

Sustainability in Site Cleanup and Redevelopment: The Big Picture

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What is “Sustainable?”

EXECUTIVE ORDER 13423, JANUARY 26, 2007-

“§9(k)-“sustainable” means to create and maintain conditions, under which humans and nature can exist in productive harmony, that permit fulfilling the social, economic, and other requirements of present and future generations...”

EPA Website -

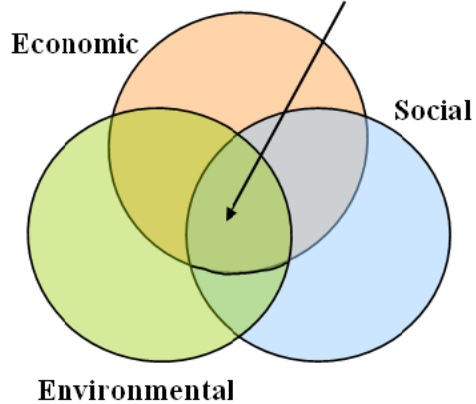
Sustainability: means meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs

What is Sustainable Revitalization?

Sustainable Revitalization is a holistic approach to the cleanup and revitalization of a property.

It considers a broad array of environmental factors and community impacts during all phases (demolition, waste remediation, design and construction, reuse), in order to maximize the environmental, social, and economic benefits associated with a project.

Optimal Sustainable Revitalization



EPA Strategic Objectives

Support Sustainable Approaches

EPA STRATEGIC PLAN 2006-11

"EPA's Cleanup Programs have set a National Goal of returning Formerly Contaminated sites to long-term, sustainable and productive use."

EPA ADMINISTRATOR'S ACTION PLAN

- ...[F]oster technological innovations to support the clean development of domestic energy resources (oil, gas, nuclear, coal, wind, and solar)
- Restore contaminated properties, including brownfields, to environmental and economic vitality
- Promote stewardship through increased resource conservation, including waste minimization and recycling
- Expand the use of biofuels and promote diesel emissions reductions through retrofit and other technologies

OFFICE OF SOLID WASTE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (OSWER) ACTION PLAN

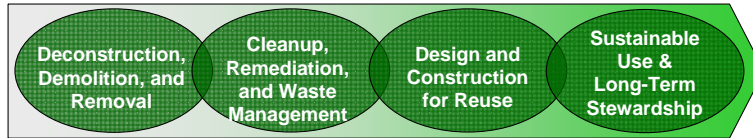
- Promote the reduction, reuse, and recycling of both municipal and industrial wastes
- Encourage the appropriate reuse and revitalization of brownfields, USTfields, Superfund sites, RCRA facilities, BRAC sites, and other federal properties

Opportunities to Increase Sustainability in Site Cleanups

- Apply to all cleanup programs
- Exist throughout site investigation, design, construction, operation, and monitoring



Making Land Revitalization Projects Greener

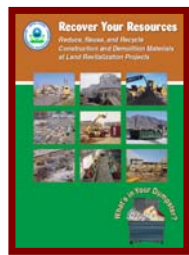


Look for green opportunities throughout all phases of a revitalization project!



Some Examples

- **Reuse/recycle deconstruction and demolition materials**
- **Reuse materials on site whenever possible**
- **Consider future site use and reuse existing infrastructure**
- **Preserve/Reuse Historic Buildings**
- **Use clean diesel and low sulfur fuels in equipment and noise controls for power generation**
- **Retain native vegetation and soils, wherever possible**
- **Protect water resources from runoff and contamination**





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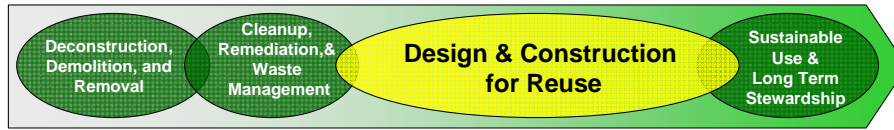
- **Power machinery and equipment using clean fuels**
- **Use renewable energy sources, such as solar, wind, and methane to power remediation activities**
- **Improve energy efficiency of chosen remediation strategies**
- **Select remediation approaches, such as phytoremediation, that reduce resource use and impact on air, water, adjacent lands, and public health**
- **Employ remediation practices that can restore soil health and ecosystems and, in some cases, sequester carbon through soil amendments and vegetation**

"Green Remediation: The practice of considering all environmental effects of remedy implementation and incorporating options to maximize net environmental benefit of cleanup actions."

- Green Remediation Technology Primer

www.clu-in.org/greenremediation

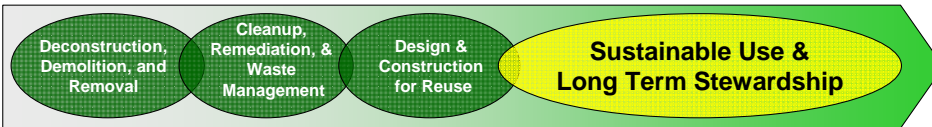
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- **Use Energy Star, LEED, and GreenScapes principles in both new and existing buildings**
- **Reduce environmental impact by reusing existing structures and recycling industrial materials**
- **Incorporate natural systems to manage stormwater, like green roofs, landscaped swales, and wetlands**
- **Incorporate Smart Growth principles that promote more balanced land uses, walkable neighborhoods, and open space**
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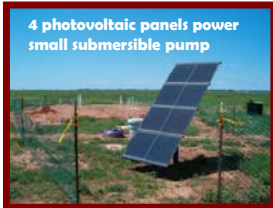
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- **Reduce use of toxic materials in manufacturing, maintenance, and use of buildings and land**
- **Minimize waste generation, manage waste properly, and recycle materials used/generated**
- **Maintain engineering and institutional controls on site where waste is left in place**
- **Reduce water use by incorporating water efficient systems and use native vegetation to limit irrigation**
- **Maximize energy efficiency and increase use of renewable energy**
- **Take appropriate steps to prevent (re)contamination**



Green Approaches in Action

Altus Air Force Base



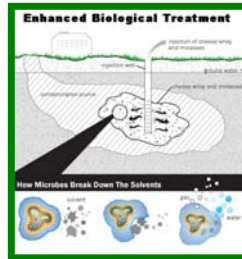
GM – Duke, Baltimore MD



Kenosha Harbor Park, WI



Romic Palo Alto, CA



Bethlehem Steel site, Lackawanna, NY



Ford Rouge Dearborn, Mi



For More Information...

