

2 * 600 kilowatt turbines on former shooting range at Warren

Landfill Gas-to-Energy Plant

Colorado's only operational landfill gas-to-energy plant will begin operation in early 2008. Located at the Denver Arapahoe Disposal Site near Hampden Avenue and Gun Club Road in Arapahoe County, it is expected to produce 3.2 megawatts of electricity, enough energy for about 3,000 homes.

Landfill gas consists of approximately 50 percent methane, 45 percent carbon dioxide, and other gases. It is produced from the normal decomposition of organic matter. The Denver-Arapahoe site, one of the largest landfills in the nation, generates approximately 1,200 cubic feet of landfill gas per minute. The gas is currently "flared" or burned off, but now it will burned in four combustion engines and converted into electricity. This beneficial use of landfill gas will reduce the greenhouse gases produced at a coal-fired power plant through indirect offsets, and similarly reduce other air pollution emissions.

The City & County of Denver will sell the landfill gas to <u>Waste Management of Colorado</u>, which will construct, own, and operate the plant. Electricity from the plant will then be sold to Xcel Energy. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, landfill gas continues to be produced for twenty years or more even after a landfill is closed. The Denver-Arapahoe site could, therefore, operate for many decades to come

Casper WY, Windfarm being constructed at former Chevron Refinery

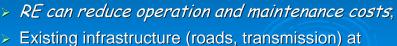
Why Emphasize Renewable Energy on Contaminated Land







- RE can preclude inappropriate future land use:
 e.g. residential use on land cleaned to industrial standards;
- RE provides a short or long term beneficial reuse of land;



Existing infrastructure (roads, transmission) a most cleanup

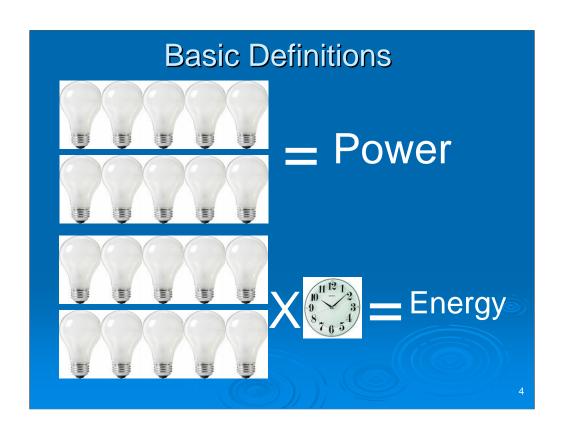


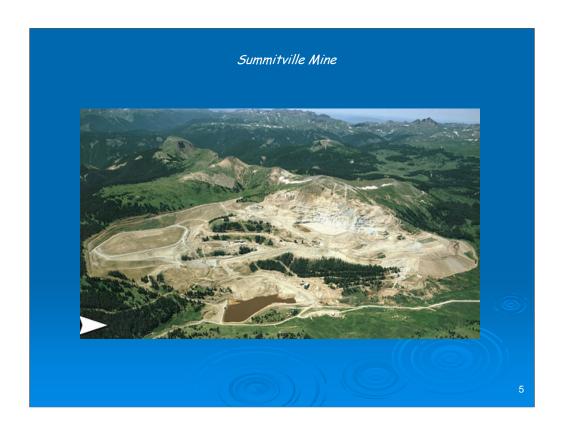
Why Emphasize Renewable Energy on Contaminated Land

- RE creates economic redevelopment opportunities for properties where other options are limited;
- More States are adopting renewable energy standards;
- Development on CL reduces Greenfield development; and
- Finally, siting renewable energy on contaminated land is a better way to reduce carbon footprint of cleanup actions than purchasing offsite renewable energy









Summitville Mine = one of the biggest environmental disasters in Region 8 1400 gpm treatment plant

Current Projects > Hydro Plant at Summitville Mine



- Will provide clean energy for ongoing treatment of acid mine drainage
- Foundation and Penstock in place – expect to be generating energy early summer 2010.
- Few if any ecological concerns associated with diverting water.

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Enough energy to power 230,000 kilowatt hrs/year (reducing CO2 emissions by 190 metric tonnes/year). It'll operate 6-7 months per year.

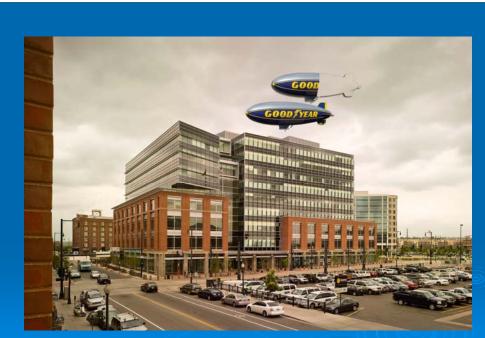
CFS diverted (assumption 2 to 3??????)



Land owned by Anaconda Deer Lodge county sits adjacent to ARCO (main PRP) property. County land is contaminated from airborne smelter emisssions, but not to extent that requires cleanup. Wind development county land would assure contamination is not disturbed.

National Renewable Energy Lab believes up to 50 megawatts of wind generation could be constructed at the site. A wind farm of that size would be expected to produce ~ 53,700 megawatt hours/year and reduce CO2 emissions by 53,776 Metric tonnes.

(assuming 902 lbs/MWhr – EPA power profiler for zipcode 59701)



Daily Emissions of Carbon Pollution

Current Projects Gilt Edge Green Power Pilot

- Goals:
- Erect medium sized turbines to power treatment plant
- Use project to attract utility-scale development, and sell energy to grid.



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Additional engineering is funded to develop detailed cost estimates for constructing turbine foundations and power poles necessary to take electricity to WTP. These are the cost elements that represent the highest risk to RE developers as most aren't familiar with Superfund.

NREL believes a commercial wind farm of 40 to 50 Megawatts could be erected at Gilt Edge.

