Implementation of Sustainable Geoengineering Practices

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Concordia Institute for Water, Energy and Sustainable Systems (CIWESS)

Multi-faculty approach:

- **Engineering & Computer** Science
- Arts & Science
- John Molson School of Business
- Fine Arts

Inter-university initiative: Concordia University

- McGill University
- **Ecole Polytechnique**
- Ecole de Technologie Supérieure
- York University
- **UQAT**

International collaborators

Economics, Management and Policy

Science,

Engineering

and Technology

Society and Community

The Environment-Related Challenges

To propose long-term environmental strategies for achieving sustainable development by the year 2000 and beyond

The concept of sustainability as applied to the city is the ability of the urban area and its region to function at levels of quality of life desired by the community, without restricting the option available to the present and future generations and without causing adverse impacts inside and outside the urban boundary

Sustainable City Conference in Rio, 2000

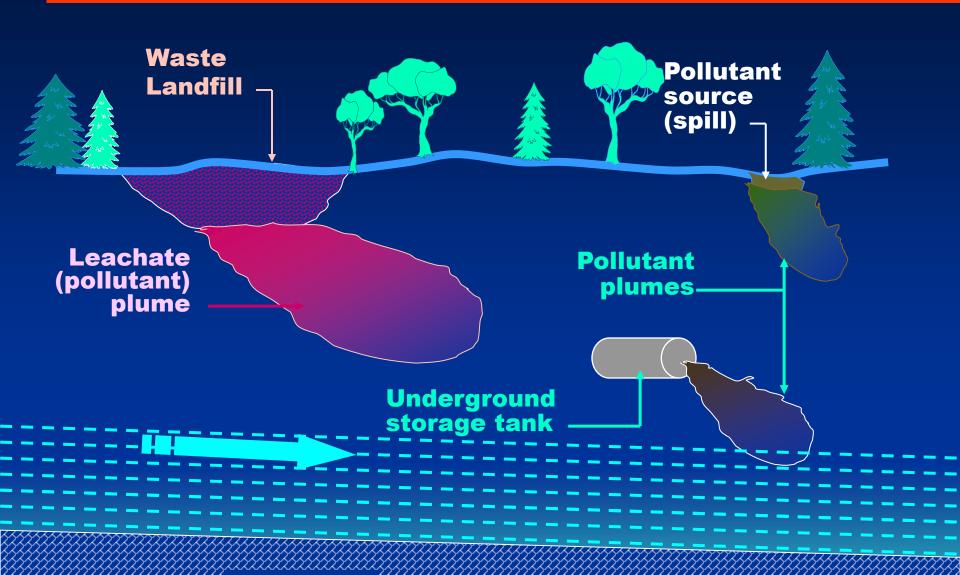
The geoenvironment is the principal resource base for almost all of the elements required for human sustenance

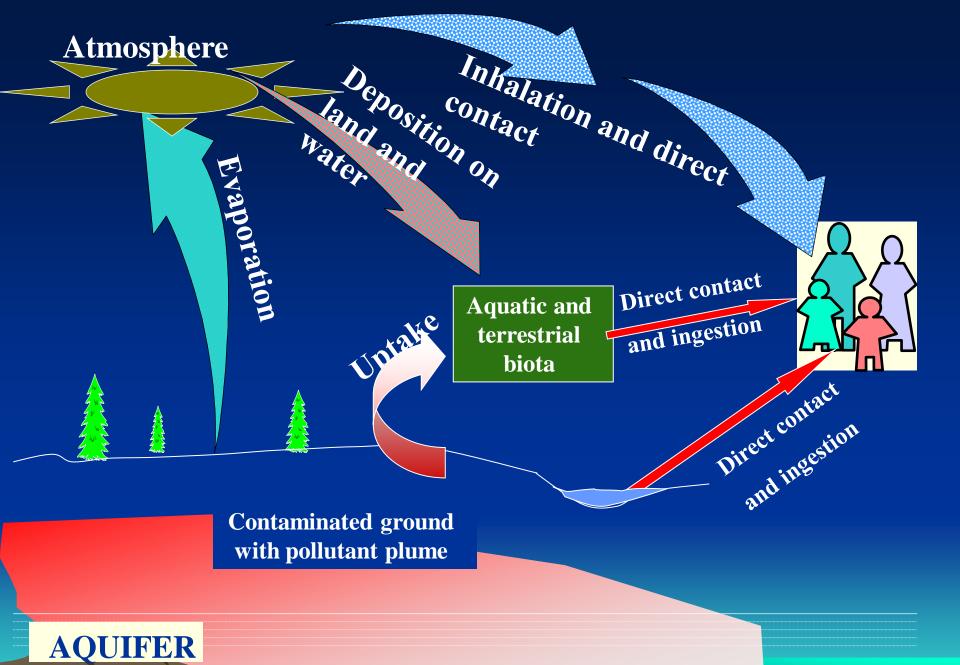
to meet the goals of sustainable development, one is required to practise:

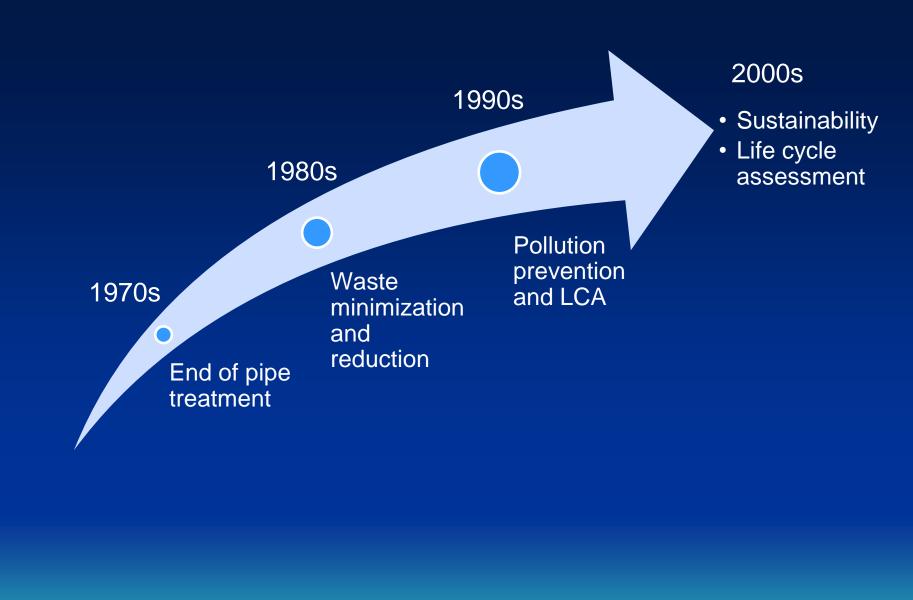
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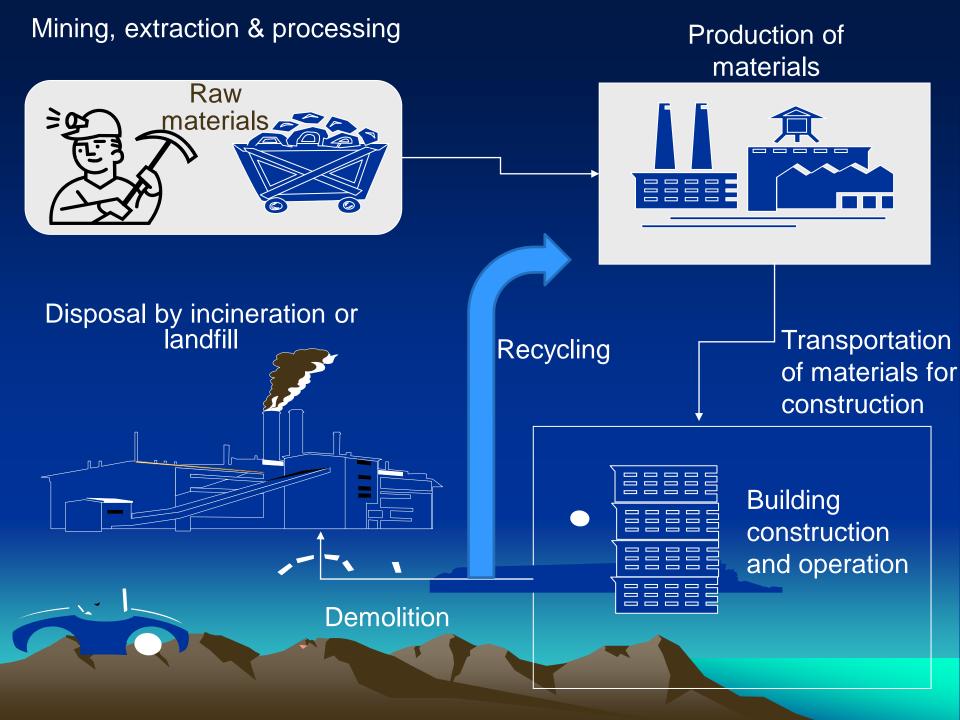
[b] geoenvironmental impact mitigation and management

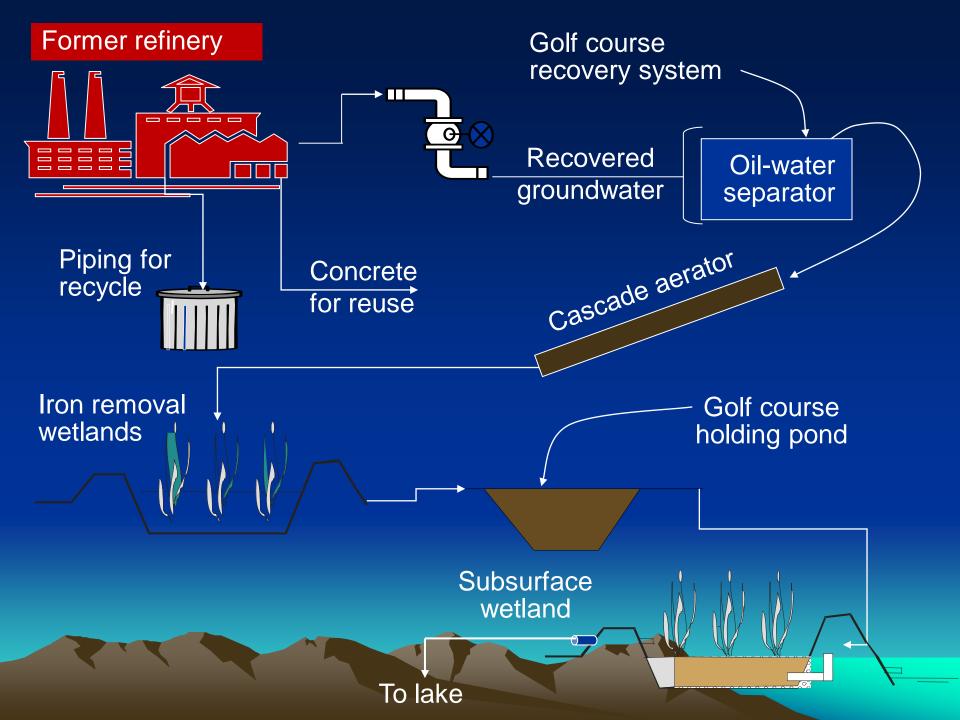
Some common sources of pollutants in the ground