EPA's Sustainability program: www.epa.gov/sustainability/

EPA's Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization: www.epa.gov/brownfields/

EPA's RCRA Reuse and Brownfields Prevention Initiative:
www.epa.gov/rcrabrownfields

EPA's Resource Conservation Challenge (RCC) program:
www.epa.gov/rcc/

EPA's Superfund Redevelopment program:
www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/recycle/index.htm

EPA's Environmentally Responsible Redevelopment and Reuse (ER3) program:
www.epa.gov/compliance/cleanup/redevelop/er3/

Clu-in Green Remediation webpage <http://clu-in.org/greenremediation/>
Clu-in Ecological Restoration webpage <http://clu-in.org/ecotools/>

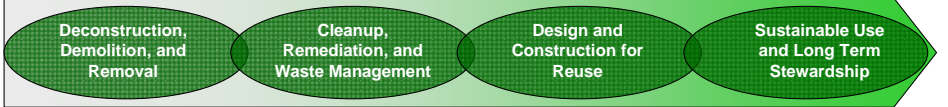
The Brownfields and Land Revitalization Technology Support Center: www.brownfieldstsc.org/

EPA's Industrial Materials Recycling website: www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/imr/index.htm

EPA's Smart Growth Program <http://www.epa.gov/dced/>

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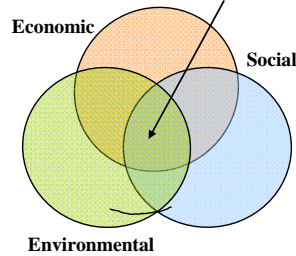
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SOME BENEFITS ACHIEVED BY ADOPTING GREEN APPROACHES IN THE LAND REVITALIZATION PROCESS

Economic Benefits

- Achieve **lifecycle cost savings** associated with **green remediation and buildings**.
- **Reduce energy footprint and save resources** by using energy efficient equipment/processes and renewable energy.
- **Qualify for tax benefits** associated with brownfield redevelopment and LEED certification.
- **Reduce construction costs, reduce disposal fees, and gain a new source of revenue** by recycling materials onsite.
- **Increase property value** by incorporating Green Design and Smart Growth principles, which can bring more business, people, and revenues into the community.
- **Improve employee satisfaction and productivity** through green building design.

Optimal Sustainable Revitalization



Social Benefits

- **Improve public health** of work force and community.
- **Create more walkable, accessible, and livable neighborhoods** by incorporating Smart Growth principles and ecological enhancements.
- **Improve aesthetics and public safety** by cleaning up and reusing blighted areas.
- **Create jobs** for the community and higher **tax revenues** for local government by creating new construction, commercial, and industrial opportunities and increasing property values.
- **Reduce construction traffic, noise, dust, and safety concerns** by reusing existing buildings and by employing deconstruction and material recovery practices.

Environmental Benefits

- **Reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions** by incorporating energy efficient processes, using renewable energy sources, recycling materials, and implementing activities that sequester carbon.
- **Improve air quality** by employing Smart Growth principles, making ecological enhancements, and incorporating Green Design features.
- **Preserve greenspace and slow suburban sprawl** by cleaning up and reusing contaminated properties and facilitating their reuse.
- **Conserve resources, reduce landfill disposal, and limit the environmental impact of waste hauling** by recycling and reusing industrial materials.
- **Increase biodiversity and restore watersheds** by incorporating ecological enhancements and preserving green infrastructure.
- **Reduce long-term impact of structures on the environment and resource use** by incorporating green approaches in building and landscaping construction, including stormwater management.



Renewable Energy Development on Contaminated Lands and Mining Sites

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Background



- *RE-Powering America's Land: Siting Renewable Energy on Contaminated Lands and Mining Sites* launched the at the 2008 Brownfields Conference in May
- Renewable energy (RE) expert panel
 - industry, state and federal government, finance, renewable energy developers, and land owners
- EPA Administrator announced at the Environmental Council of States conference Sept. 2008



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
- Siting amenities include: existing electric transmission lines, capacity, roads, and are adequately zoned
- Avoided new infrastructure capital and zoning costs are potentially significant



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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 at more than 850,000 acres
- Reintroduce local job opportunities for development, operation and maintenance of, and equipment manufacture for renewable energy facilities



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How Much Energy Can EPA Tracked Lands Support?



Solar Energy Total Technical Potential

- Solar Energy Generation Capacity on EPA Tracked Lands
 - 2,670,227 MW
- By 2010, EIA projects U.S. solar PV and thermal capacity at 6,100 MW

Wind Energy Total Technical Potential

- Wind Energy Generation Potential on EPA Tracked Lands
 - 120,379 MW
- By 2010, EIA projects U.S. wind capacity at 25,610 MW



Google Earth Mapping Tool



- Successful EPA-NREL joint venture produced an interactive Google Earth mapping application www.epa.gov/renewableenergyland
- Opportunities to site renewable energy on contaminated lands and mining sites in each state
- Produced over 170 state-specific maps showing renewable energy development potential on EPA tracked sites
- Produced financial incentive sheets describing renewable energy development and contaminated lands redevelopment incentives in each state



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Google Earth Mapping Tool



- **Audience:**
 - **Developers**
 - **Environmental managers (state, federal, private)**
 - **Consultants**
 - **Renewable energy industries**
 - **Communities**
 - **Local, state, and federal energy and environment officials**
 - **Anyone interested in renewable energy projects on contaminated lands and mining sites**



Renewable Energy on Contaminated Land and Mining Sites | US EPA - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by EPA - version 6

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Address http://www.epa.gov/renewableenergy/land/

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Renewable Energy on Contaminated Land and Mining Sites

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EPA is encouraging the development of renewable energy by identifying currently and formerly contaminated lands and mining sites that present opportunities for renewable energy development. These pages contain information and resources for developers, industry, and anyone interested in renewable energy development on formerly contaminated land and mining sites.

Renewable Energy On Contaminated Lands Resources:

- [Renewable Energy Maps and Incentive Fact Sheets](#) - Maps showing renewable energy development potential on EPA-tracked sites, as well as incentive sheets describing renewable energy development and contaminated lands redevelopment incentives in each state. Developed in partnership with the [National Renewable Energy Laboratory](#).
- [Renewable Energy Interactive Map \(KMZ, 899KB\)](#) - shows renewable energy maps and relevant site environmental information as a layer in Google Earth. You can also [learn more about how to use the this tool](#).


To use the Google Earth tool:

- First, make sure you have Google Earth loaded onto your computer. You can download [Google Earth](#) (EXIT DISCLAIMER) for free online.
- Second, open the [Renewable Energy Interactive Map \(KMZ, 899KB\)](#) to launch the Renewable Energy Maps and associated site information.
- Third, make sure to check the box next to "RE_on_EPA_Tracked_Sites" in Google Earth's left navigation panel. Doing so will add a new layer of dots to the Google Earth map.

- [Why Develop Renewable Energy on Contaminated Lands?](#) - Describes the characteristics of contaminated lands that make them attractive locations for renewable energy projects.
- [EPA OSWER Center for Program Analysis Data Guidelines for "Clean and Renewable Energy Generation Potential on EPA Tracked Sites" Maps \(PDF\)](#) (4pp, 244KB, [About PDF](#)) - Outlines the renewable energy mapping methodology, data considerations, data sources and attributes, and contact information.