50 MW wind farm would generate ~131,400 megawatt hours/year and reduce CO2 emissions by 112,000 Metric tonnes.

(zipcode 57732 – 1883 lbs CO2/MWhr)

Impediments to RE on CL

- Remedy Selection Criteria have not been interpreted in a way that gives preference to GR
- No policy imperative for lifecycle analysis, especially with respect to energy costs.



> Lack of incentives for greening cleanups.

> Possible incentive:



 Use federal funding designated for offsite RE purchases (green tags, RECs) to help finance RE systems at our cleanups.

Region 8 wants to pilot this idea at Gilt Edge.

Greener Cleanups in Region 9 NARPM 2009 Reprise

Harold Ball R9 Superfund Technical Support December 15, 2009

History



- Cleanup Clean Air
 - Cross Program Initiative SFund and Air
- SERG Smart Energy Resources Guide
 - Excellent resource for RPMs
 - http://www.epa.gov/nrmrl/pubs/600r08049/600r08049.htm
- Contract Language RAC II and ERRS
- More information at
 - http://www.epa.gov/region09/climatechange/green-sites.html

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Cleanup Clean Air Initiative. Cross program initiative between Superfund and Air Division to reduce diesel and GHG emissions at cleanup sites.

SERG (Smart Energy Resource Guide) development. Published March 2008. Jennifer Wang, Penny McDaniel, Michael Gill. This has proven to be an excellent resource for RPMs on basic technologies and concepts.

Contract Language

RAC II – Clean Air: cleaner engines, cleaner fuel and cleaner diesel control technology. Renewable Energy: evaluate renewable energy sources when selecting, constructing, and optimizing remedies.

ERRS – Clean Technologies: use clean technologies and/or fuels on all diesel equipment to the extent practicable and/or feasible.

Current Activities

Regional Philosophy

- Management is very supportive
- Clean diesel is a priority for us
- RPMs are our main assets

Current Highlights

- Romic Life Cycle Analysis Tool Development
 - · Goal here is to make better informed decisions
 - Props to Karen Scheuerman and Steve Armann in our Waste Division

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Regional Philosophy

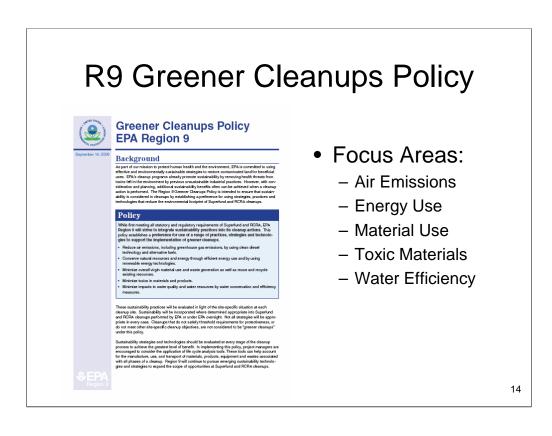
Very supportive – number 1 priority among regional SFund managers last fall Clean diesel is a priority for us

RPMs are our strength and the main assets that we bring to the issue

Romic Life Cycle Analysis

Goal here is to make better informed decisions not to let the analysis drive the decision.

Props to Karen Scheuerman and Steve Armann in our Waste Division who continue to make a contribution to developing a rational decision framework for all of us.



Joint Policy from Superfund and Waste Divisions

Includes a preference for use of a range of practices, strategies and technologies to support the implementation of greener cleanups

We anticipate that these specific practices, strategies and technologies will be updated as emerging practices and technologies are identified.

Challenges

- How to incorporate GR into our decisions?
- How best to use existing authorities?
- How to develop the case for PRP implementation?
- How do we incorporate into 5YRs?

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How do we incorporate GR into our existing decision framework?

How can we best apply at sites the existing authorities that we have.

PRP Lead Sites. Many R9 sites are PRP lead where our desire to incorporate GR into the remedy does not easily translate into action. We need to develop the case for implementation.

How do we incorporate into 5YRs? Current focus is on Remedy Protectiveness and not so much on optimization.

Future Goals

- Move to Implementation
 - Green Remediation Strategy
 - RE-Power Partnerships (NREL)
 - Site Decisions
- Cross Program Consistency
 - Contribute solutions to the problem

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Move to Implementation

HQ has invested heavily in developing the "Green Remediation Strategy."

Moving to answer policy questions

Providing funds for pilot projects

We now have to step up to the plate on implementation

RE-Power partnerships – we had 10 proposals from RPMs wanting to take advantage of pilot project opportunities with the NREL IAG. All were viable projects for NREL and it was very tough to make the cut for us.

Program Consistency:

SFund does not work in a vacuum.

LJ has made a finding that 6 GHG pose a threat to the health and welfare of Americans.

Other EPA programs are working on implementation (Air/Climate Change) and are aggressively moving to address the problem

We in SFund need to step up and be part of the solution.

Closing Thoughts

- What help do you need?
 - HQ and regional staff are busy
 - Let us know what you need
 - tools, training, technical support
 - Share success stories with others
 - tech transfer works

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What can we do to help you?

HQ has laid out a path forward in the draft Green Remediation Strategy.

HQ pushing to answer policy questions, providing tools and technical support Regions stepping up to the plate with training and implementation.

Plug: share success stories to leverage your experience.

Call or write us - Let us know if we are doing it right or if there is additional support you need.



Green Remediation

Estimating the Environmental Footprint at a Corrective Action Clean-up

Pilot Study at Romic East Palo Alto

Karen Scheuermann, US EPA Region 9 scheuermann.karen@epa.gov

3 June 2009

Green Remediation



Theory:

Consider all environmental effects of remedy implementation and incorporate options to maximize the net environmental benefit of cleanup actions.



Implementation:

Installation of "greener" remedies

Development of metrics for estimating environmental footprints



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Overview







How we conducted our Pilot Study: methodology and results



Applying the results to our clean-up sites



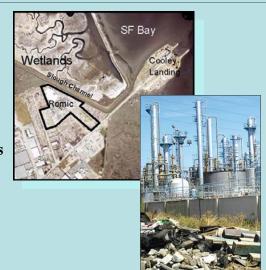
Importance of using Life-Cycle Assessment principles



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Pilot Site: Romic East Palo Alto

- 14-acre hazardous waste management facility
- Soil and ground water contaminated with VOCs (such as TCE and PCE)
- Contamination to a depth of 80 feet





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Purpose of the Pilot Study



Compare the environmental footprints of three alternative remedies at Romic

- Is it possible to determine the environmental footprint of the alternative remedies?
- Did we select the "greenest" remedy?
- How important is off-site manufacture for the environmental footprint?