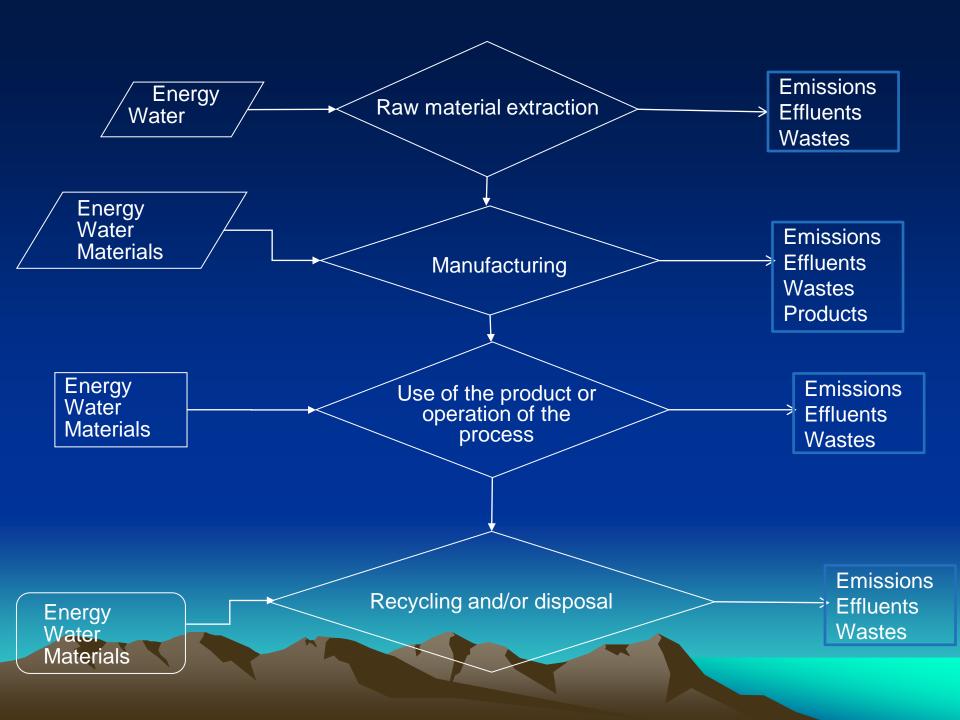


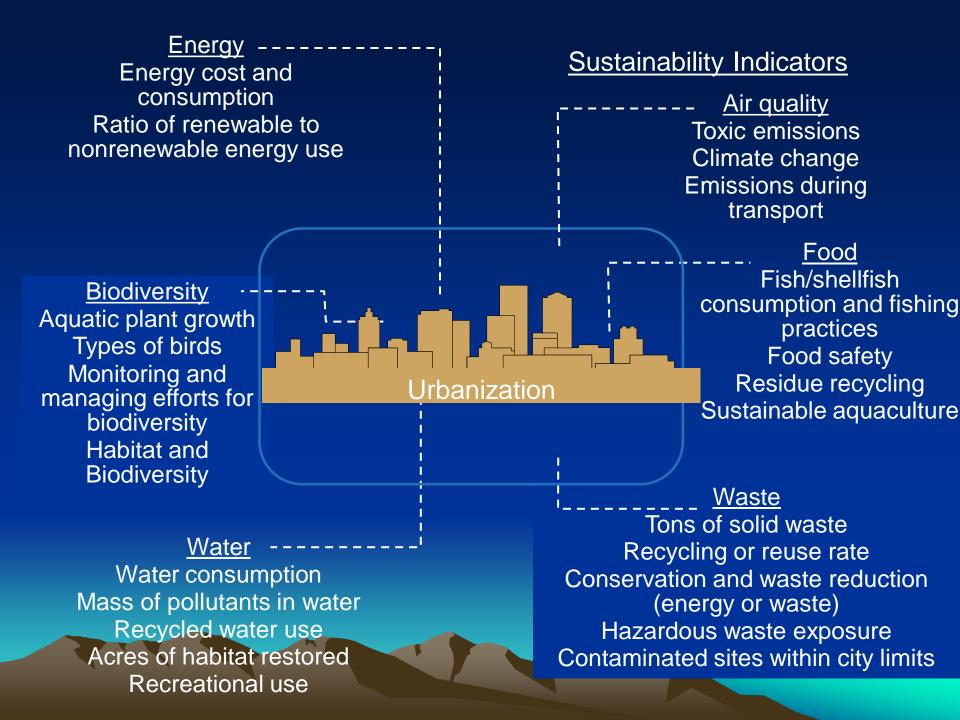












US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) sustainability checklist

- Integrated design principles
- Optimization of energy performance
- Protection and conservation of water
- Indoor environmental quality
- Minimization of material impact through green purchasing, waste diversion, etc.
- Siting and orientation of facilities, layout and size of the building
- Stormwater runoff management during and after construction
- Durability and sourcing and transportation
- Facility performance certification for sustainability.

Sustainability indicators used in rating or reporting tools (adapted from MacAskill 2011)

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Aspects	BREEAM	CEEQUAL	LEED	GRI	Envision			
<u>Environmental</u>								
Atmosphere	X	X	X	X	Х			
Biodiversity/ecology	X	X	X	Х	X			
Climate change	X	X	X	Х	Х			
Energy	X	X	X	Х	X			
GHG management	X	X	Х	X	X			
Land management	X	X	Х	X	X			
Minimization of waste	X	X	X	Х	X			
Noise/dust	X	X	X	X	X			
Resource/material	X	X	X		Х			
efficiency								
Soil		X			X			
Water		Χ			X			

Sustainability Indicators

Aspect	BREEAM	CEEQUAL	LEED	GRI	ENVISION
Social					
Accessibility	X	X	X	X	Х
Culture/communities	X	X	X	X	Х
Equity	X	X		X	X
Health and		X		X	X
safety/security					
Heritage		X		X	X
Human rights		X			
Landscape/visual		X			
impact					

Which tool?

- Are all sustainable engineering issues covered?
- Are the state of the art processes supported?
- Are goals set?
- Is performance measured against the goal?
- Does the weighting system vary according to region or situation?
- Are the results consistent?

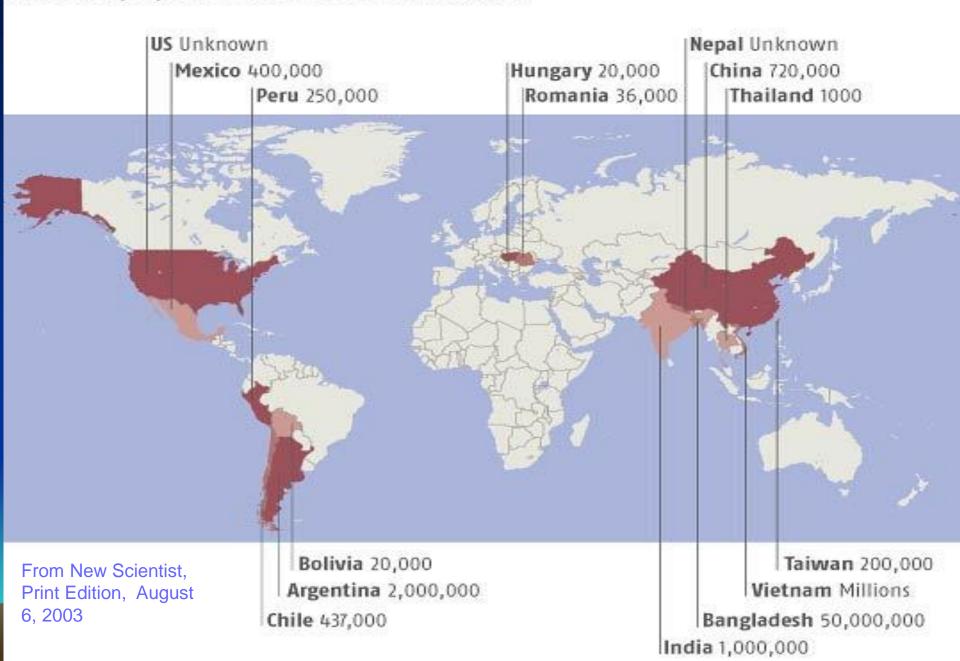
The problem of contaminants

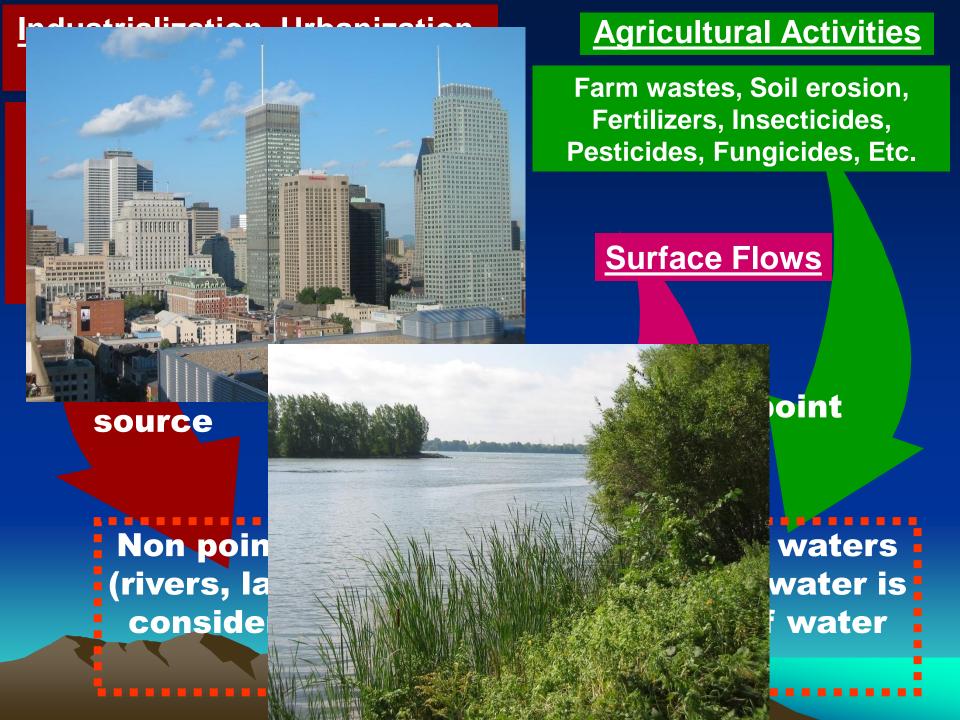
Naturally occurring

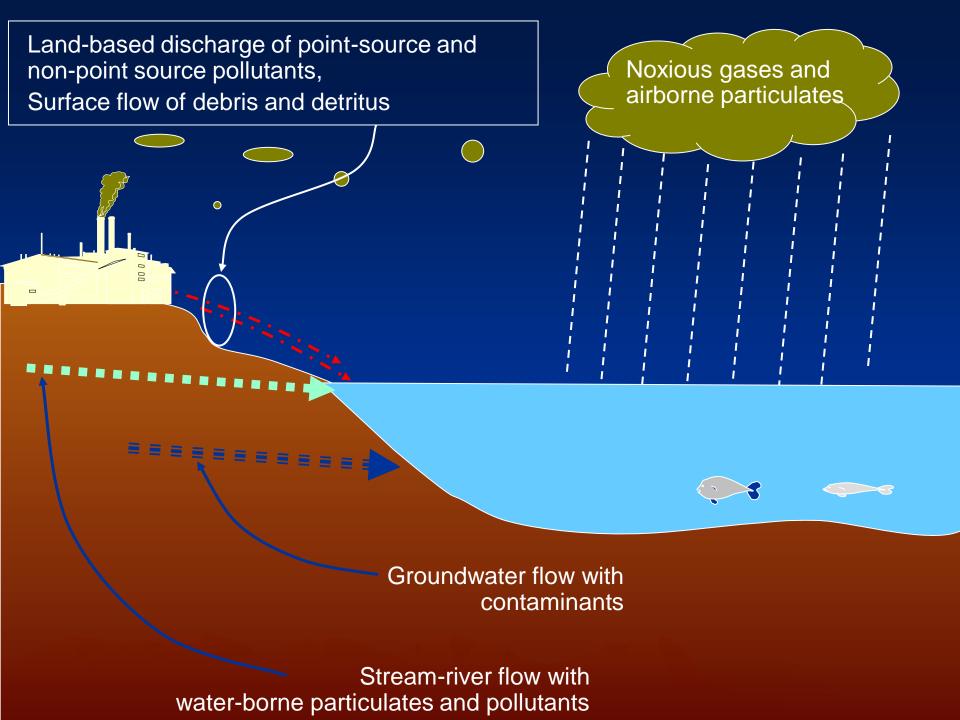
Non point source

Point source

Number of people at risk from arsenic contamination







The "cleaned-up" state of remediated sites depends on:

