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# **Welcome to the Contaminated Sediments Webinar Series**

### Session 1: Site Characterization

## Creating a framework to build upon for future actions

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Live Webinar: Monday, October 21, 2019, 1:00 PM-2:30 PM EST (18:00-20:30 GMT)

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Webinar Overview

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Session 1	October 21	Site Characterization	Today!
Session 2	October 30	Risk Assessment	
Session 3	November 13	Innovative & Established Remediation Technologies	
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#### About the Series

This virtual workshop series will provide interactive discussions between subject matter experts and workshop participants. Each virtual session will feature brief topic introductions by panelists followed by facilitated panelist/participant discussions which will include opportunities for questions and answers, brainstorming, identification of concerns and research needs.

Webinar Objectives

- Describe the latest conceptual approaches to each technical area
- Offer methodologies and tools, and case study illustrations that address each of these concepts
- Solicit participant input to how these approaches can be revised to produce better, faster and cheaper outcomes

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# What are your challenges in dealing with contaminant sediment sites?

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# Why "dig in" to Contaminated Sediments?

Contaminated sediments present unique challenges

- Multiple sources
- Difficult to control
- Large diffuse areas
- Dynamic conditions
- Higher remediation costs
- Unique resources are contained in the sediment/surface water ecosystem

Systematic and coordinated efforts are needed to address contaminated sediments effectively

- Robust CSMs build a strong framework for future actions
- Current and relevant toxicological information inform risk assessments
- Strategically defined cleanup goals and effective remedial actions
- Accurate and efficient monitoring to measure and optimize remedy effectiveness



# **Today's Topic: Site Characterization**

#### Selection of appropriate models and estimating the level of efforts for modeling

- U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Modeling Team
- Todd Bridges, Paul Schroeder, Earl Hayter, Don Hayes, Joe Gailani

#### Use of Incremental Sampling Methodology at Sediment Sites

• Matt Neal and Marvin Heskett, Element Environmental

#### Passive sampling methods – uses and limitations

• Dr. Rainer Lohman, University of Rhode Island