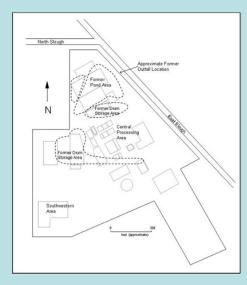


Develop a methodology to be used for estimating environmental footprints



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Remedy Alternatives at Romic



Alternative 2 (Hybrid)

Extraction wells *and* bioinjection wells

30 years to complete

Alternative 3 (Bioremediation)
Bioinjection wells only
10 years to complete

Alternative 4 (Pump and Treat)
Extraction wells only
40 years to complete

Alternative 3 has already been chosen for Romic, so this analysis did not affect the remedy decision.

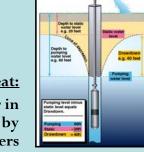


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Remedy Alternatives at Romic



Bioremediation: uses injections of cheese whey and molasses mixed with fresh water



Pump and Treat: treatment of ground water in

an air stripper followed by carbon filters



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Boundaries of the Pilot Study



Functional Unit:

Ground water remediation.



Temporal Boundary:

Construction and active life of each alternative remedy.



System Boundary:

On-Site Activities (Level 1)

Transport To and From Site (Level 2) Manufacture Off-Site (Level 3)



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At Romic We Evaluated...