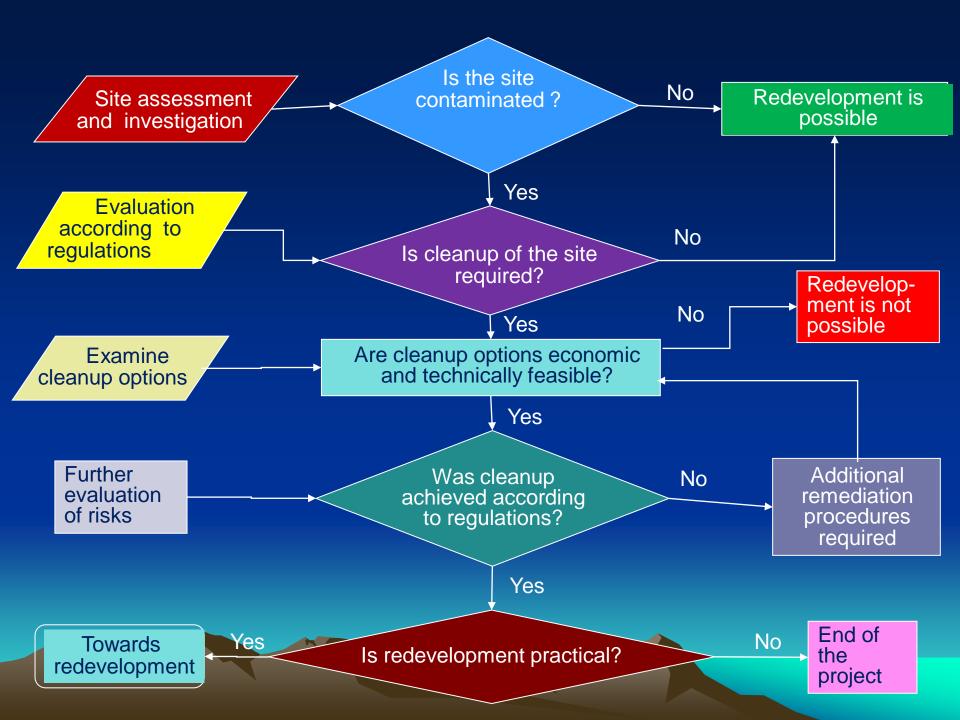
- A. Site and situation specificities
- B. The aims or objectives of the remediation scheme
- C. The type of remediation technology used
- D. Economics (\$\$\$ available or allocated)

Sustainability requirements for remediation

- For remediated soils to remain remediated, the input rate of contarninants ≤ remediation rate determined:
- (a) by natural remediation or recovery processes in the remediated sediment, or
 - (b) by human intervention

The requirements for this to happen include:

- 1. Elimination or reduction of rate and-or quantity of input contaminants
- 2. Natural and-or technological remediation processes capable of decontaminating and-or detoxifying the incoming contaminant load
- 3. Restoration of habitat, breeding grounds and natural species



Strategy for rehabilitation of marine environment

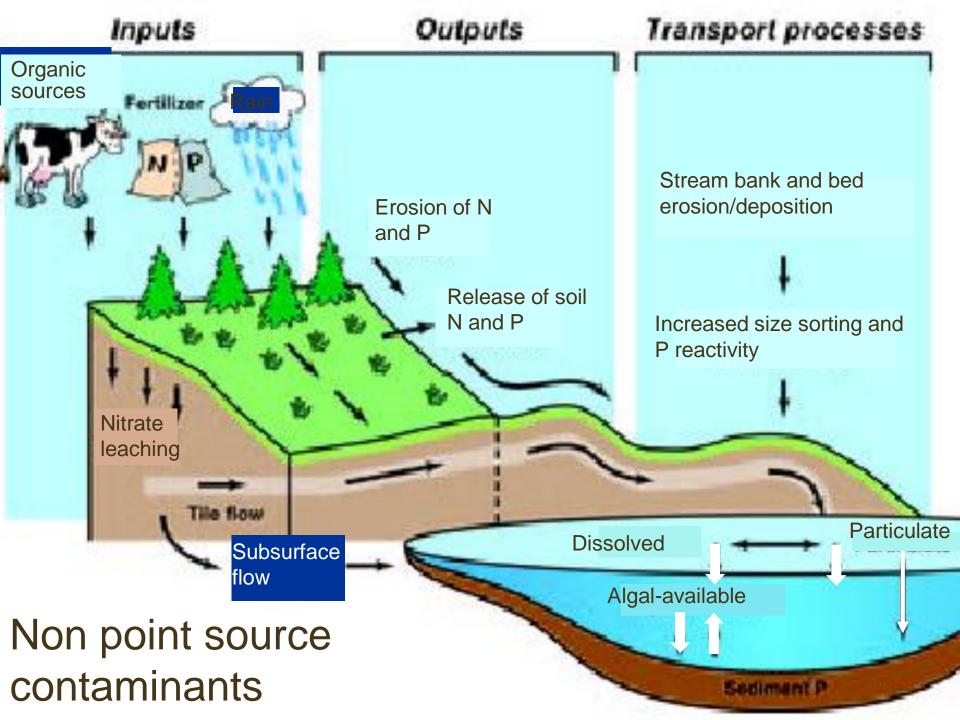
Integrated environmental studies

Minimize discharge, Proper waste disposal

Countermeasures for eutrophication and polluted sediments

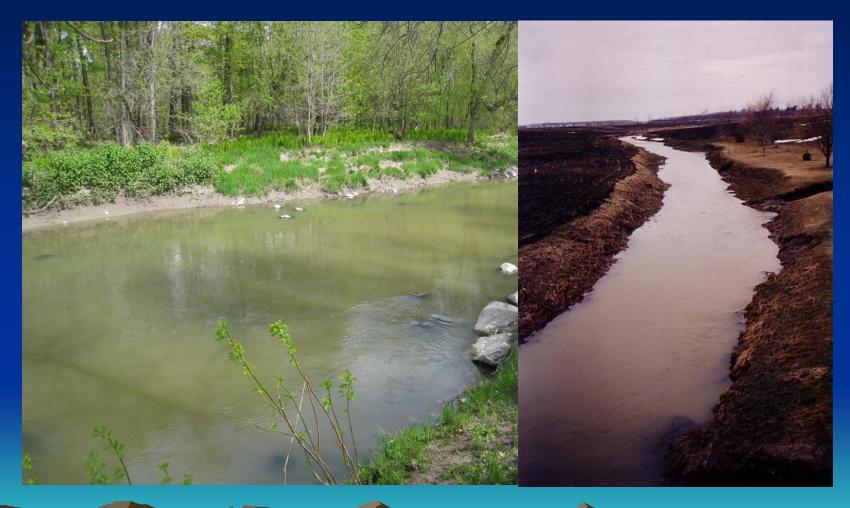
Creation of natural purification systems

Rehabilitation



Des Hurons River, Quebec





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Cyanobacteria floating on the water surface in Lac Saint-Amour, Saint Anne des Lacs



