPA's policy to make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities. To request special accommodations, please contact Symposium coordinator Shawn Gewirtz at 434.975.6700 or sgewirtz@e2inc.com

TRAINING COURSES

Understanding and Implementing the Eligible Response Site Guidance

This half-day training course is designed to clarify any confusion surrounding EPA's March 2003 guidance on excluding sites from the enforcement bar, a law which constrains EPA's enforcement authority at certain sites. EPA, however, in consultation with States, can "exclude" certain high risk sites from the enforcement bar. This training will explore the variables EPA and States should consider in making an exclusion decision as well as the ramifications of excluding or not excluding a site. CERCLIS data entry screens and other procedural issues will also be covered.

Planning and Using Data for Site Assessment (PUDSA)

This full-day course will assist site assessors in the up-front collection of data adequate for making decisions related to site assessment, provide a basic understanding of what adequate data consists of, and help site assessors determine the adequacy of their data. Objectives of the course include identifying data needs for the Hazard Ranking System and National Priorities List eligibility, as well as learning to (1) develop and use a conceptual site model (CSM), (2) apply systematic planning to a project (using EPA's Data Quality Objective process as a tool), (3) identify data needs, (4) sample smart: get the right samples to obtain the right data, and (5) assess data adequacy.

SCDM/SUPERScreen Workshop

This course is designed to help site investigators already well-versed in the HRS rule to screen, score, and document NPL-candidate sites using the Hazard Ranking System (HRS) and SUPERScreen software. The first part of the training will focus on the recent changes to the Superfund Chemical Data Matrix (SCDM) and the implications for site assessment. The course will also cover the basics of navigating through the software, its specific purpose in site assessment, and how to prepare reports for site assessments and NPL projects. Following this introduction, attendees will run through site examples to score different scenarios.

Triad Approach for Managing Decision Uncertainty

This full-day course presents an overview of how one can increase confidence that project decisions (about contaminant presence, location, fate, exposure, and risk reduction choices and design) are made correctly and cost-effectively. The course will examine the Triad's three elements, (1) systematic project planning, (2) dynamic work strategies, and (3) real-time measurement technologies, which promote confident and efficient decision-making. Also covered at this session will be Triad's quality control approaches, which are designed to proactively address specific sampling and analytical uncertainties.

Management of Munitions Response Actions

This full-day course provides an overview of the technical issues associated with the investigation of munitions and explosives of concern at former defense sites. The training is designed to increase technical project managers' knowledge of munitions, explosives of concern (MEC), and munitions constituent issues, as well as assist in preparing for and conducting a site investigation using historical information (e.g., archival info, site reconnaissance, and inspections).

Evaluating Vapor Intrusion

This half-day workshop is designed to highlight and provide attendees an opportunity to discuss some of the latest thinking on a variety of technical and science-policy topics related to the vapor intrusion pathway for exposure. Discussions will touch on recent Federal efforts to regulate the vapor intrusion pathway for exposure including a summary of the EPA's Nov. 2002 guidance as well as the March 2004 Vapor Intrusion Attenuation Workshop and the resulting recommended changes to the generic screening criteria.



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HOTEL REGISTRATION

Registrants must make their own hotel reservations with the Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines by May 28, 2004 to receive the discounted room rate of \$110.00 per night. Please call 877.414.8020 and ask for a room reserved for EPA's 2004 National Site Assessment Symposium.

DIRECTIONS FROM AIRPORT

Cloud Nine Shuttle offers service to and from the hotel for a fee of \$11.50 each way. It can be found at the airport ground transportation pick up area.

By car: Follow signs to I-5 North. Once on I-5 North, continue for 11 miles. Take Genesee Avenue exit. Turn left on Genesee Avenue. Continue to the top of the hill and bear right onto North Torrey Pines Road. At the 3rd stoplight, turn left onto Science Park Road. This road ends at the hotel driveway.

LA JOLLA - SAN DIEGO

The 2004 National Site Assessment Symposium will be held in La Jolla, California, a community just north of downtown San Diego, where the weather and surroundings are the closest thing to paradise this side of Shangri-La. The area also offers a plethora of things to do: surfing, kayaking, golfing at the Torrey Pines Golf Course, hiking along sandstone cliffs, shopping at the nearby boutiques, perusing the local art galleries, visiting the nearby museums, or simply relaxing by the beach. If you tire of those activities, Sea World, the San Diego Zoo, Qualcomm Stadium, and the Del Mar Racetrack are only a short drive away. Additionally, there are numerous fine restaurants in the area, so be sure to spend some time on the town before you leave.

For more information on the area, visit:

www.lajollabythesea.com
www.sandiego.org
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