Resources and Energy Used

- Water
- Construction Materials
- Electricity
- Fossil Fuel

Wastes Generated

- Spent Carbon
- Wastewater

Air Emissions

- NO_X, SO_X, PM, CO₂







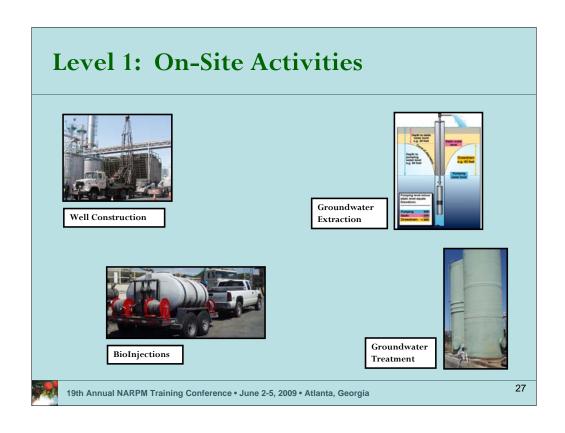


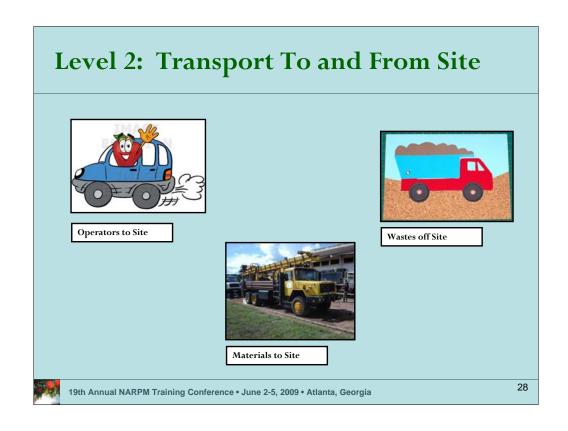


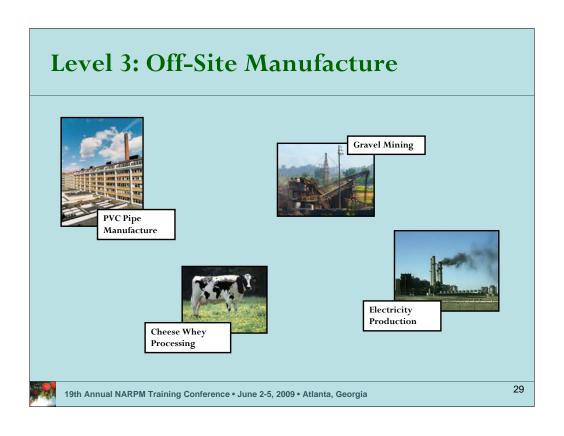


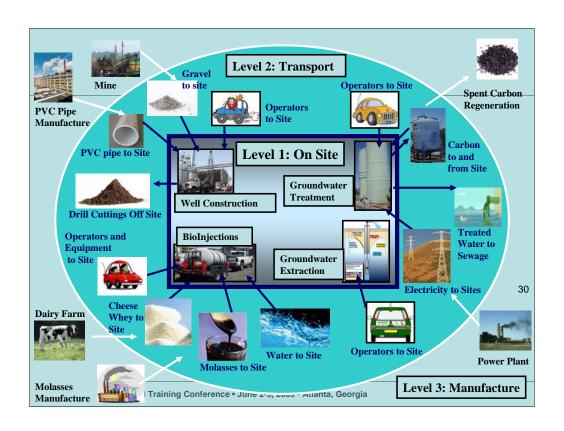


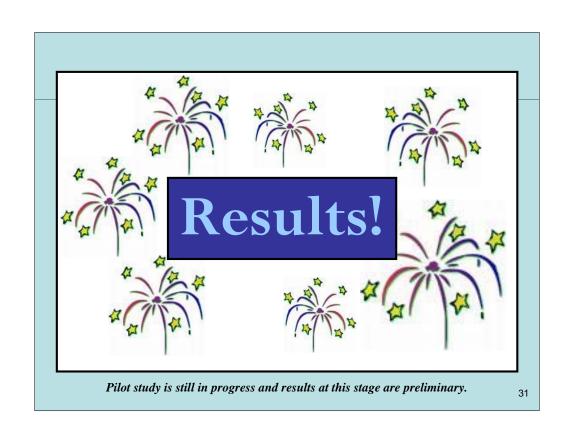
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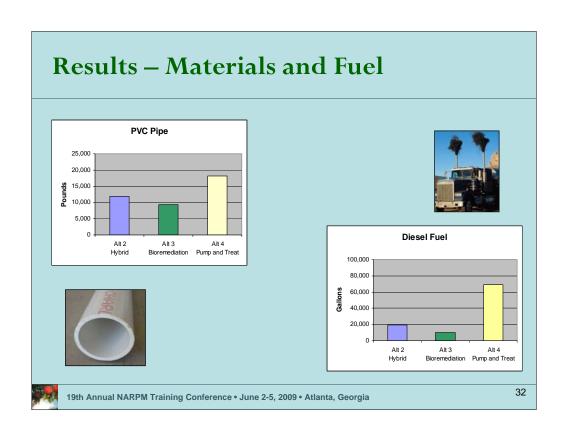


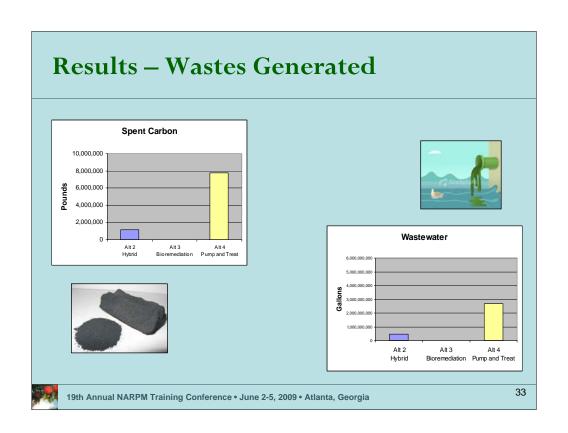












Levels 1, 2, and 3 Combined

Adding Level 3 (Off-site Manufacture) to the mix



water used



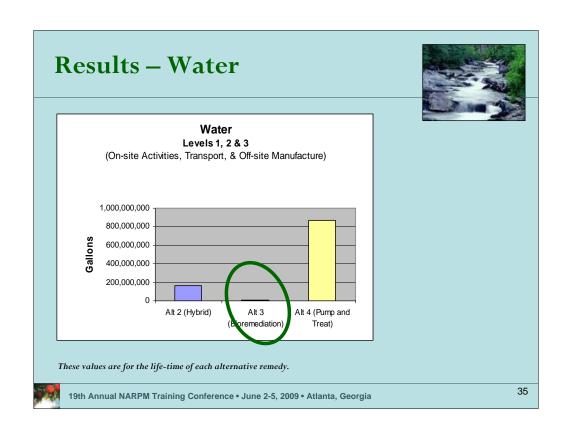
electricity required

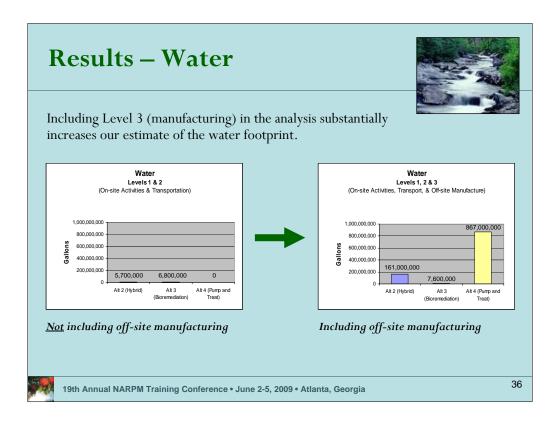


carbon dioxide emitted



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Results - Water



Issues related to water:

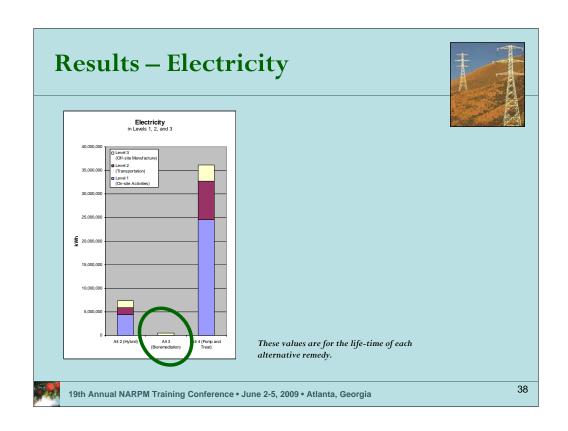
- Water withdrawn versus water consumed.
- Water withdrawn in "water scarce" areas *versus* water withdrawn in "water abundant" areas.
- Potable versus non-potable water.

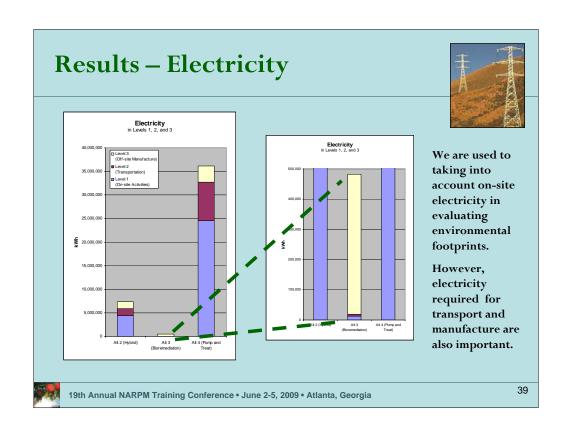


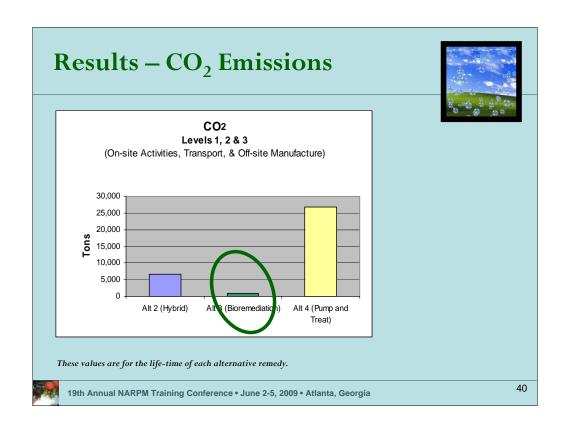
Maybe, not all water is equal... how should we take this into consideration?