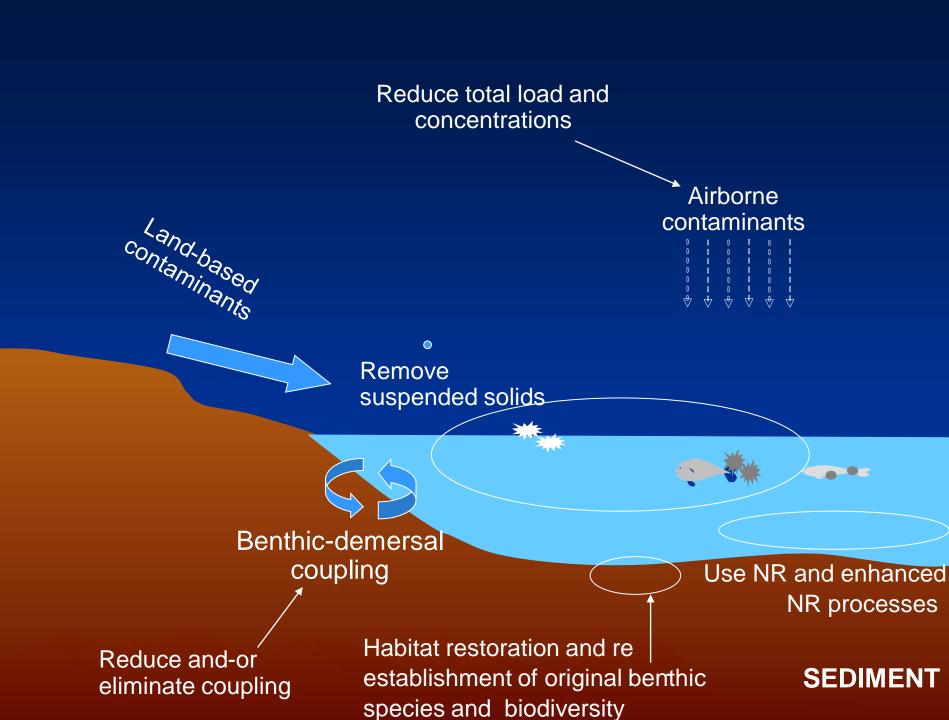


Lac Caron

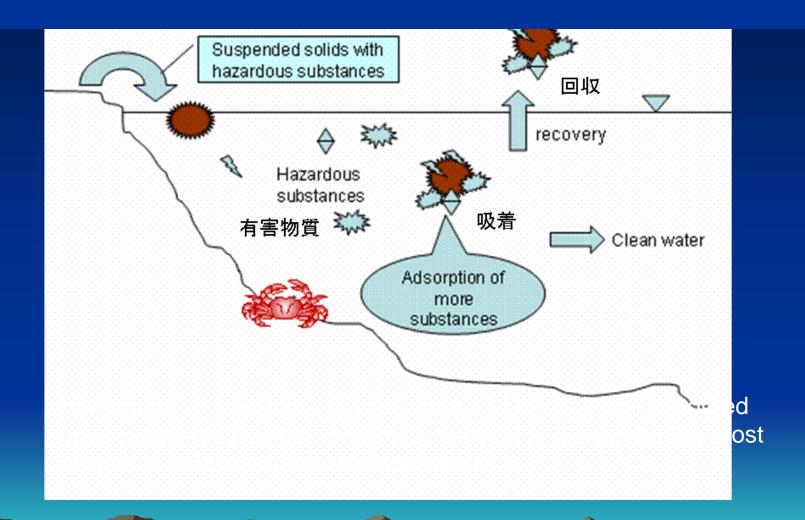


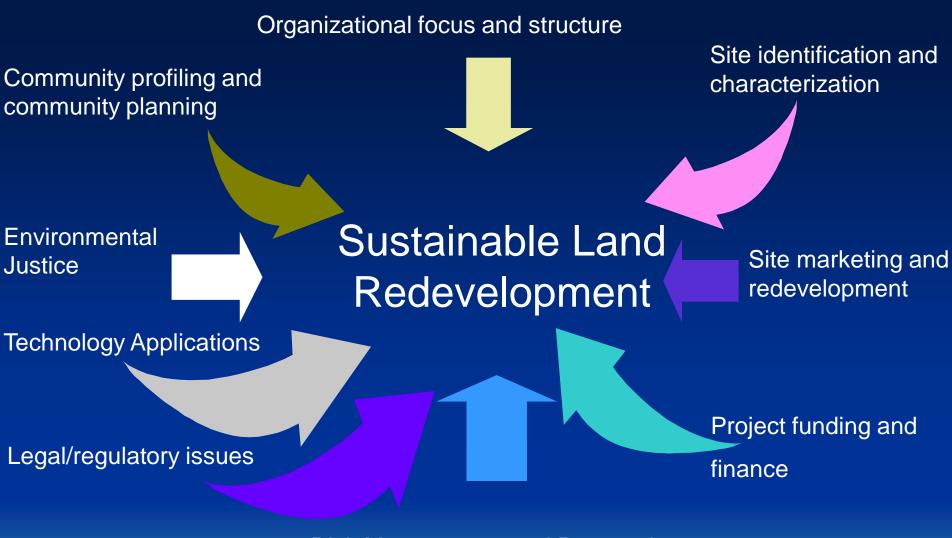






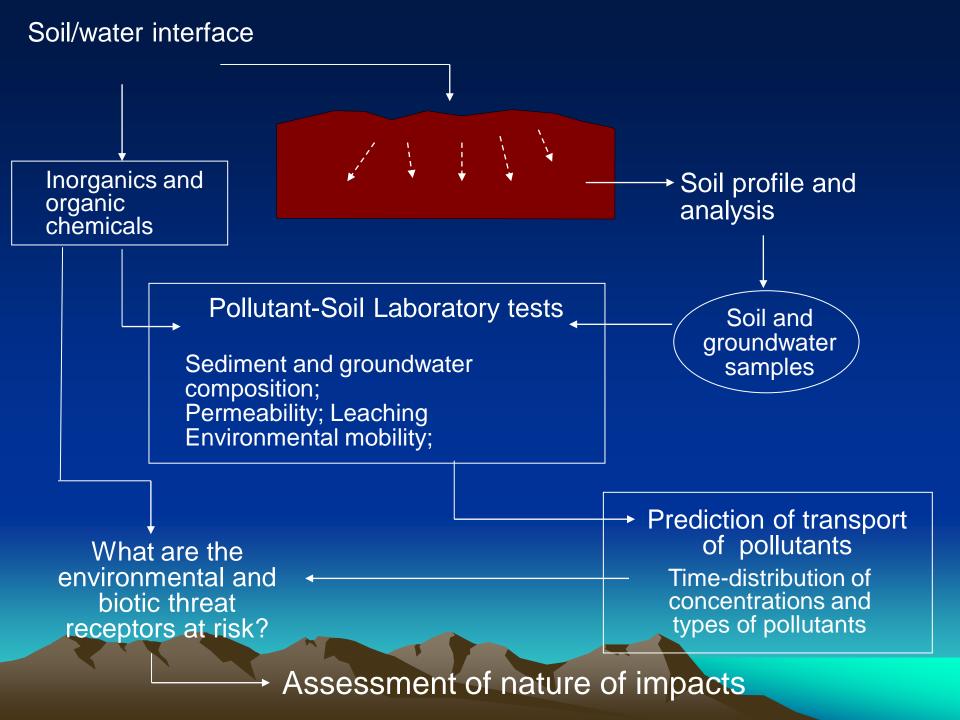
Principle of water purification by filtration

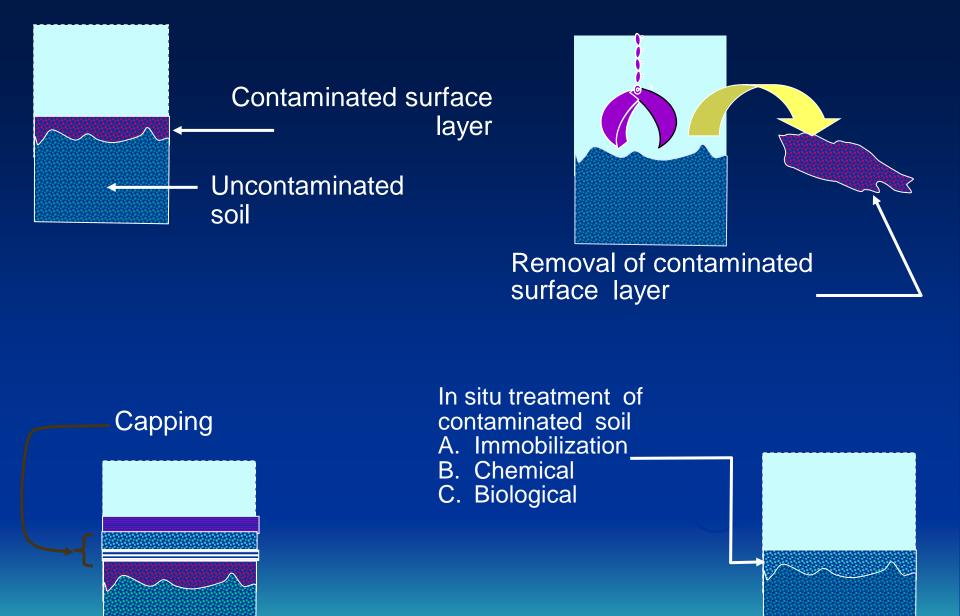




Risk Management and Restoration

Source Yong et al., 2006 Geoenvironmental Sustainability, CRC Press, Boca Raton





Common definition of natural attenuation NA

Natural attenuation is a process that involves the biodegradation, dispersion, dilution, sorption, volatilization of contaminants, together with chemical and biochemical reactions and transformations of the contaminants to reduce contaminant toxicity, volume, mass, and concentrations to levels considered as non-threatening to biotic receptors and the environment.

Leachate stream

with contaminants Long term performance of Geochemical and natural Biogeochemical attenuation processes

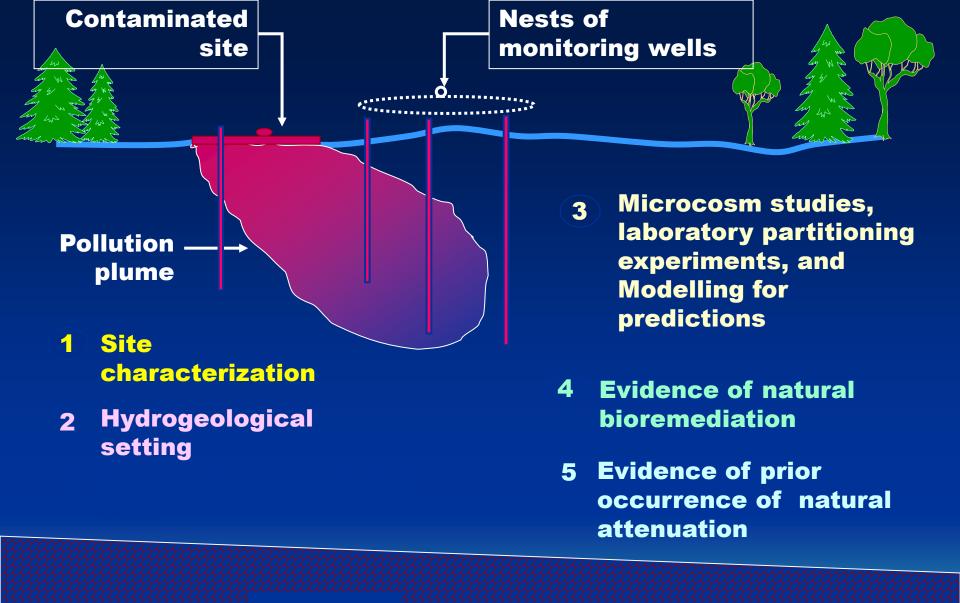
processes

Attenuated leachate stream with few contaminants left

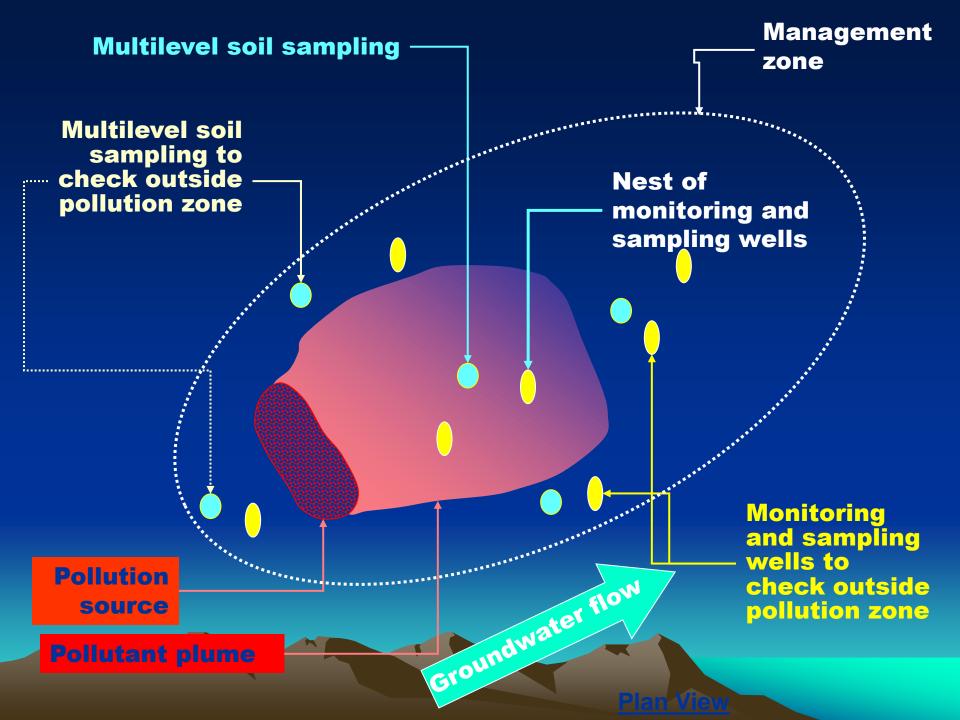
Long term supply of electron acceptors, sorption sites, status of pH, Eh

Evidence of natural attenuation

- National Research Council protocol for groundwater
 - Decrease in contaminant concentration
 - Chemical indicators of microbiological activity
 - Laboratory microcosm studies
- Other protocols similar (ASTM, OSWER, US Air Force, API
- Newer guidance on inorganics, radionuclides from EPA



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Parameters in Technical Protocols for MNA as Remediation Tool