Tools and Guidance for Mine Site Redevelopment:

- [Mine Scarred Lands \(MSL\) Initiative Tool Kit](#) - The Mine-Scarred Lands (MSL) Initiative is an effort to improve coordination and collaboration among federal agencies on the cleanup and redevelopment of both hard rock and coal mine-scarred lands.
- [Good Samaritan Initiative](#) - The Good Samaritan Initiative is an EPA-wide initiative to accelerate restoration of watersheds and fisheries threatened by abandoned hard rock mine run-off by encouraging voluntary cleanups by parties that do not own the property and are not responsible for the property's environmental conditions.
- [A Breath of Fresh Air for America's Abandoned Mine Lands: Alternative Energy Provides a Second Wind \(PDF\)](#) (22pp, 1.25MB, [About PDF](#)) - This report provides information about the development of wind energy at former mining sites for



Energy-generating windmill along a coastline

Related Links

- Superfund
- OSWER Cleanups
- RCRA Corrective Action
- OCRA

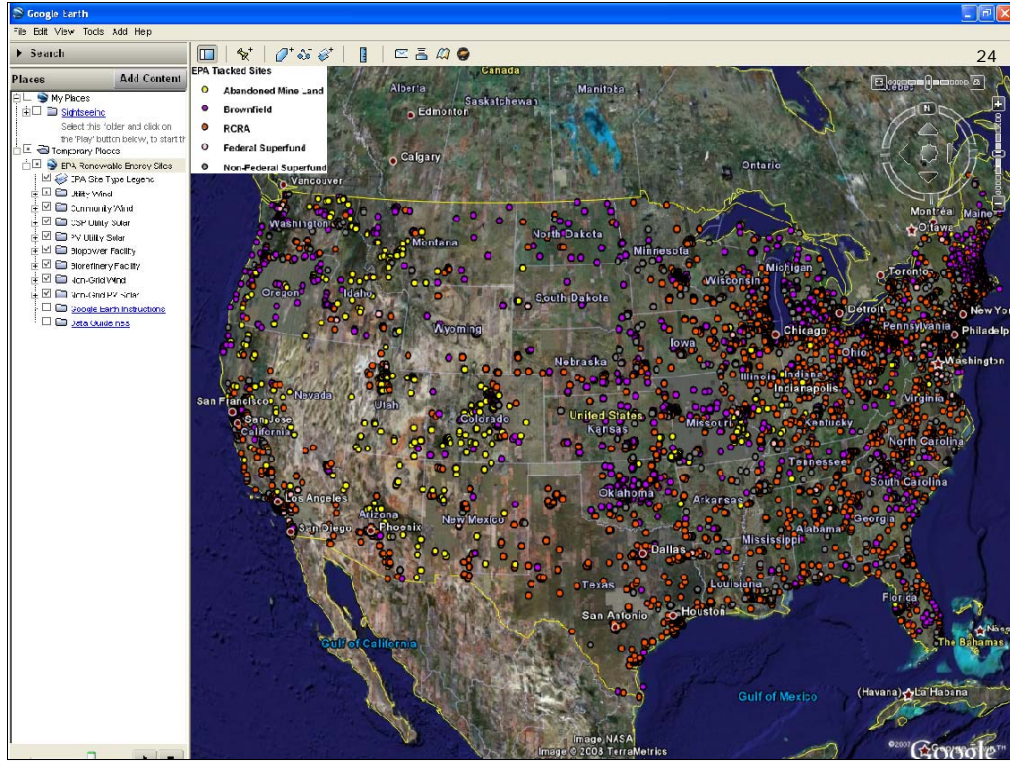
Renewable Energy on Contaminated Lands and Mining Sites home

Basic Information

Renewable Energy Maps and State Incentive Sheets

Renewable Energy Interactive Mapping Tool

Why Develop Renewable Energy on Contaminated Lands?



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Temporary Places

EPA Renewable Energy Sites

EPA Site Type Legend

Utility Wind

Community Wind

CSP Utility Solar

PV Utility Solar

Bio-power Facility

Bio-refinery Facility

Non-Grd Solar

Non-Grd PV Solar

Google Earth Instructions

Data Guidelines

EPA Tracked Sites

- Abandoned Mine Land
- Brownfield
- RCRA
- Federal Superfund
- Non-Federal Superfund

ANACONDA MINERALS CO. GREAT FALLS REF

City: BLACK EAGLE

State: MT

Mapset Acquire: Unknown

EPA Program: Abandoned Mine Land

EPA Region: 9

EPA ID: MT09323159E

Current Environmental Status of Site: [EPA Cleanup Program Information](#)

Renewable Energy Potential: Non-Grid Wind, Non-Grid PV Solar

Wind Power Class: 6

Wind Power Density (Wm²) at 90 Meters: 600-830

Wind Resource Potential: Outstanding

Utility Solar Power Resource (kWh/m²/day): 7.63

Utility Solar Potential: Good

Non-Grid Connected Photovoltaic Solar Resource (kWh/m²/day): 4.74

Non-Grid Connected Photovoltaic Solar Potential (kco):

Resources for Biopower (metric tons/year): 576,404

Biopower Resource Potential: Outstanding

Resources for Bio-refinery (metric tons/year): 554,83E

Bio-refinery Resource Potential: Outstanding

Site-Specific Renewable Energy Data: [Renewable Energy Excel spreadsheet](#)

Data and Methodology Description: [Data Guidelines to Users](#)

Additional Information: [US and state maps and interactive fact sheets](#)

Contact: cbp@energy.gov

Disclaimer: This map and its associated data are intended to provide a general understanding of the renewable energy potential of EPA-tracked sites. They will be updated periodically. Additional site-specific analysis is required to determine the actual renewable energy potential of EPA-tracked sites. See the Data Guidelines document for specific information on methodology and data considerations.