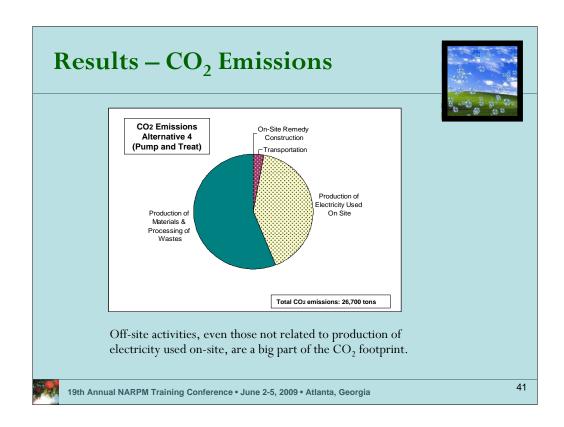


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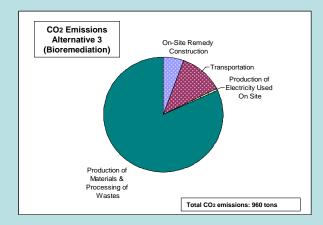








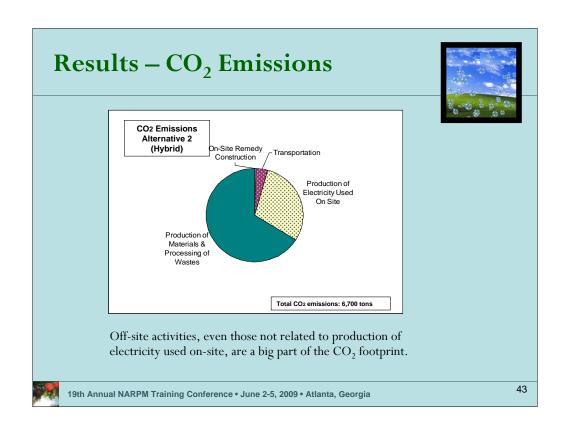




Off-site activities, even those not related to production of electricity used on-site, are a big part of the $\rm CO_2$ footprint.



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Results – CO₂ Emissions



Issues related to CO2:

- Finding ${\rm CO_2}$ emissions factors that include resource extraction as well as manufacturing.
- Taking into account likely lower emissions of CO_2 per unit material produced in the future.
- Being careful not to "double count" in reporting electricity requirements and ${\rm CO2}$ footprint of the remedy.



Identify which materials and activities contribute the greatest to the CO_2 footprint and research them thoroughly.



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Applying results to our clean-up sites



We need to balance the various aspects of the environmental footprints.



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Applying results to our clean-up sites



- Balance local effects with global effects:

water resources
particulate emissions

greenhouse gas emissions

- Balance effects of disparate items:

natural resource depletion

waste generation

environmental contamination

years to complete remedy



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Applying results to our clean-up sites





Balancing disparate environmental impacts will be specific from site to site.



Metrics for environmental impacts are not the only factor at a clean-up site, but should be seen as one of several balancing factors.



In all cases the remedy must first meet threshold criteria, such as protection of human health and the environment.



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Improving the Pilot Study --

We performed complete (but back-of-the-envelope) Level 3 calculations for:

Water use Electricity use CO_2 emissions



We would like to add Level 3 calculations for:

> Wastes generated Fossil fuels consumed Air toxics emitted

We are working with EPA life-cycle analysis experts in ORD (Cincinnati) and with OSRTI to improve and add to our Level 3 calculations.



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Improving the Pilot Study --

Run calculations for other remedial activities at Romic:

- soil excavation
- groundwater monitoring
- capping contaminated areas





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Life-Cycle Assessment principles helped us greatly in developing our conceptual approach

- Quantify on- and off-site environmental impacts
- Distinguish between local and global impacts
- Compare relative impacts of remedial technologies in a more comprehensive way
- Focus our efforts in reducing the environmental impacts of a remedy



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Develop a methodology based on Life-Cycle Assessment principles for estimating environmental footprints

- Conduct Pilot Studies at three additional sites
- Streamline the methodology identify aspects of remedies that make the largest contribution to the overall footprints and focus on those
- Establish a library of data inputs
- Designed for regulatory staff and site owners in all clean-up programs



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Key Points



Yes, it's feasible to <u>estimate</u> the environmental footprint of a clean-up remedy.



Importance of including off-site manufacturing in estimations of the environmental footprint.



A streamlined methodology would be helpful for conducting this type of analysis at other sites.



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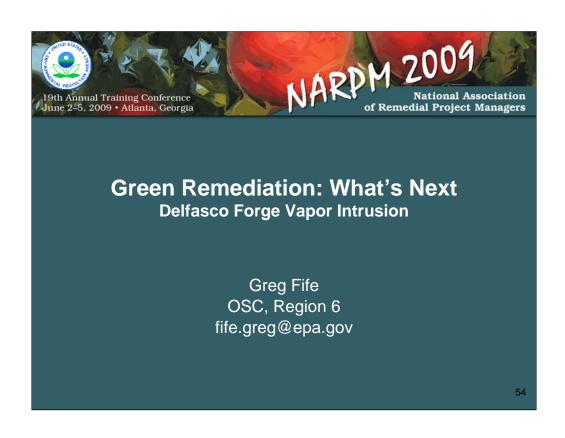
Promoting Green Remediation



Reducing the Environmental Footprints of Our Site Clean-ups



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Delfasco Forge

- → Delfasco Forge
- → Grand Prairie, TX
- → Vapor Intrusion
- → RCRA Enforcement