Markers and Lines of Evidence

Site Conditions

Geological and hydrogeological settings

Soil composition and assimilative capacity

Pore water chemistry

Supporting Laboratory Research

Analysis of nature of pollutants in contaminated site

Microcosm studies

Laboratory tests on partitioning and attenuation

Transport and Fate modelling

Patterns of Natural Attenuation

Evidence of prior occurrence of natural attenuation

Evidence from hydrogeochemistry

> Evidence of natural bioremediation

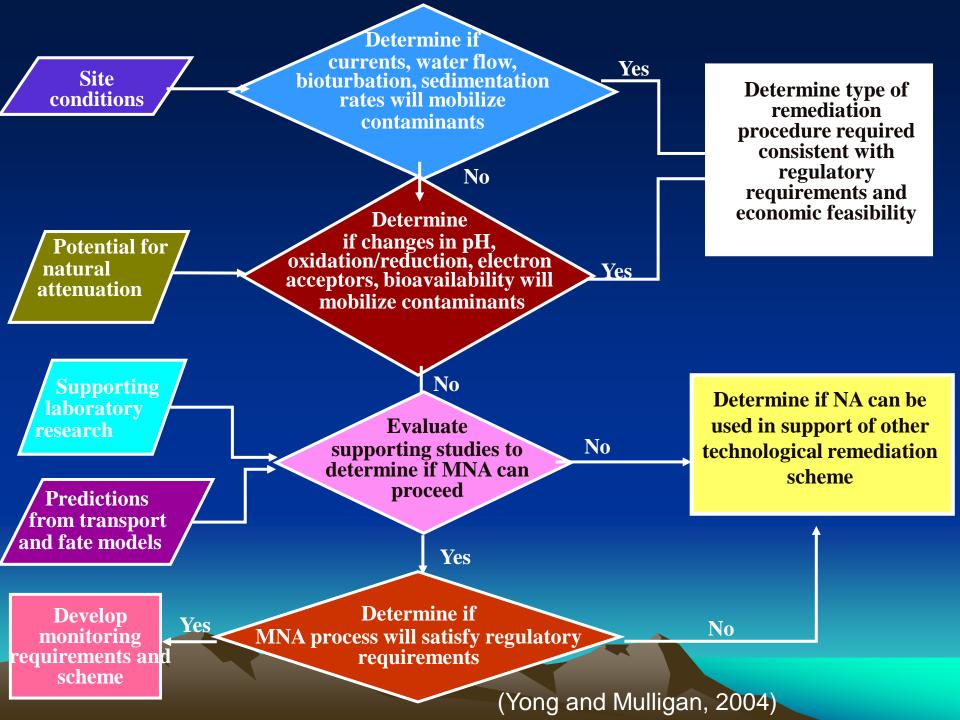
Lines of evidence (groundwater and sediment natural attenuation)

- First -40% loss of PCE and TCE at field scale
- Second line -Presence of biogeochemical indicators –dissolved oxygen, low levels of Fe(II), sulfate and presence of methane etc.
- Third-presence of indigenous bacteria capable of PCE, TCE degradation

Witt et al. 2002

RTDF Framework

- Source characterization and control
- Identification of fate and transport process
- Identification of historical trends of contaminants
- Biological end-point trend identification depending on site conditions
- Develop predictive tools such as numerical models



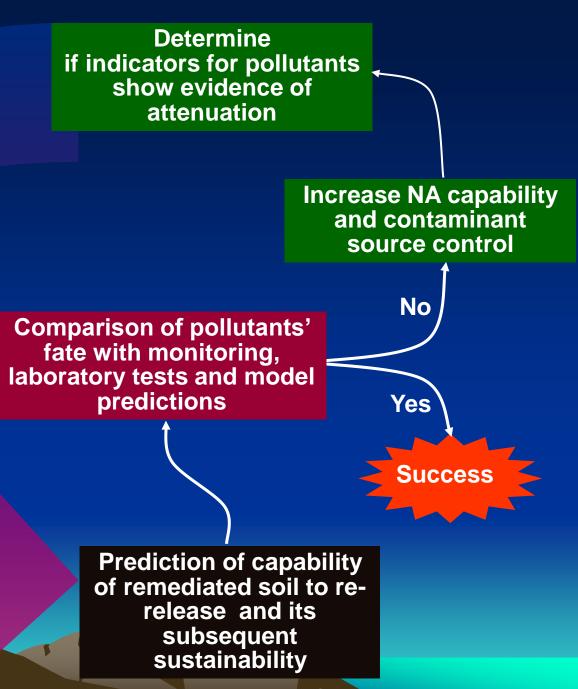
Analyses of samples of remediated soil solids and interstitial water for distribution and concentration of pollutants

Determine sources, nature, distribution and concentration of contaminants reaching ecosystem

HM partitioning studies and analyses for transformation of organic compounds

Determination of chemical release from soil, etc.

Development of contaminant transport and fate models



Case studies

- PCB natural attenuation in sediments at Lake Harwell, SC
- Mole percentage of PCB congeners determined, compared to 1987
- Slow in situ dechlorination
- Capping with fresh sediment may be needed to decrease risk to bioaccumulation

Weathering in sediments near Seattle, WA

- Three sources determined-creosote, urban runoff and natural background
- Urban runoff-50 to 70 years
- Unweathered and pure creosote below 30 cm
- Surface sediments to 30 cm were creosote and urban runoff
- Low molecular weight lost
- No extensive clean sediment deposits so capped with 1 to 3 m clean sand

 Brenner et al., 2002

Heavy metals in Port Philip Bay, Australia

- Concentrations of HM not higher near shore and estuarine area compared to coastal water
- HM in fish and shell fish
- Fe precipitation and Mn oxyhydroxide ppt with HM
- As(III) concentration increased with depth, not anthropogenic
- Oxidation to As(V) near surface

Biosurfactants

- Produced either on the surfaces of microbial cell or excreted extracellularly by bacteria or yeasts
- Advantages
 - Higher biodegradability and lower toxicity
 - Potentially more economic than the other surfactants
 - Potential to decrease the environmental impacts of soil, sediment, mining residues and wastewater contaminants

Rhamnolipid Biosurfactant

- Pseudomonas aeruginosa species has the ability to produce four different rhamnolipids (R1 R4)
- Anionic and capable of lowering the water surface tension from 72 to 29 mN/m
- Rhamnolipid important environmental applications are:
 - Biodegradation of petroleum hydrocarbons and (PAHs)
 - Removal of heavy metals and organics
 - Dispersing oil in contaminated water

Rhamnolipid

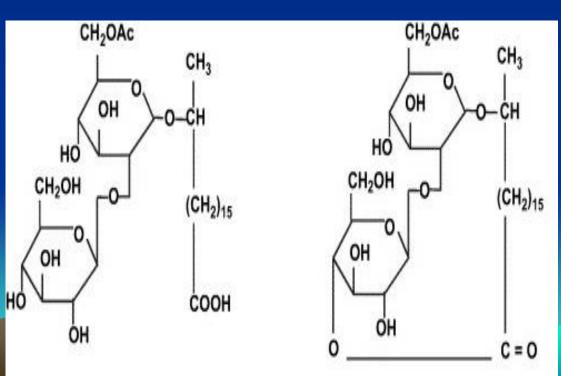
An anionic biosurfactant produced by *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* species

Rhamnolipids type I or mono-rhamnolipids contain one rhamnose group while rhamnolipids type II or di-rhamnolipids; contain two rhamnose groups

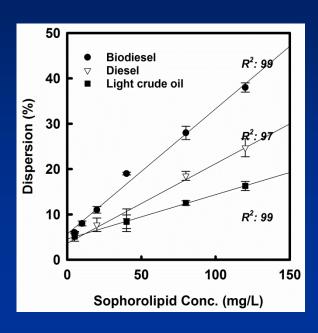
Sophorolipids

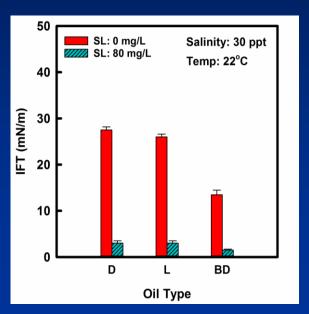
- Glycolipid
 - Main producers: yeasts of Candida sp.
 - Primary producer: Candida bombicola

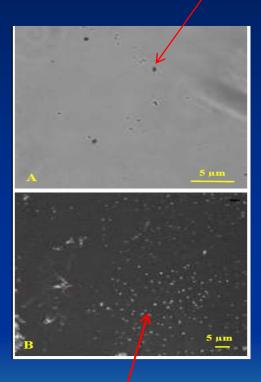
Structure of sophorolipid produced by *C. bombicola*



Effect of sophorolipid (SL) concentration on oil dispersion







Symbols, experimental data —, best fit linear functions Scale bars: 5 µm

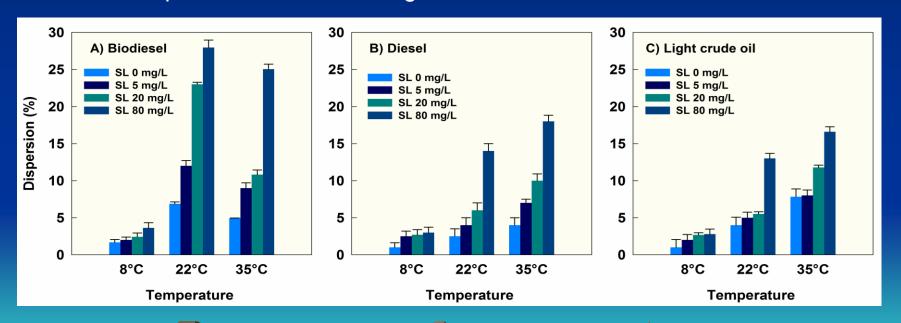
IFT: Interfacial tension

Dispersion Effectiveness (%)

Dispersed-oil concentration Initial oil concentration

Effect of Temperature

- The dispersion of diesel, biodiesel and light crude oil increased as the temperature increased from 8°C to 22°C
- The dispersion of biodiesel reduced slightly at 35°C
- The dispersion of diesel and light crude oil increased at 35°C



Biodegradation test

Biodegradation Treatments

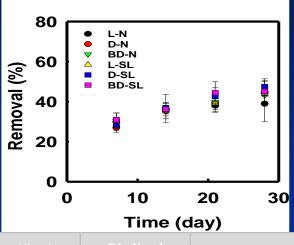
- Control or natural treatment (seawater; 20 mL and sterilized weathered oil;100 μL)
- Sophorolipid treatment (seawater; 20 mL, weathered oil and SL;100 µL)

Incubation and Sampling

- Room temperature, 100 ± 1 rpm, 28 days
- Sampling days; 0, 7, 14, 21
 and 28

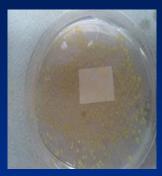


PRESENCE OF INDIGENOUS BIODEGRADING BACTERIA









Classifications	Biodiesel	Di			ıde oil	
Phylum	Firmicutes	Actinobacteria	Firmicutes	Proteobacteria	Actinobacteria	
Class	Bacilli	Actinobacteria	Bacilli	Alphaproteobacteria	Actinobacteria	
Order	Bacillales	Actinomycetales	Bacillales	Sphingomonadales	Actinomycetales	
Family	Bacillaceae	Dietziaceae	Paenibacillaceae	Sphingomonadaceae	Mycobacteriaceae	
Genus	Bacillus	Dietzia	Paenibacillus	Sphingomonas	Mycobacterium	
Dominancy (%)	100	47	53	97	3	

Objectives

Methodology

Results& Discussions

Summary

Conclusion

Screening and characterization of biosurfactantproducing bacteria from oil sands tailings ponds