Directions: [To here](#) [From here](#)

Image: NASA

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The screenshot displays the Google Earth interface with a map of the Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant in Oklahoma. A popup window provides the following details:

LONGHORN ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT
 City: APINACK
 State: TX
 Mapped Acreage: 3,384.0
 EPA Program: Federal Superfund
 EPA Region: 8
 EPA ID: TX-0213820528
 Current Environmental Status of Site: [EPA Cleanup Program Information](#)

Renewable Energy Potential: Biopower Facility, Elettroly Facility, Non-Grid PV Solar
 Wind Power Class: 1
 Wind Power Density (Wm²) at 50 Meters: 0.707
 Wind Resource Potential: P2 or
 Utility Solar Power Resource (#Wm²/day): 4.36
 Utility Solar Potential: Good
 Non-Grid Connected Photovoltaic Solar Resource (#Wm²/day): 4.94
 Non-Grid Connected Photovoltaic Solar Potential: 6000
 Resources for Discovery (metric tons/year): 3,340,747

Below the popup, a data table is visible with the following columns:

Site ID	Site Name	City	State	County	Latitude	Longitude	Area (Acres)	Superfund Site	RCRA Site	Abandoned Mine Land	Other
TX-0213820528	LONGHORN ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT	APINACK	TX	COMANCHE	34.8833	-102.2833	3384.0	Y	Y	N	N

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Incentives



- **State Incentives**
 - Grants and Loans
 - Tax abatements, deductions, credits
 - Net metering
 - Other incentives: equipment loan programs for wind production
- **Federal incentives**
 - Extended Production Tax Credit (PTC) for renewable energy for sales of electricity for the first 10 years of operation

Resource Type	In Service Deadline	Credit Amount
Wind	December 31, 2009	2.0¢/kWh
Closed-loop Biomass	December 31, 2010	2.0¢/kWh
Open-loop Biomass	December 31, 2010	1.0¢/kWh
Geothermal Energy	December 31, 2010	2.0¢/kWh
Landfill Gas	December 31, 2010	1.0¢/kWh
Municipal Solid Waste	December 31, 2010	1.0¢/kWh
Qualified Hydroelectric	December 31, 2010	1.0¢/kWh
Marine and Hydrokinetic (150 kW or larger)*	December 31, 2011	1.0¢/kWh

- Solar - Businesses and individuals who buy solar energy systems are eligible to receive the 30% investment tax credit (ITC) for solar energy. Tax credit has been extended until Dec. 31, 2016.
- Federal grants and loans
- Up to date Database of State Incentives for REs and EE
 - www.dsireusa.org



EPA United States Environmental Protection Agency
State Incentives for Achieving Clean Energy Development on Contaminated Lands

The development of clean energy on formerly used land offers many economic and environmental benefits. Combining clean energy and contaminated land cleanup activities can allow investors and communities to create economically viable clean energy and redevelopment projects. This document provides information about incentives in your state that can be leveraged for clean energy and development of contaminated land.



Incentives for Clean Energy

Funding (grants, loans, bonds, etc.)

Connecticut Clean Energy Fund (CCEF)
www.ctinnovations.com/funding/ccef/about.php

Promotes, develops, and invests in clean energy sources for sustainable energy for the benefit of Connecticut taxpayers. Provides incentive programs to businesses and developers.

Onsite Renewable Distributed Generation
www.ctinnovations.com/funding/ccef/renewable_dg.php

Provides grants of up to \$4 million to install systems that generate energy from renewable sources including wind, solar, fuel cells, biomass, landfill gas, and certain types of hydropower. The total available funding for this program is \$22.75 million. Applicants must be commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities.

Operational Demonstration Program
www.ctinnovations.com/funding/ccef/odm_project.php

Provides up to \$750,000 for demonstration projects that have a high likelihood of developing into a commercial product within a reasonable period of time. Projects must have a capacity of at least one kilowatt (or the functional equivalent for hydrogen generation). Fund requires a front-loaded 25% cash co-investor for any funding provided. In-kind contributions are accepted under certain conditions.

100 Project Incentives

www.ctinnovations.com/funding/ccef/project_100.php
 Allows for state electric companies to enter into 10-year contracts for not less than 100 MW of Clean 1 renewable capacity at a price of up to 5.5¢ per kilowatt-hour (kWh). Designed to encourage financing of renewable energy projects, stimulate the development of new projects, and increase the available supply of renewable energy.

DPUC - Low Interest Loans for Customer-Side Distributed Resources

www.dpuc.state.ct.us/efile/efile.nsf/0/04e916e6&Star=16/Cour=3042&urch=11111

Offers grants to eligible base-load distributed generation (DG) projects of \$40 per kilowatt, up to a maximum of \$800, to retail and user customers of electric distribution companies for the installation of customer-side distributed resources.

Technical Assistance and Other Incentives

Mass Energy - Renewable Energy Certificate Incentive
www.massenergy.com/Solar REC Site.html

Offers to purchase renewable energy certificates at a rate of \$30 per MWh hour (or \$10 per kWh) for a period of three years from PV systems.

Tax Incentives (abatements, deductions, credits, etc.)

Sales Tax Exemption for Solar and Geothermal Systems
www.ct.gov/DPS

100% sales tax exemption for solar and geothermal heat pumps. Eligible solar equipment includes solar electricity generating systems and passive or active solar water or space heating systems, including equipment related to such systems, and sales of services relating to their installation.

Net Metering

www.state.ct.us/epw/
 Connecticut requires net metering to be used for generation using Clean 1 renewable energy sources (e.g., solar, wind, biomass, waste or solid power). Contact the Connecticut PUC regarding potential opportunities.

Quick Facts	
Public Benefit Fund (PBF)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Renewable Portfolio Standard	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
27% by 2020	
Net Metering	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Interconnection Standards	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Electric Power Industry Generation by Primary Energy Source (2008)	
Petroleum-Fired	3.7%
Nuclear	47.8%
Natural Gas-Fired	30.2%
Hydroelectric	1.0%
Coal-Fired	12.3%
Other Renewables	2.2%

Points of Contact

Connecticut Clean Energy Fund
www.ctinnovations.com
 Luke Sordy, luke.sordy@ctinnovations.com, (860) 257-2236
 Dale Hedman, dale.hedman@ctinnovations.com, (860) 543-5851 Ext.121

Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control
www.state.ct.us/DPUC/
 Paul Carter, paul.carter@ct.gov, (860) 831-2773

Mass Energy
 Kelly Matheson, kelly@massenergy.com, (517) 524-3950

Sales and Use Tax Exemption
www.ct.gov/DPS
 Connecticut Department of Revenue Services, Public Information Officer
 (860) 297-5862

Incentives for Development of Contaminated Land

Funding (grants, loans, bonds, etc.)

Special Contaminated Property Remediation and Insurance Fund (SCPRIIF)
www.ct.gov/dep/view.asp?n=11016q-24904

Provides low interest, low profit loans to municipalities and private entities for Phase II and III investigations and demolition costs. Applicants must have completed a Phase I Assessment. Interest (2% APR) is paid during the term of the loan and the principal is repaid at the end of the term of the loan or when the site is later sold or leased or when the environmental remediation is complete. There is no loan limit or standard loan amount for SCPRIIF.

Connecticut Brownfields Redevelopment Authority (CBRA)
www.ctbrownfields.com/about.asp

Provides grants up to \$10,000,000 to investors, developers, and business owners who undertake redevelopment projects on brownfields sites. The cash grant funding is available through tax increment financing (TIF) and the value of the grant is based on the future incremental municipal property taxes to be generated by the project; it cannot be combined with municipal real estate tax abatements.