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Delfasco Forge - History

- Delfasco, as in Delaware Forge and Steel Company
- → Made practice bombs for DOD
- Outgrew the facility
- → Auto repair shop now



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Delfasco Forge

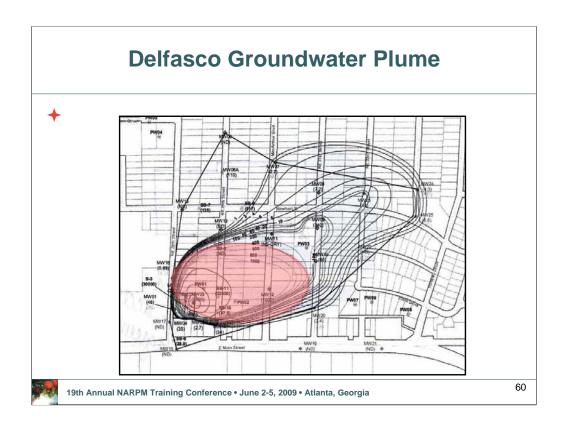
- → Trichloroethylene used in the process
- → Spills, releases, and poor housekeeping led to contamination of groundwater
- → Residential to the north and east
- → Direction of groundwater, Northeast.

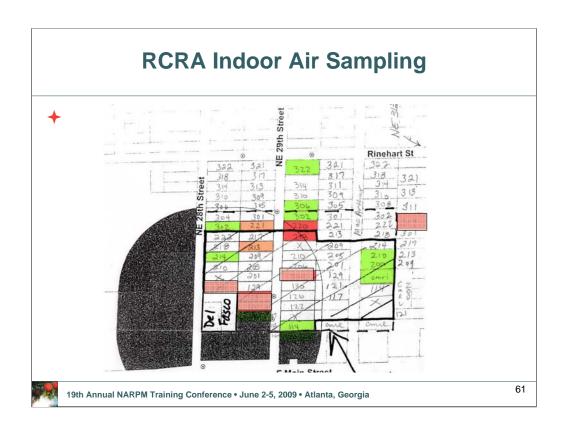


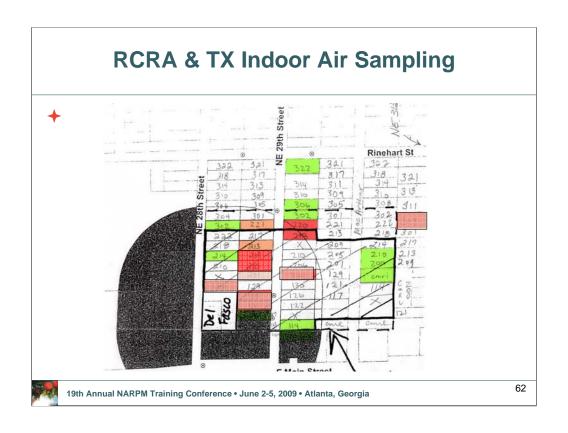
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Passive Soil Gas Sampling

- → Semi-quantitative
- → In-Ground
- → 1-2 weeks
- ◆ \$18/sample
- → Beacon Environmental





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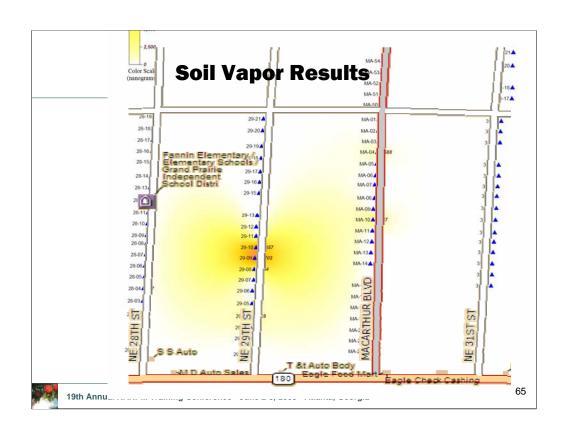
Passive Sampler Deployment

- → 100 points + dups, TBs, etc
- ↑ 1 day install
- → 1 day retrieve
- ♦ 8 day turn-around





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Passive Sampling on the Site

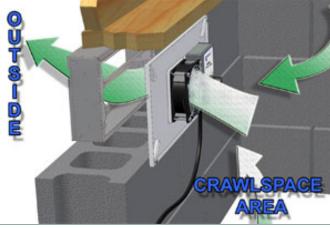
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Crawl Space Fan

- → Pier and beam construction
- → Commercially available exhaust fans



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Fan Comparison

- + Radon fan - 60-90 CFM
- + \$1,500 per unit
- → Crawlspace fan - 200 CFM
- + \$200 per unit



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Electrical Costs

- → Each fan type, running 24/7/365
- + \$3 to \$8 per month



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Impact of Electrical Cost on Budget

- → \$8 per month, \$96 per year
- → Compare to increase price of gasoline
- → Federal Standard is 15,000 miles per year
- Avg miles per gallon is 21
- → That is 714 gallons per year.
- → The \$96 in additional electricity cost is equivalent to \$0.134 per gallon



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Solar Power Exhaust Fan

→ Solar powered

+ Panel: 10"x16"x0.7"

10 Watt

Fan: 6" dia.

2500 RPM

200 CFM

55 DB







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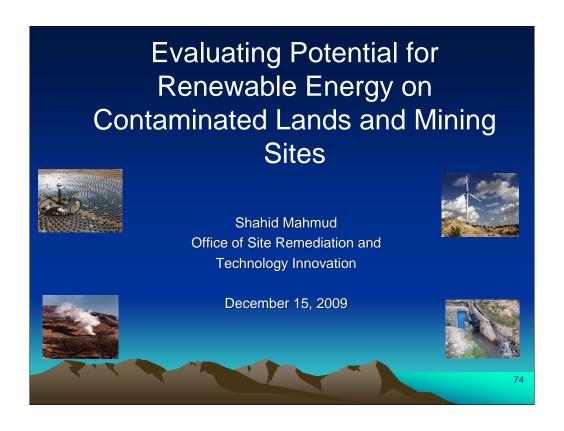
Crawl Space Fan Effectiveness

- → Reduced one home an order of magnitude to right at action level
- → Reduced second home two orders of magnitude
- → Battery to be installed for longer operation



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Background

- EPA launched the Siting Renewable Energy on Contaminated Lands and Mining Sites at the 2008 Brownfields Conference.
- EPA has taken a multi-prong approach under this initiative to include:
 - Renewable Energy Mapping on Contaminated Lands & Mine Sites
 - Conducting Outreach Activities
 - Pilot Sites/Project Engagement
 - Tools/Guidance Development

Why Develop Renewable Energy Facilities on EPA Tracked Sites?