Oil displacement test

Emulsification capacity assay

Surface tension measurement Blood agar assay

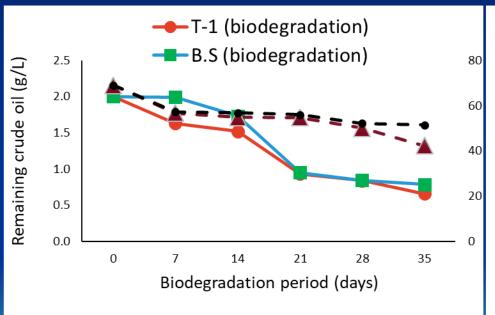
CTAB agar plate

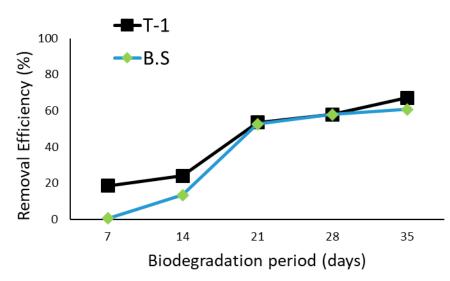
- Culture broth transferred to the LB agar plates
- Sterile sheep blood added to the LB media
- Clear zones around the colony observed



Isolated strain and *B.subtilis* biodegradation study

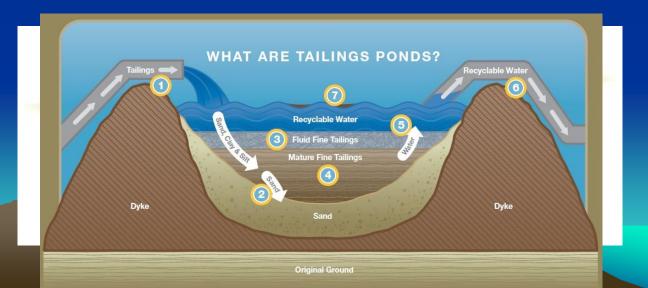
Biodegradation experiment





Oil sands tailings

- By-product from the extraction of bitumen
 - Sand, clays, water and residual bitumen and hydrocarbon
 - About 130 km² (22 % of the 602 km² disturbed land)
- Coarse grained tailings settle rapidly at the edge
- Fine grained tailings concentrated at the center (mature fine tailings MFT)
 - Very slow sedimentation rate (many years)



Oil sand tailings problems

- Recovering water from tailings for re-use
 - Reduce the need for fresh water
- Consolidating the tailings solids
 - Decrease the volume of stored tailings for subsequent reclamation
- Decrease the toxic impacts of tailing ponds (which affect ecosystem and human health)

Management and increase in tailings settlement rate is an important environmental and economical issue

Statement of the Problem

- Limitations of existing effective method for oil sand tailings sedimentation
 - Polymeric flocculation methods
 - Selection and performance of the flocculants
 - The recycle water quality, startup and operational costs
 - Experienced operators and careful operational control
 - Microbial activity and methanogenesis densification methods
 - Controlling the CH₄ and CO₂ emissions from tailing ponds (as greenhouse gases)

It has been reported that synthetic surfactants can change surface wetting characterization of particles and increase sedimentation and dewatering

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Rhamnolipid as flocculating agent and microorganisms together with rhamnolipid?

Sedimentation will increase without producing large amounts of CH₄ while taking advantage of the biosurfactants for the remaining water and sediment bioremediation

Principles

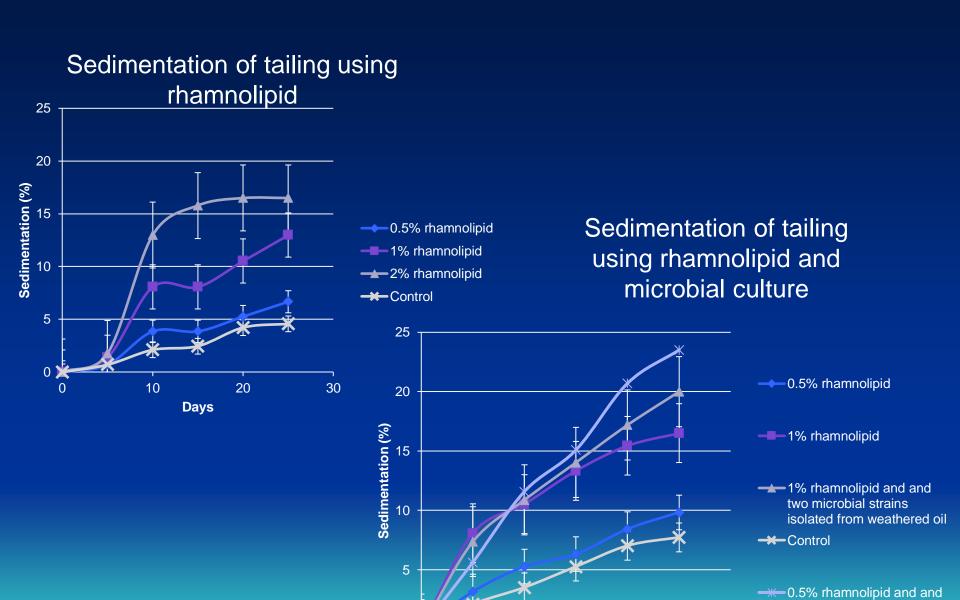
Sedimentation experiments

Downward movement of the boundary between clear liquid and suspended tailings

Position of the boundary

Sedimentation

Total height of the liquid column



Days

two microbial strains isolated from weathered oil

Metal removal from mining tailings

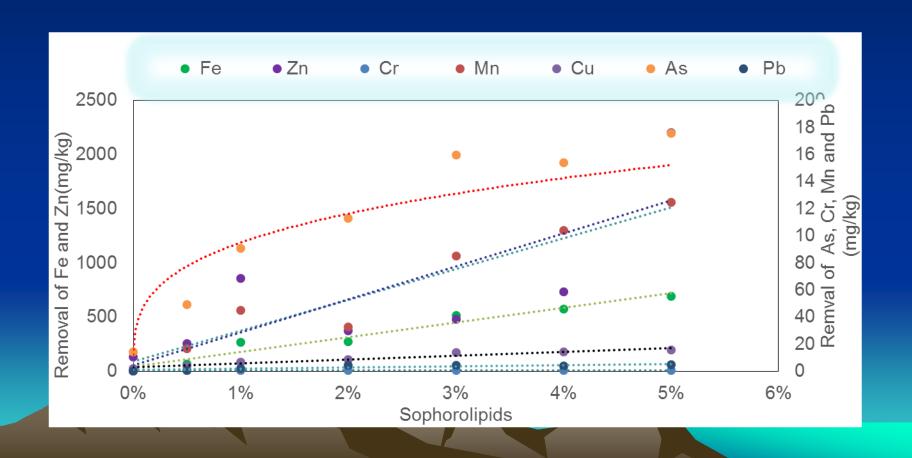
Mine tailings
 sample from Giant
 Mine, Yellowknife,
 Northwest
 Territories, Canada



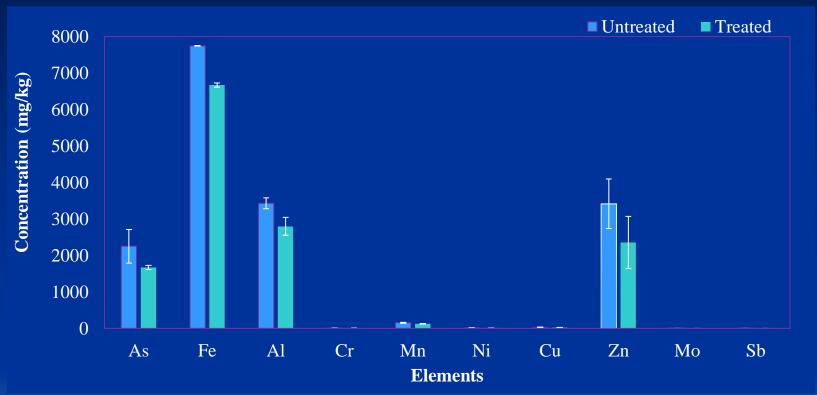
in this experiment provided by *Ecover* 62 *Co.*, *Belgium*



Removal of Mn, Fe, As, Cr, Ni, Cu & Pb with different concentrations of SL from mining residues



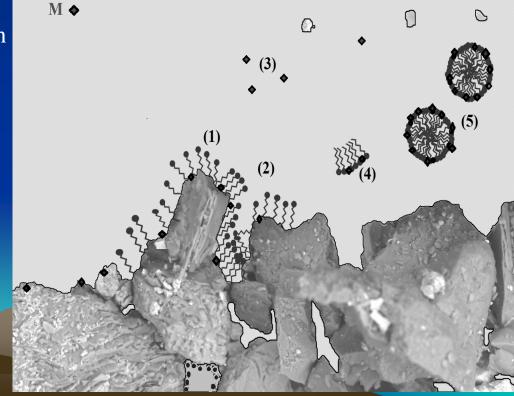
Comparison between the total elements extracted from the untreated sample and the sample washed with 1% sophorolipids at pH 5 (continuous experiments)



Schematic of the mechanisms of the mobilization of heavy metals/ metalloids (M) by sophorolipids

SL •

- > (1) Lowering interfacial tension
- (2) Solubilization
- ➤ (3) Diffusion, electrostatic interaction and competition
- ➤ (4) Complexation
- > (5) Complexation with free ions



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Sustainability & Remediation

 There are multiple forums, groups and agencies working on the application of sustainability principles in remediation – such as:

Europe

- CLAIRIET (« Contaminated Land Rehabilitation Network for Environmental Technologies »)
- NICOLE (« Network for Contaminated Land in Europe »)
- EuroDemo (« European Platform for Demonstration of Efficient Soil and Groundwater Remediation »)
- SURF (« Sustainable Remediation Forum ») USA & UK

- USA

- Cal/EPA Green Remediation Symposium (Sacramento, CA February, 2009)
- U.S. EPA Green Remediation

Canada

PWGSC and Environment Canada





GoldSET: Sustainability

Site Description

- Site Specific
- Conceptualization of Site Conditions
- ·Objective(s)

Options Description

· Fatal Flaw Analysis:

- Objectives
- Cost
- Duration
- Technical
- Lega

Indicators

Strategic Issues:

- Environmental
- Social
- Economics

Rigorous Selection process:

e.g. GEMI *Metrics* Navigator™

Linking to Stakeholders through:

- International Standards & Best Practices
- Corporate Objectives
- Legal Requirements

Scoring

Quantification of Indicators:

 Specific to Client Requirements

Evaluation of Options based on "Triple Bottom Line":

- Eco-efficiency
- Cost Benefit Analysis
- Stakeholder
 Concerns

Structured System for Ranking Options:

- Tailored Scoring & Weighting
- Ternary Diagrams

Interpretation & Reporting

OPTION A
OPTION C
OPTION D

Recommendations to support decision making:

- Tangible
- Transparent
- Optimized

Automated Reporting



Case study

- A benzene spill occurred along the highway near a small town of 1600 residents following a train derailment.
- Concentration of benzene in ground water was 55 μg/L must be reduced to its maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 5 μg/L for drinking water
- Affected site was 6 hectares

Options

- Pump and treat and activated carbon
- Pump and treat and air stripping
- Biosparging and soil vapour extraction (SVE)
- Natural attenuation.