Urban Sites Remedial Action Fund (USRAF)
www.ct.gov/dep/view.asp?n=11016q-24904

Provides funds primarily for site investigation, studies, and design; operations and maintenance; removal and remedial actions on commercial or industrial sites. The state can commit unlimited public funds to prepare the planning and implementation of the site remediation. Several project types and criteria are eligible for assistance; however the site must be in a distressed community or targeted investment community.

Connecticut Development Authority Direct, Guaranteed, or Participating Loans
www.ctda.com/CAS2/infocentral.asp?CAS2Ln_Page=6&Info=Direct+Loans

Loans available from \$250,000 to \$5 million to assist with brownfields remediation and redevelopment. Terms are tailored to each transaction up to 20 years.

Tax Incentives (abatements, credits, etc.)

Industrial Site Investment Tax Credit Program
www.ct.gov/dep/view.asp?n=11016q-24902

Offers an eligible investor a dollar-for-dollar corporate tax credit of up to 100% of their investment up to a maximum of \$100,000,000, for investments made in real property, or improvements to real property, located within Connecticut that has been subject to environmental contamination.

Urban Site Investment Tax Credit Program
www.ct.gov/dep/view.asp?n=11016q-24902

Offers an eligible investor a dollar-for-dollar corporate tax credit of up to 100% of their investment up to a maximum of \$100,000,000. An eligible Urban Site Investment Project is defined as an investment that will add significant new economic activity, increase employment in a new facility, and generate significant additional tax revenues to the municipality and the state.

Enterprise Zone Program

www.ct.gov/dep/view.asp?n=10996q-249706

Provides tax abatement for five years and 80% of local property taxes on real estate improvements located within Enterprise Zones, or 10 years/50% tax credit, seven years minimum deferral of increased taxes resulting from property value rise after remediation has been completed.

Limitations on Liability

Voluntary Remediation Programs - Covenant Not to Sue
www.ct.gov/dep/view.asp?n=12109q-020109&table_GID=1028

Provides a covenant not to sue—an assurance that the state will not require further cleanup in the future for historical contamination—upon completion of all requirements of the state's Voluntary Remediation Program. This tool reduces the risk of liability to the property owner.

Quick Facts

Limitations on Liability	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number of State-Tracked Contaminated Properties:	164
Includes Urban Sites Remedial Action Program, Voluntary Remediation Program, and Property Transfer Program sites	
Number of EPA CERCLIS Sites:	402
Sites identified for potential investigation under the federal Superfund Program	
Number of EPA Brownfields Properties:	313
Properties being funded or addressed under the EPA Brownfields Program	
* There may be some overlap among the enterprise listed and sites listed may not represent all potentially contaminated sites in Connecticut.	

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Successes



Bethlehem Steel Superfund Site Lackawanna, NY

- 8 wind turbines
- 20 MW generation capacity – 7,000 homes
- By 2010 expansion to 18 wind turbines – 45 MW
- Domestically manufactured wind turbines (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)
- Local job creation



U.S. EPA OFFICE
Consistency/Community Justice

Successes



Fort Carson, Colorado

- 2 MW solar array on 12-acre landfill
- Produces 3,200 MW-hrs of electricity each year
- Fort Carson purchases electricity produced from the array at a fixed rate of 5.5 cents per kW-hr for the duration of a 17-year contract
- Expected savings of \$500,000 in electricity costs during the contract life



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Successes



Summitville Mine Site, Colorado

- Mico-hydroelectric plant
- Will provide enough power to operate the new on-site treatment plant,
- The treatment of acid-mine drainage will be a zero-net energy operation



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Environmental Protection Agency

Successes



Holmes Road Landfill Solar Field, Houston TX

- Revitalization of a 300-acre former landfill site located near downtown Houston

- EPA awarded a \$50k grant to assess solar energy production
 - Evaluating various environmental, engineering, and regulatory issues involved in the project
 - Conducting a solar energy production and financial feasibility study



More Information



- Renewable Energy on Contaminated Lands and Mining Sites:
<http://www.epa.gov/renewableenergyland>
- Further information:
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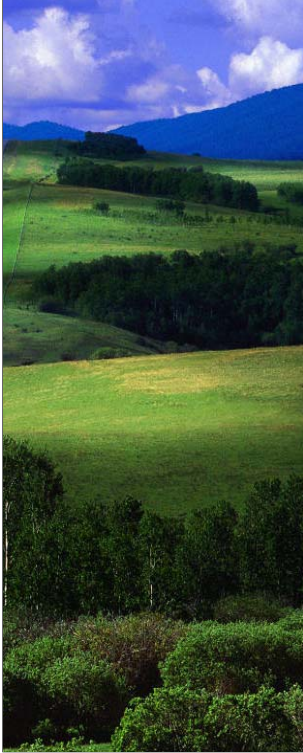


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*Green Remediation:
Evolving Best Management Practices*

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What is Green Remediation?

The practice of considering all environmental effects of a cleanup during each phase of the process, and incorporating strategies to maximize net environmental benefit of the cleanup.

Focus is on remedy implementation vs. remedy selection



Opportunities to Increase Sustainability in Site Cleanups

- ◆ Apply to all cleanup programs
- ◆ Exist throughout site investigation, design, construction, operation, and monitoring
- ◆ Address core elements



Core Elements: Energy Requirements

- ◆ Optimized passive-energy technologies, with little or no demand for external utility power
- ◆ Energy efficient equipment operating at peak performance
- ◆ Periodic evaluation and optimization of equipment with high energy demand
- ◆ Renewable energy systems to replace or offset grid electricity



Core Elements: Air Emissions

- ◆ Optimal use and proper maintenance of heavy equipment
- ◆ Use of cleaner fuel and retrofit diesel engines for heavy equipment
- ◆ Modified operations to reduce operating and idle time
- ◆ Minimized dust export of contaminants



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Soil erosion

No till

Plant growth – photosynthesis – permanent vegetative cover can store CO₂ as organic carbon; land cover is greatly effected by land use/management

Soil disturbance – removes carbon from soil carbon pool --- erosion, tilling are major factors in soil degradation and loss of OM. Significant amounts of CO₂ are lost after tillage

*Core Elements:
Water Requirements and Resources*

- ◆ Minimum fresh water use and maximum reuse during treatment and site operations
- ◆ Reclaimed treated water for beneficial use or aquifer storage
- ◆ Native vegetation requiring little or no irrigation
- ◆ Prevention of water quality impacts such as nutrient-loading



Core Elements: Land and Ecosystems

- ◆ Plan for minimizing soil and habitat disturbance, and recycle topsoil where possible
- ◆ Identify and clear site of sensitive/endangered species
- ◆ Pursue revegetation with native species and integration with local habitats: “ecorestoration”
- ◆ Reduce noise and lighting disturbance



Core Elements: Material Consumption and Waste Generation

- ◆ Technologies designed to minimize waste generation
- ◆ Reuse and recycling of materials, including C&D debris
- ◆ Minimized extraction and disposal of natural resources
- ◆ Passive sampling devices producing minimal waste