- Many EPA tracked lands offer thousands of acres of land
- Situated in areas less likely to be met with aesthetic (NIMBY) opposition
- Have existing electric transmission lines, capacity, roads, and are adequately zoned for such development
- Avoided new infrastructure capital and zoning costs can be significant

Why Develop Renewable Energy Facilities on EPA Tracked Sites?

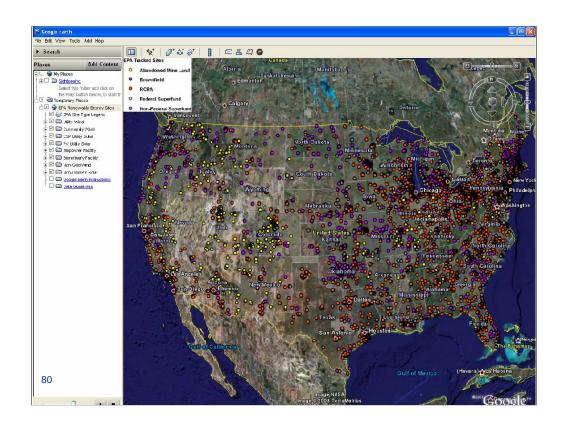
- May have lower overall transaction costs compared to greenfields
- Reduce the stress on greenfields land for construction of new energy facilities
- Provide clean, emission-free energy for use on-site, locally, and utility grid

Why Develop Renewable Energy Facilities on EPA Tracked Sites?

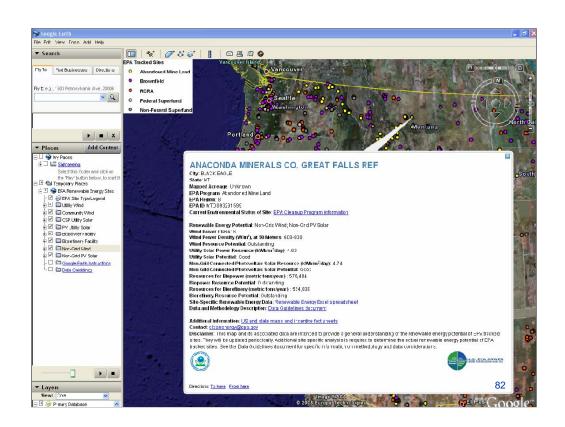
- Over 16 million acres of potentially contaminated properties (approx. 480,000 sites) across the United States are tracked by EPA
 - ~80% (13.6 million acres) are non-urban
 - ~20% (3.2 million acres) are abandoned mine land
- Cleanup goals have been achieved and controls put in place to ensure long-term protection for more than 850,000 acres
- Reintroduce local job opportunities for development, operation and maintenance of, and equipment manufacture for renewable energy facilities

Google Earth Mapping Tool

- Successful EPA-NREL joint venture produced an interactive Google Earth mapping application
- Shows opportunities to site renewable energy on contaminated lands and mining sites in each state
- Produced incentive sheets describing renewable energy development and contaminated lands redevelopment incentives in each state

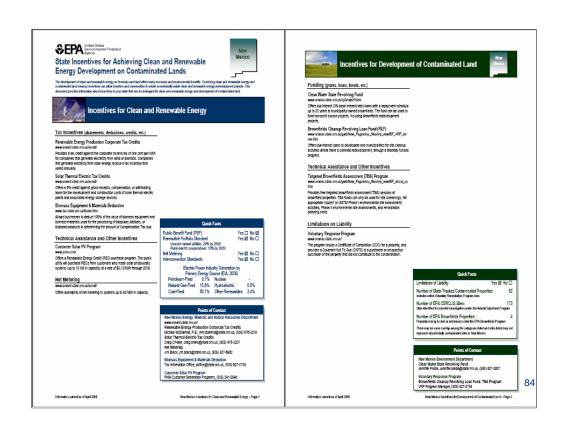






Incentives

- State Incentives
 - Grants and Loans
 - Tax abatements, deductions, credits
 - Net metering
 - Other incentives: equipment loan programs for wind production
- Federal incentives
 - Production tax credit for renewable energy: \$0.95/kWh to \$1.95/kWh for sales of electricity for the first 10 years of operation
 - Federal grants and loans
- Database of State Incentives for REs and EE
 - www.dsireusa.org



Outreach Efforts

- OSWER engaged in outreach to stakeholders at a variety of venues with Renewable Energy booth and presentations, and stimulated significant interest. Some of these include:
 - Wind and Solar Conferences
 - Summit of Mining Communities
 - Brownfields Conference
 - Mine Expo 08
- OSWER started discussions with ASTSWMO subcommittee on this initiative
- OSWER and Region 9 have discussed this effort with BLM HQ and Arizona
- OSWER conducting series of stakeholder dialogues (Detroit, New Orleans, Los Angeles, Atlanta).