Quantitative indicators

Step 5 - Quantitative Indicators

Environment						
Code	Indicator	Units	Biosparging	Natural Attenuation	pump and treat and air striping	pump and treat and activated carbon
ENV-8	Water Usage	Litres	≥ 0	≥ 0	≥ 0	≥ 300000000
ENV-12	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Tonnes CO2 e	≥ 8.9	≥ 0.34	<i>≥</i> 30.49	209.99
ENV-13	Energy Consumption	GJ PFE	≥ 4719.04	≥ 4.9	<i>≥</i> 15819.27	<i>≥</i> 4719.69
ENV-14	Quantity of Wastes	Tonnes	2 1.36	<i>≥</i> 0.02	<i>≥</i> 5.9	≥ 5.9
ENV-15	Hazardous Wastes	Tonnes	0	≥ 0	≥ 0	⊘ 0
Social Aspe	ct .					
Code	Indicator	Units	Biosparging	Natural Attenuation	pump and treat and air striping	pump and treat and activated carbon
SOC-6	Public Disruption (Duration of Work)	Years	≥ 2	≥ 20	≥ 5	≥ 2
Economic As	spect					
Code	Indicator	Units	Biosparging	Natural Attenuation	pump and treat and air striping	pump and treat and activated carbon
				≥ 3234000	≥ 3338965	2 4504131

Economic aspects

Economic Aspect							
Code	Indicator	Biosparging	Natural Attenuation	pump and treat and air striping	pump and treat and activated carbon	Weight	
ECONO-1	Net Present Value of Options' Costs	∅ 0	2 100	≥ 91	≥ 1	≥ 3 ▼	
ECONO-2	Potential Litigation					≥ 2 ▼	
ECONO-3	Financial Recoveries	25 ▼	≥ 25 🔻	≥ 25 →		≥ 2 ▼	
ECONO-4	Environmental Reserve	Ø 0 ▼	Ø 0 ▼	⊘ 0 ▼	⊘ 0 ▼		
ECONO-5	Standards, Laws and Regulations	2 100 ▼	Ø 90 ▼	Ø 90 ▼	≥ 90 →	2 2 ▼	
ECONO-6	Service Reliability and Performance	<i>i</i> 66 ▼	Ø 66 ▼	<i>≥</i> 66 ▼	100 ▼	2 ▼	
ECONO-7	Reuse of the Property by the Corportation	2 100 ▼			100 ▼	2 2 ▼	
ECONO-8	Corporate Image	Ø 90 ▼	100 ▼	⊘ 90 ▼	≥ 90 ▼	1 -	
ECONO-9	Reliability (Maintenance and Repair)	Ø 90 ▼	Ø 90 ▼	Ø 90 ▼	≥ 90 →	⊘ 3 →	
ECONO-10	Technological Uncertainty	Ø 90 ▼	Ø 90 ▼	⊘ 90 ▼	100 ▼	2 ▼	
ECONO-11	① Logistics	2 100 ▼	Ø 90 ▼	Ø 90 ▼	≥ 90 ▼	⊘ 1 ▼	

Environmental aspects

Environmental Aspect							
Code	Indicator	Biosparging	Natural Attenuation	pump and treat and air striping	pump and treat and activated carbon	Weight	
ENV-1	Soil Quality	Ø 90 ▼		⊘ 0 ▼		2 1 ▼	
ENV-2	Sediment Quality	⊘ 0 ▼	⊘ 0 ▼	⊘ 0 ▼	⊘ 0 ▼		
ENV-3	Contaminated Soil Erosion and Transport	2 100 ▼	⊘ 0 ▼	⊘ 0 ▼	⊘ 0 ▼	2 1 ▼	
ENV-4	Groundwater Quality	2 100 ▼		100 ▼	100 ▼	Ø 3 ▼	
ENV-5	Free Product	⊘ 0 ▼	Ø 90 ▼	Ø 90 ▼		⊘ 1 ▼	
ENV-6	Surface Water Quality	⊘ 0 ▼		⊘ 0 ▼	100 ▼	Ø 1 ▼	
ENV-7	Waterborne Contaminant Migration	2 100 ▼	Ø 90 ▼	Ø 90 ▼	≥ 90 ▼	Ø 3 ▼	
ENV-8	Water Usage	<i>≥</i> 50	<i></i> 50	<i>≥</i> 50	<i></i> 50	Ø 1 ▼	
ENV-9	 Impacts on Fauna and Flora Resulting from the Proj 	Ø 90 ▼	≥ 100 →	≥ 45 ▼	⊘ 0 ▼	2 ▼	
ENV-10	Impacts on Fauna and Flora During the Project	Ø 66 ▼	100 ▼	<i>≥</i> 66 ▼	⊘ 0 ▼	⊘ 2 ▼	
ENV-11	Soil Vapour Intrusion	Ø 90 ▼	2 100 ▼	⊘ 0 ▼	≥ 0 ▼	2 ▼	
ENV-12	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	2 92	2 100	≥ 75	≥ 0	Ø 1 ▼	
ENV-13	Energy Consumption	≥ 54	2 100	⊘ 0	<i>≥</i> 54	3 ▼	
ENV-14	Quantity of Wastes	≥ 63	2 100	<i>≥</i> 52	≥ 0	Ø 1 ▼	
ENV-15	Hazardous Wastes	≥ 50	≥ 50	<i>≥</i> 50	≥ 50	⊘ 1 ▼	
ENV-16	Residual Impact of Technology	2 100 ▼	≥ 100 ▼	⊘ 66 ▼	⊘ 100 ▼	⊘ 3 ▼	

Social aspects

Social Aspect												
Code		Indicator	Biospar	ging	Natu Attenu			nd treat striping	and a	and treat activated arbon	We	ight
50C-1	Community Health	n and Safety	<i>≥</i> 100	¥	2 100	▼	2 100	▼	2 100	▼	<i>≥</i> 3	•
50C-2	Worker's Health a	and Safety	<i>></i> 66	•	2 100	•	<i>></i> 66	▼	<i>≥</i> 66	•	<i></i> ≥ 2	•
SOC-3	Drinking Water St	upply	<i>≥</i> 50	•	Ø 50	▼	Ø 50	~	<i>≥</i> 50	•	<i>≥</i> 3	•
50C-4	Direct Local Emple	oyment	<i>></i> 66	•	<i></i> 33	•	<i>></i> 66	▼	<i></i> 66	•	1	•
SOC-5	Opportunities for	Local Business Generation	≥ 45	•	9 0	▼	4 5	▼	2 100	•	<i>≥</i> 1	•
60C-6	Public Disruption	(Duration of Work)	2 100		⊘ 0		2 73		2 100		<i></i> ≥ 2	•
50C-7	Quality of Life (Du	uring the Project)	<i>≥</i> 66	v	<i>≥</i> 66	▼	<i>≥</i> 66	▼	<i>≥</i> 66	•	<i></i> ≥ 2	•
5OC-8	Public Use		∅ 0	•	⊘ 0	•	⊘ 0	▼	⊘ 0	•	<i>≥</i> 1	•
5OC-9	Cultural Heritage		<i>≥</i> 100	•	2 100	▼	2 100	▼	2 100	•	<i>≥</i> 1	•
5OC-10	Impact on the Lar	ndscape	<i></i> 66	•	2 100	•	<i></i> 66	▼	<i></i> 66	•	≥ 1	•
50C-11	Management Prace	ctices	<i>≥</i> 50	T	7 5	▼	Ø 50	•	7 5	•	≥ 3	•

Comparison of options

Biosparging

ENVIRONMENT	74%
SOCIETY	67%
ECONOMICS	63%

Natural Attenuation

ENVIRONMENT	87%
SOCIETY	67%
ECONOMICS	76%

pump and treat and air striping

ENVIRONMENT	48%
SOCIETY	64%
ECONOMICS	74%

pump and treat and activated carbon

	ENVIRONMENT	53%
	SOCIETY	74%
1	ECONOMICS	68%

Environment



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Public Disruption (Duration of Work):

Net Present Value of Options' Costs: 4513000 \$

Public Disruption (Duration of Work) : 20 Years

Net Present Value of Options' Costs: 3234000 \$

Public Disruption (Duration of Work): 5 Years

Net Present Value of Options' Costs: 3338965 \$

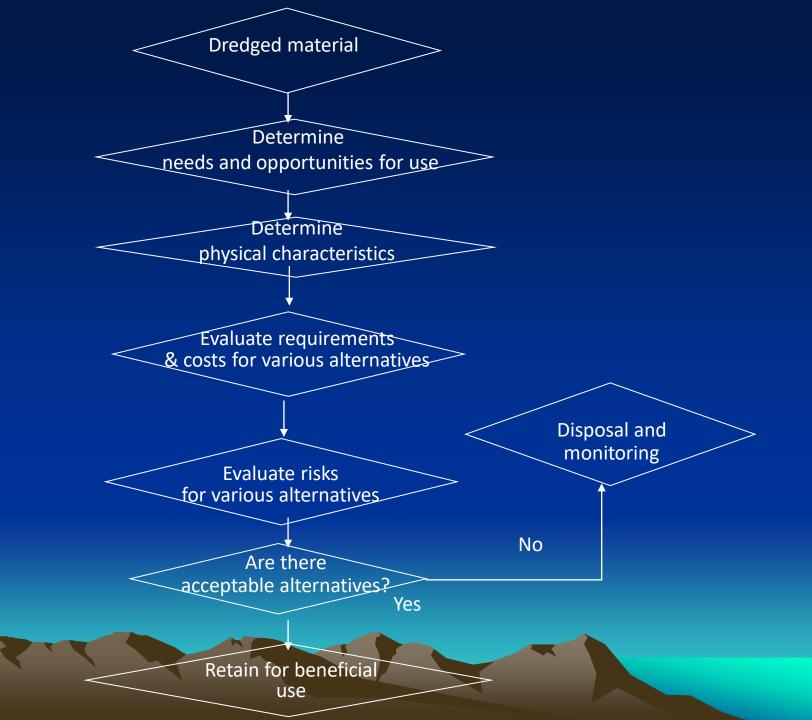
Public Disruption (Duration of Work) : 2 Years

Net Present Value of Options' Costs: 4504131 \$

Sediment management

- Dredging used for maintenance of rivers, harbors and canals for boat navigation
- Dredging increases suspended matter and sediment transport

Contaminated sediment to be landfilled or ocean disposed



Methodology

- Surface samples with a Birge Ekman sample and core samples with a core tube sampler to 0.5 m in depth
- Analysis included
 - Arsenic, chromium, copper, mercury, nickel, lead and zinc
 - Polycyclic biphenyls (PCBs)
 - Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH)
 - Grain size distribution
 - LOI to represent total organic carbon
 - Petroleum hydrocarbons (C10-C50) .