Core Elements: Long-Term Stewardship

- ◆ Adaptive management approach integrated into long-term actions and redevelopment
- ◆ Renewable energy systems for long-term cleanup and future economic benefit
- ◆ Plan low impact long term remedy operations and remedy exit strategy
- ◆ Maximize natural carbon sequestration potential



Carbon & Energy Footprints of Superfund Cleanup Technologies

Technology	Estimated Energy Annual Average (kWh*10³)	Total Estimated Energy Use in 2008-2030 (kWh*10³)
Pump & Treat	489,607	11,260,969
Thermal Desorption	92,919	2,137,126
Multi-Phase Extraction	18,679	429,625
Air Sparging	10,156	233,599
Soil Vapor Extraction	6,734	154,890
<i>Technology Total</i>	<i>618,095</i>	<i>14,216,209</i>
Annual Carbon Footprint (MT CO₂)		
Sum of 5 Technologies	404,411	



Green Remediation Profile: Ferdula Landfill, Frankfort NY

- ◆ Soil vapor extraction relying on wind power to draw vacuum from landfill vents
- ◆ Exclusively off-grid operations providing a pulsed effect for carbon removal of VOCs
- ◆ VOC concentrations in soil gas reduced over 90% in five years of operation



“OSWER” Green Remediation Strategy

For the purpose of advancing green remediation best practices across cleanup programs OSWER seeks to:

- » Benchmark and document GR best management practices
- » Assemble a toolkit of enablers
- » Build networks of practitioners
- » Develop performance metrics and tracking mechanisms



Why a "Strategy"

- ◆ A common understanding for better internal communication
- ◆ A unified EPA voice and position when working with regulated parties
- ◆ Developing shared goals to better measure and communicate progress
- ◆ Leverage similar efforts with other organizations (ITRC, SERDP, ASTSWMO, FRTR, etc).



Is it Our Job?

- ◆ **Executive Order 13423, January 26, 2007-Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management**
 - » Section 1. Policy. It is the policy of the United States that Federal agencies conduct their environmental, transportation, and energy-related activities under the law in support of their respective missions in an environmentally, economically and fiscally sound, integrated, continuously improving, efficient, and sustainable manner.
- ◆ **EPA Strategic Plan Goal 1: Clean Air and Global Climate Change**
 - » Protect and improve the air so it is healthy to breathe and risks to human health and the environment are reduced. Reduce greenhouse gas intensity by enhancing partnerships with businesses and other sectors.
- ◆ **EPA Strategic Plan Goal 5: Compliance and Environmental Stewardship**
 - » Stewards of the environment recycle wastes to the greatest extent possible, minimize or eliminate pollution at its source, conserve natural resources, and use energy efficiently to prevent harm to the environment or human health.



Green Remediation Information & Feedback Channels

Technology Innovation Program Green Remediation (GR) Effort	
Superfund GR Workgroup	
Technical Support Project (TSP) Green Committee	
Green Remediation, Revitalization, and Reuse (GRRR) Team	
Climate Change and Contaminated Lands (CCCL) Workgroup	
Climate Change Coordinating Committee (C4)	
ASTSWMO Greener Cleanups Task Force	
ITRC Green and Sustainable Remediation (GSR) Project	
Federal Remediation Technologies Roundtable (FRTR) GR Focus	
EPA Partnerships with Other Federal Agencies Department of Defense (USACE IAG & MOU) Department of Energy (NREL IAG & MOU)	
State Initiatives (Cal/EPA GR Team, Illinois Greener Cleanups, Wisconsin Initiative on Sustainable Cleanups (WISC)	
Brownfields Sustainability Pilots: Green Redevelopment	
Tribal Initiatives	
EPA Regional Initiatives: Region 3 Pilot Project on Green Cleanup Standards Region 9 Cleanup-Clean Air Initiative	
Sustainable Remediation Forum (SuRF)	49

The Green Remediation Toolkit

Existing

- ◆ Green remediation primer
- ◆ EPA green remediation website
- ◆ Profiles of projects and case studies
- ◆ Internet seminars, and archived discussions (clu.in.org)
- ◆ Tech support for Federal and State project managers
- ◆ Contracts toolkit for RACs
- ◆ Renewable energy fact sheets and website
- ◆ NARPM 8-hour training

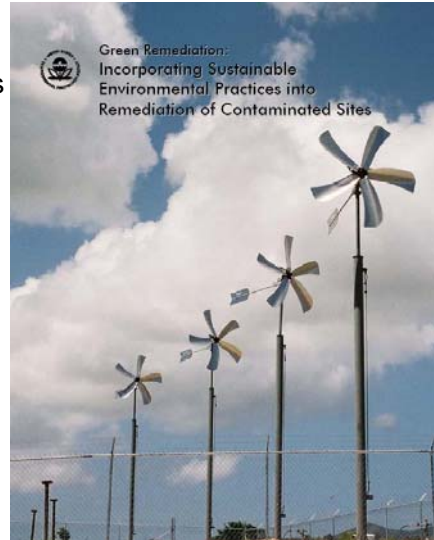
In the Pipeline

- ◆ MOU with NERL
- ◆ MOU with the USACE recognizing and fostering GR BMPs at Superfund cleanups
- ◆ Contracts toolkit for ERRS
- ◆ **Green cleanup voluntary standards program**
- ◆ Remedy specific green remediation "cheat sheets"
- ◆ Site cleanup energy audit tool
- ◆ Who's who in green remediation (EPA Intranet)
- ◆ ER3 for green remediation
- ◆ OSC 4-hour training
- ◆ Engineering forum "GR review and technical support" capability



EPA Green Remediation Primer

- ◆ Provides introduction to best practices with examples of how and where they are used
- ◆ Focuses on remedy implementation across regulatory frameworks
- ◆ Released April 2008, available at: <http://clu.in.org/greenremediation>



Green Remediation on the Web

www.clu-in.org/greenremediation

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Green Remediation

Join the Earth Day Green Remediation Panel Session **EPA Releases Green Remediation Technical Primer**

EPA is committed to developing and promoting innovative cleanup strategies that restore contaminated sites to productive use, reduce costs, and promote environmental stewardship, while ensuring that cleanups are protective of human health and the environment. In accordance with EPA's strategic plan for compliance and environmental stewardship, the Agency strives for cleanup programs that use natural resources and resources efficiently, reduce negative impacts on the environment, minimize pollution, and...