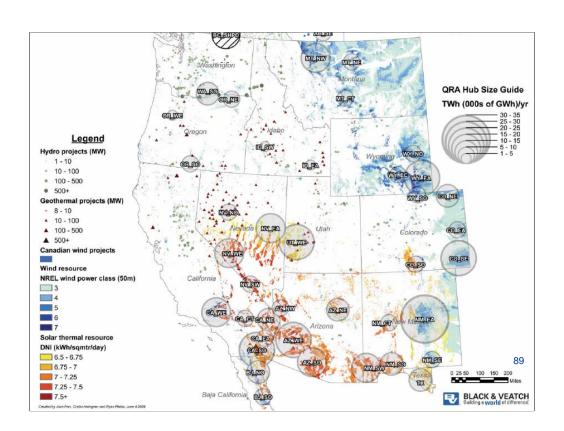
Site Name and Location	Renewable Energy Aspects	Status	Issues/Opportunities
Abandoned/Superfund Sites			
Summitville, CO	Hydroelectric to power water treatment plant	Phase I construction underway	Project potentially transferable to other sites
Holmes Road Landfill, TX	Solar Power	Contractor Support in-place for Feasibility Study	RFP for Developers
Anaconda, MT	Wind Power with possibility for geothermal	Phase I completed	Developer propose 50 MW Wind Project
Active Site:			
Chino Mine, NM	Concentrated Solar Power	Met with New Mexico and Freeport-McMoran Freeport to submit proposal	Multiple Agencies Technical Study Need Proposal from Freeport
MolyCorp Mine, NM	Solar Power	Chevron interest in solar project	Chevron conducted Phase I screening

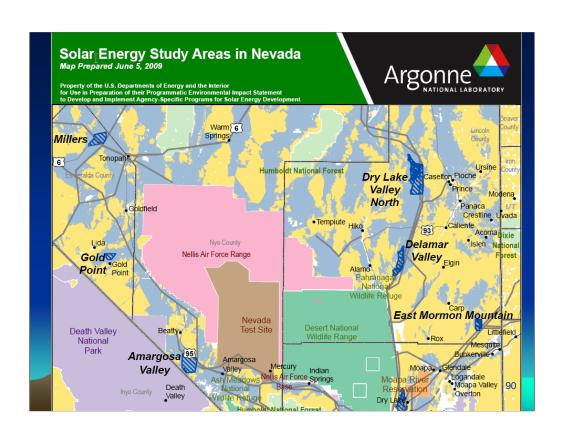
Tools to Encourage Reuse of Impaired Land

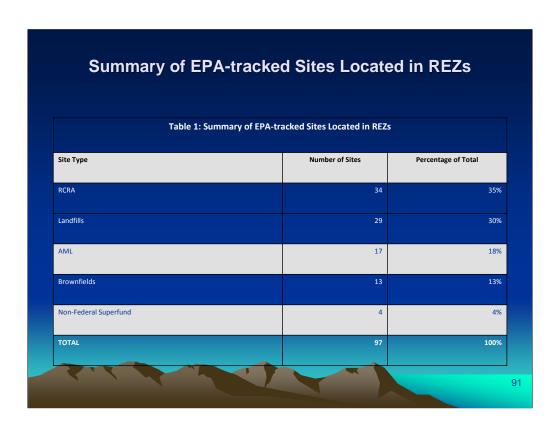
- Comfort/Status letters provide information about the site and can clarify liability issues for prospective purchasers and site owners.
- An Ready for Reuse Determination is an environmental status report written in clear language that
 is designed to provide important information about a site so it can be used without compromising
 protection for people and the environment.
 http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/recycle/pdf/rfrguidance.pdf
- A site reuse profile, which is used in some regions, highlights a site's background, environmental history, and reuse status.
- At NPL sites, EPA may carve out portions of sites Partial Deletions to allow certain land uses.
- EPA's Revitalization Handbook:
 http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/publications/cleanup/brownfields/handbook/bfhbkcmp-08.pdf
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- EPA Fact Sheet on CERCLA, Brownfields, and Lender Liability: http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/aai/lenders_factsheet.pdf
- EPA's Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/sblrbra.htm

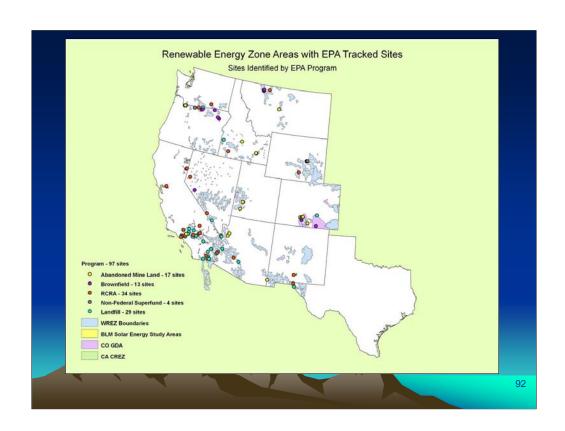
Potential Collaboration/Next Steps

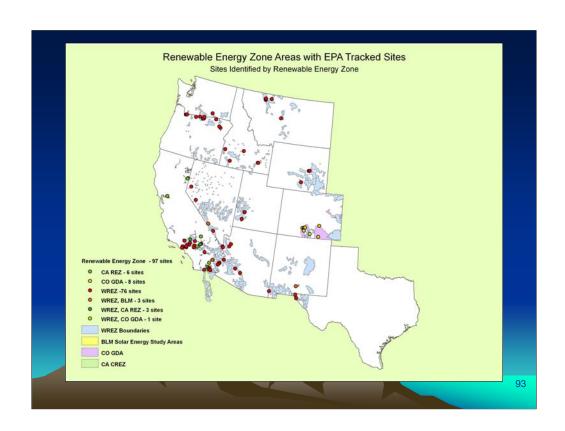
- Multiple efforts ongoing at Federal and State levels to encourage RE Projects
- Some of these efforts include:
 - WGA and DOE Western Renewable Energy Zones (WREZ)
 - BLM Solar Zones
 - Colorado Resource Generation Development Areas (GDA)
 - California Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CA CREZ)
- EPA overlay Repower maps on the 4 efforts listed above.
- EPA has shared site information with BLM HQs and BLM Arizona











Next Steps!

- Encourage additional collaboration on siting RE projects with Federal Land Management Agencies at mixed ownership sites.
- Collaboration with other key Federal Agencies (DoE, DoD, Department of Commerce, IRS)
- Collaboration with State Organizations (e.g., ASTSWMO)