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Green Cleanup Standards Building on a Concept



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RCRA Remedy Selection Criteria

Threshold Criteria

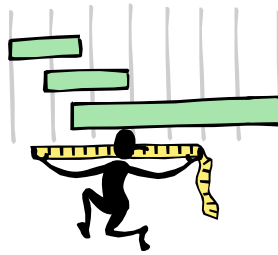
- Protect Human Health & the Environment
- Control Sources
- Meet Cleanup Objectives

Balancing Factors

- Long-term reliability
- Reduction of toxicity, mobility or volume
- Short-term effectiveness
- Ease of implementation
- Cost
- Community acceptance
- State acceptance
- Sustainability

Objectives

- Develop sustainability framework
 - Factors (common language)
 - Measures
- Process for implementation





Sustainability Framework

- water use
- land use
- energy
- air impacts
- human exposure hours
- PM-10
- CO_2
- NO_x
- local issues
- treatment vs. containment
- SO_x
- occupational risk
- recycled materials



Sustainability Measurement Factors

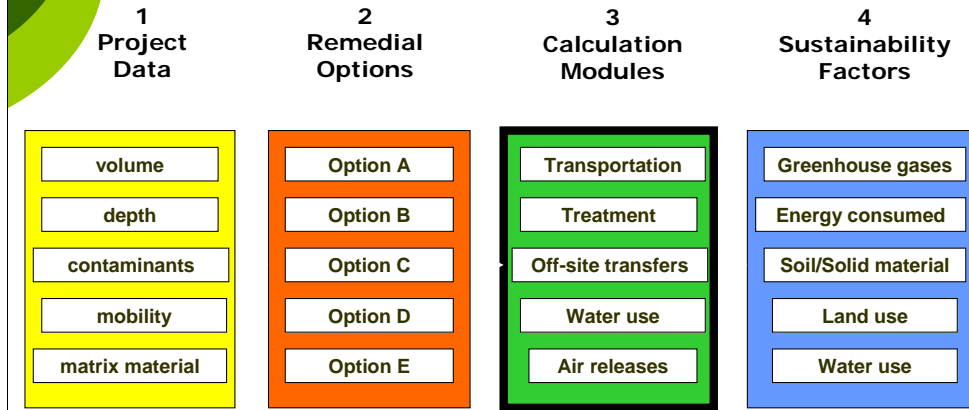
- Greenhouse Gases & Energy
 - CO₂
 - Energy
- Resources Consumed/Recycled
 - Soil & Solid Material
 - Water
 - Land



Credit & Debit Matrix

Media or Impact	Credit (+)	Debit (-)
Greenhouse Gases & Energy		
Carbon Dioxide (CO ₂ equivalents)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sequestered in-situ <input type="checkbox"/> Sequestered by plants	<input type="checkbox"/> Generated by fuel & energy for cleanup <input type="checkbox"/> Generated by manufacture of consumables <input type="checkbox"/> Generated by management of residuals <input type="checkbox"/> Sequestration loss by vegetation removal
Energy (kWh)	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewable energy created and used by remedy	<input type="checkbox"/> Used for remediation <input type="checkbox"/> Used for manufacture of consumables <input type="checkbox"/> Used for management of residuals
Resource Conservation		
Soil/Solid Material (tons)	<input type="checkbox"/> Reused-recycled soil or soil-substitute <input type="checkbox"/> Improved soil usability	<input type="checkbox"/> Off-site soil required for remedy <input type="checkbox"/> Off-site disposal
Water (gallons)	<input type="checkbox"/> Reused-recycled	<input type="checkbox"/> Public or surface water use <input type="checkbox"/> Groundwater captured for remediation - where resource is critical
Land (acres)	<input type="checkbox"/> No limitation to anticipated use <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands created or upgraded <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation easement	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent limited use

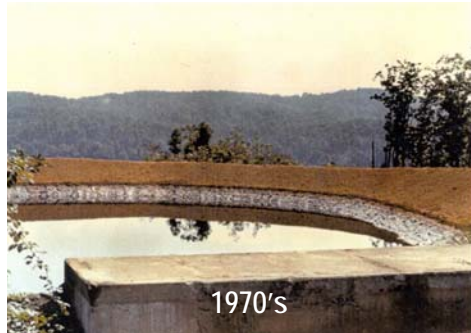
Conceptual Framework for Sustainability Analysis



Step 1 - Project Data

Unit H1

- Former finish oil disposal pond
- Chlorinated VOCs in soil & groundwater
- PCBs, arsenic (coal ash) in soil
- About 100' diameter; impacts 3.5 to 8 feet bgs
- Groundwater about 90' bgs
- Soil volume 63,000 cf





Step 2 - Remedial Options

Unit H1

Cleanup source to achieve MCLs throughout the plume

- Excavate (source material removal) and landfill + MNA
- Excavate & ex-situ thermal treatment + MNA
- Cap + MNA
- Soil vacuum extraction (SVE) + MNA
- Zero valent iron (ZVI) in-situ treatment + MNA

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Step 3 - Identify Components

ZVI Treatment + MNA

Task	Item	Quantities
Mobilization and Site Prep	Time Staff Equipment	10 days 11 - 1 Super, 1 Eng'r, 9 Operators & Laborers Man lift, forklifts (2), crane, mix head, others
Crane and Mix Head Assembly	Time	5 day
Shallow Soil Mixing	Time Staff Equipment Materials	17 days 11 - 1 Super, 1 Eng'r, 9 Operators & Laborers Mix head/crane, fork lifts, excavator 70 ton ZVI, 50 ton bentonite, 200 ton kiln dust 130,000 gal water
Demob, including grading	Time Staff Equipment	4 days 11 - 1 Super, 1 Eng'r, 9 Operators & Laborers Excavator, man lift, forklifts (2), crane, mix head

Step 3 - Quantify Components

ZVI Treatment + MNA

Fuel for remedy

- Mobilization/demobe
- Soil mixing
- Regrading
- Sub-base installation
- Delivery of ZVI
- Delivery of kaolinite
- Delivery of flyash
- Sampling events

Gasoline (gallons)

Diesel (gallons)

Consumables

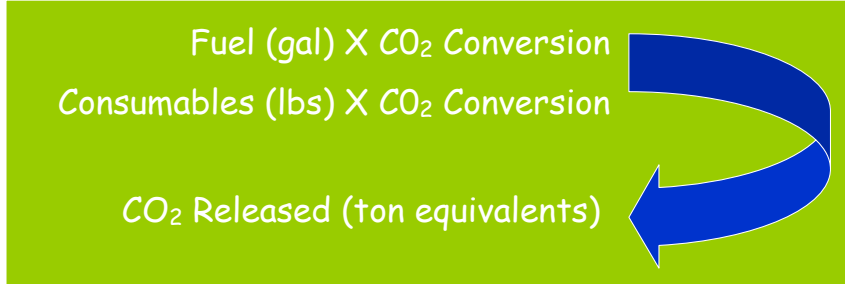
- ZVI
- bentonite
- kiln dust

Process Model Examples - CO₂ Emissions

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Combustion of Fuels			CO ₂ emissions			Data Source	Total GWP kg CO ₂ eq
Fuel	Quantity	Unit	Pre-Combustion lb CO ₂	Combustion lb CO ₂	Total lb CO ₂		
Diesel	1000	Gal	3258	225.3	25801	nrel.gov/lci	
Gasoline	1000	Gal	2776	1740.3	20179	nrel.gov/lci	
	Quantity	Unit	kg CO ₂	kg CO ₂	kg CO ₂		
Diesel	1	kg	0.46	3.18	3.64	nrel.gov/lci	
Gasoline	1	kg	0.46	2.86	3.31	nrel.gov/lci	
Propane	1	kg	0.48	3.00	3.48	ecoinvent	3.59
Consumables	Quantity	Unit	kg CO ₂	kg CO ₂	kg CO ₂		Total GWP kg CO ₂ eq
Electricity, US Average	1	kWh			0.85	nrel.gov/lci	0.861
Electricity, US Average	1	kWh			0.73	MSU data	0.77
Cement	1	kg			0.74	Ecoinvent	0.77
Concrete	1	cubic yard			195.47	Ecoinvent	202.53
HDPE Sheet	1	kg			2.41	Plastics Europe	2.47
High Alloy Steel Pipe	1	kg			4.99	Ecoinvent	5.31
Carbon Steel Pipe	1	kg			1.85	Ecoinvent	2.02
PVC pipe	1	kg			2.35	Industry data	2.58
Activated Carbon	1	kg			6.45	Kirk-Othmer,nrel.gov/lci	
Asphalt	1	USD			2.00	US Input-Output DB	2.49
Zero Valent Iron	1	kg			1.21	Ecoinvent	1.32
Kiln Dust	1	kg			0.74	Co-product of Cement	0.77
Bentonite	1	kg			0.44	Ecoinvent	0.47
Transportation - Use the table below from NREL, then the combustion data above to get to energy and CO ₂							
	Quantity	Unit	lb CO ₂	lb CO ₂	lb CO ₂		
Xport - Tractor trailer	1000	ton-miles	34.2	236.7	270.9	nrel.gov/lci	
	10.5	Gal Diesel					
	Quantity	Unit	kg CO ₂	kg CO ₂	kg CO ₂		
Xport - Tractor trailer	1000	tonne-km	0.009	0.059	0.068	nrel.gov/lci	
	18.67	Gal Diesel					
	Quantity	Unit	kg CO ₂	kg CO ₂	kg CO ₂		
Earthwork	1000	kg earth	0.244	1.688	1.932	Ecoinvent	
	0.53	kg Diesel					

Step 3 - Multiply X Conversion Factors ZVI Treatment + MNA



ZVI Treatment	→	170 CO ₂ ton equivalents
MNA	→	5 CO ₂ ton equivalents
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		175 CO ₂ ton equivalents

Step 4 - Sustainability Factors

ZVI Treatment + MNA

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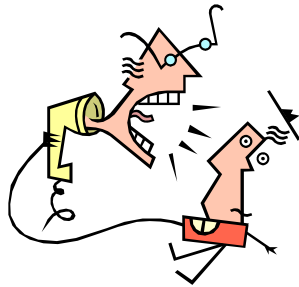
Media or Impact	Credit (+)	Debit (-)
Greenhouse Gases & Energy		
Carbon Dioxide (CO ₂ equivalents)	0 CO ₂ ton equivalents from contaminant destruction	175 CO ₂ ton equivalents from remedy & consumables
Energy (kWh)	0 kWh of renewable energy generated	791,000 kWh of energy used by remedy & consumables
Resource Conservation		
Soil/Solid Material (tons)	0	200 tons of soil required to cap area
Land (acres)	<1 acre available for use	0 acres with permanent limited use
Water (gallons)	0 gallons reused/recycled	130,000 gallons of water used

Greenhouse Gases

	ZVI In Situ Treatment +MNA	Excavation & Off-Site Disposal +MNA	Ex-Situ Thermal Treatment + MNA	Soil Vapor Extraction + MNA	Capping + MNA
<i>CO</i> ₂ Equivalents (tons)	175	255	595	165	29

Feedback

- Leads to more innovation
- Fosters collaborative process
- More robust evaluation
- Dangerous - too much opportunity for monkey business
- Remedy at every site will be natural attenuation
- Slow down cleanup due to review time





Potential Solution...

Develop Green Cleanup Standard

- Type of Energy Use
- CO₂ Evaluation
- Water Use
- Soil/Materials Use/Reuse
- Ecosystem Enhancements



Green Cleanup Standards

- Developed 1-pager
- OSWER Innovation Proposal
 - OSRTI (Superfund)
 - OSW (RCRA)
 - FFRRO (Federal Facilities)
 - OBLR (Brownfields)
 - OUST (Tanks)
 - CPA (Cross program)
 - OSRE (Enforcement)
 - Regions 5 & 9
 - ASTSWMO (States)
 - NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology)
- Benchmark Report
- Established a Workgroup



Green Cleanup Standard Objectives

- Promote new thought process
- Foster practices through incentives
- Be applicable across all cleanup programs
- Work within the existing regulatory frameworks
- Show measurable results
 - # of certified green cleanups
 - CO₂ reduced through use of renewable energy
 - Pounds of material recycled during cleanup



The Timing is Right

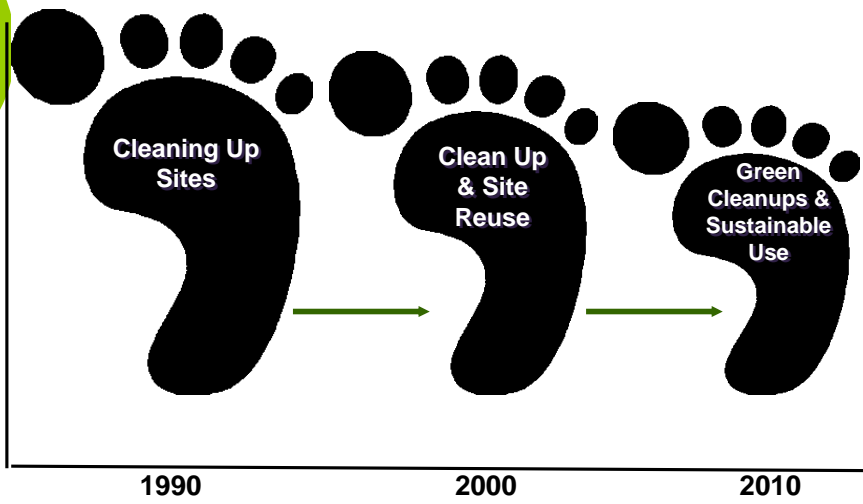
- Growing interest in social responsibility
- Companies have internal goals to become greener
- New tools are being developed to evaluate impacts from cleanups
- Builds upon state and local government incentives currently being developed
- US Green Building Council has indicated interest in EPA developing green cleanup standard
- Initiates a constructive dialogue

Green is the new red, white, and blue

- Thomas Friedman


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Better Outcome from Cleanups





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