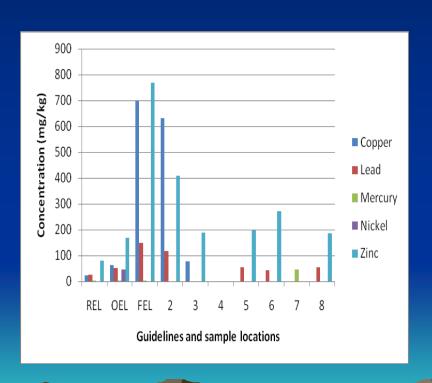
Sampling

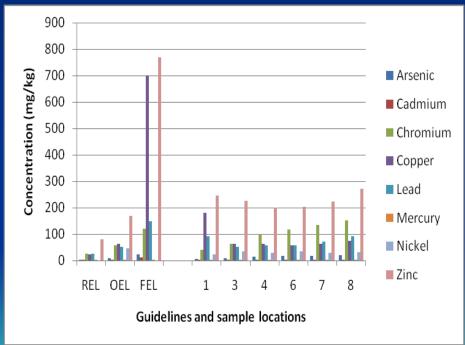


Core sampling points for core sediment samples



Heavy metal content of surface and core sediments

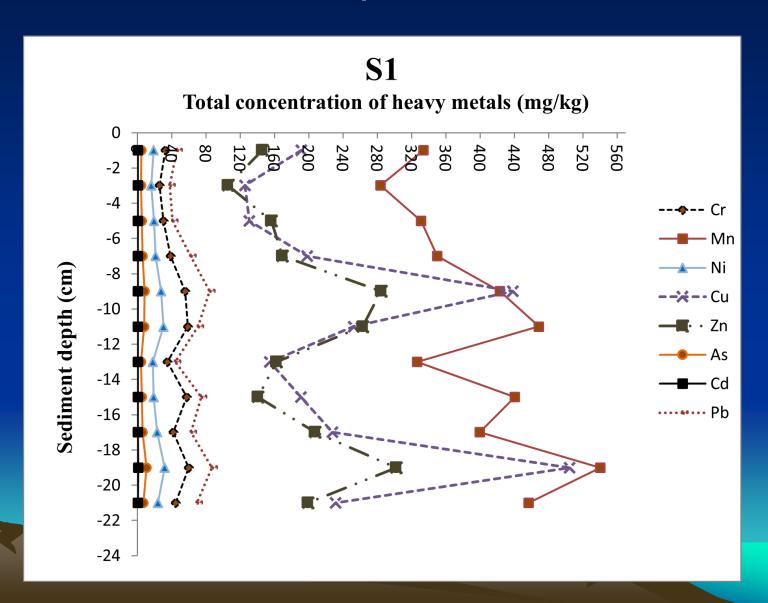




Total concentration of heavy metals in sediment samples in 2019 (mg/kg)

St. No	Cr	Ni	Cu	Zn	As	Cd	Pb
1	54.5	28.3	450.3	230.1	7.0	0.72	57.0
3	61.1	32.6	165.9	244.1	8.12	0.74	55.3
4	62.9	32.0	136.6	297.0	7.0	0.92	46.9
6	31.09	19.4	24.6	97.6	4.0	0.35	18.3
8	61.1	35.4	50.3	241.4	6.9	0.74	28.8
9	68.9	36.4	49.0	212.4	7.7	0.82	32.7
11	64.2	34.9	51.10	205.8	6.5	0.74	28.9
14	74.7	41.8	109.5	212.8	9.9	0.77	32.8

Variations in total concentration of heavy metals with different sediment depths in stations S1



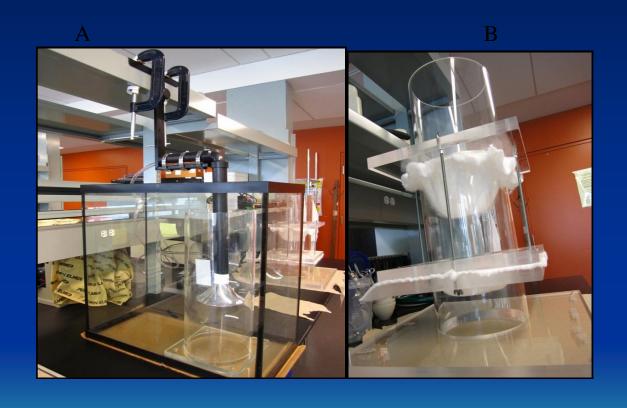
Mean concentration of heavy metals in sediment samples in 2015, 2017 and 2019 (mg/kg).

Year	Cr	Ni	Cu	Zn	As	Cd	Pb
2015*	66.1	40.2	95.2	251.4	7.8	0.82	50.2
2017				160.8			
2019	59.8	32.6	129.7	217.7	7.1	0.73	37.6

Recommendations:

- Further samples be taken from Stations #1, #3, #4, #6,#7 and #8 with those from #1 and #8 being tested for leachability and the remainder being sent to MDDEP for toxicity testing.
- Application for a permit to be prepared and submitted to MDDEP.
- Negotiations with construction, dredging, transportation and disposal companies
- Temporary retention pen to be constructed and the site prepared for dredging
- Dredging to performed, site clean up and removal of temporary retention pen

Aeration section with Plexiglas cylinder (A) and filter system (B)

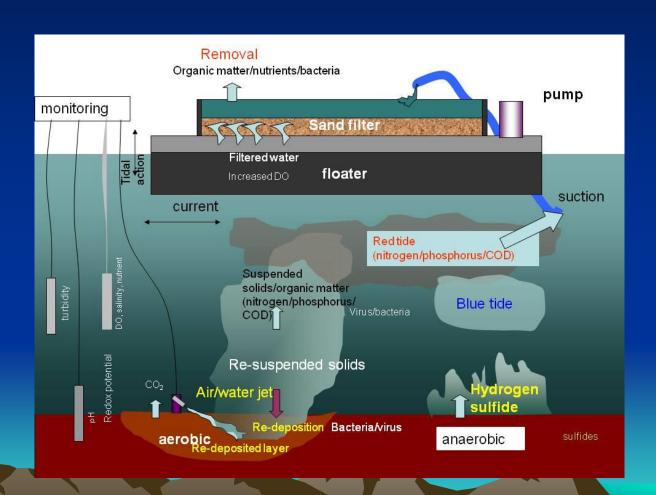


Metal content of the sediments before and after the aeration tests for station 2

Heavy metal concentration (mg/kg)

Metal	Before	After	Removal
	aeration	aeration	(%)
Cr	71.14	39.90	43.9
Ni	34.17	19.80	42.1
Cu	64.44	71.34	-10.7
Zn	148.15	125.16	15.5
Pb	10.77	7.99	25.9
$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}$	6.26	4.75	24.2
Cd	0.65	0.43	34.4

Resuspension apparatus



Sustainable ground improvement

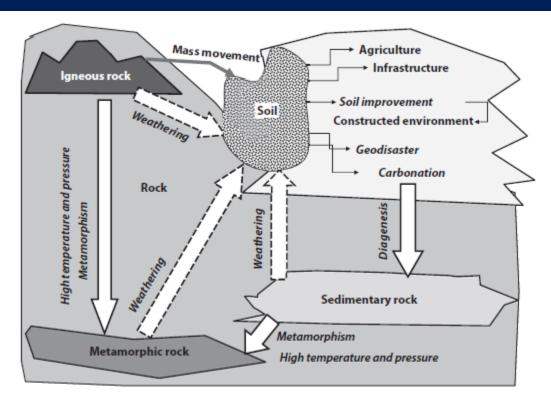


FIGURE 12.1 Weathering of rock, formation of soil, diagenesis, and metamorphism.

Conventional techniques

- Cementing mixing, use of lime, fly ash
- Other binding agents
- Pile foundation
- Drainage

To improve ground functionality

12.3.2.3 Microbially Induced Carbonates

There are microbial processes that can produce carbonates. In chemical reactions with nitrogen (organic matter), carbonate can be produced as follows (Castanier et al., 1999):

Organic matter +
$$Ca^{2+} \rightarrow CaCO_3 \downarrow$$
 (aerobic) (12.2)

Organic matter +
$$Ca^{2+}$$
 + $NO_3 \rightarrow CaCO_3 \downarrow$ (anaerobic) (12.3)

Organic matter +
$$Ca^{2+}$$
 + urease or uric acid $\rightarrow CaCO_3 \downarrow$ (aerobic), (12.4)

where the organic matter can be degraded by the proper (aerobic or anaerobic) microbes. In a sulfur cycle, carbonate will be produced as follows:

In the case of reduction of SO₄²⁻

Organic matter +
$$Ca^{2+}$$
 + SO_4^{2+} $\rightarrow CO_3^{2-}$ + HCO_3^- + $H_2S \uparrow \rightarrow CaCO_3 \downarrow$, (12.5)

where the organic matter can be degraded by anaerobic microbes. If hydrogen sulfide (H_2S) exists under aerobic conditions, the following reaction occurs.

$$H_2S + 2O_2 \rightarrow 2H^+ + SO_4^{2-}$$
 (12.6)





(b)

FIGURE 12.5

(a) Carbonate nodules found in bentonite mine. (b) Carbonate nodules found in alluvial sediments near a river mouth.



FIGURE 12.7
(See color insert.) Calcirudite cemented with calcite as a result of the precipitation of carbonate.

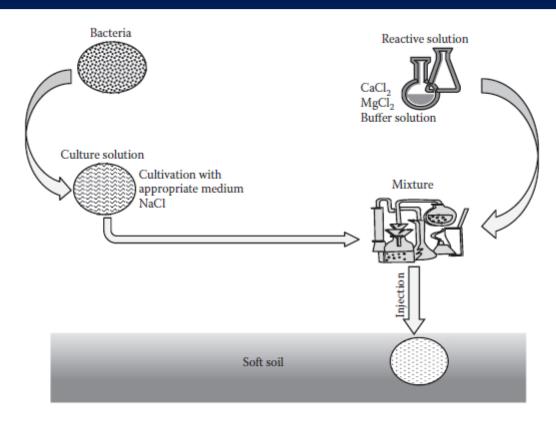


FIGURE 12.8
Procedure for application of artificial diagenesis in soil mantle.

$$(NH_2)_2CO + 2H_2O \rightarrow CO_3^{2-} + 2NH_4^+$$
 (12.8)

The reaction is followed by the production of carbonate.

$$1/2\text{Ca}^{2+} + 1/2\text{Mg}^{2+} + \text{CO}_3^{2-} \rightarrow 1/2\text{CaMg}(\text{CO}_3)_2 \downarrow$$
 (12.9)

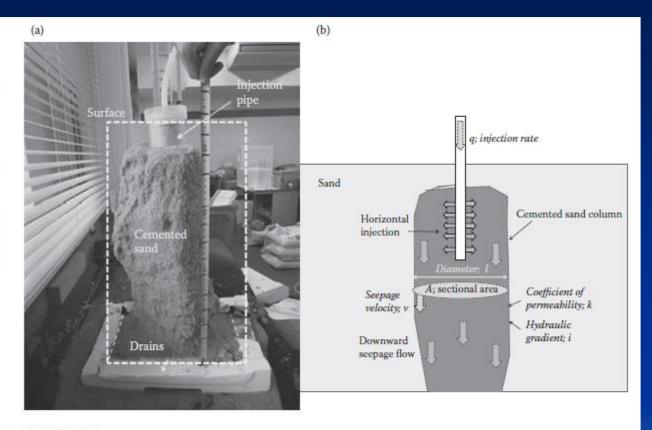


FIGURE 12.10

(a) Sand column formed in relatively deep sand layer. (b) Horizontal and downward flow of the mixture of bacteria and reactive solution in sand.

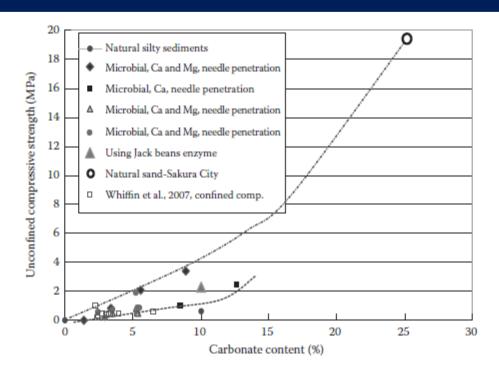


FIGURE 12.11

Correlations between unconfined compressive strengthened carbonate content for both the natural and microbially cemented soils.

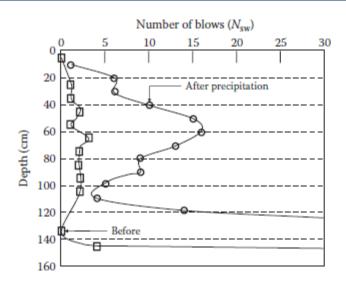


FIGURE 12.14
Results of the dynamic cone penetration test for sand with and without microbial cementation.

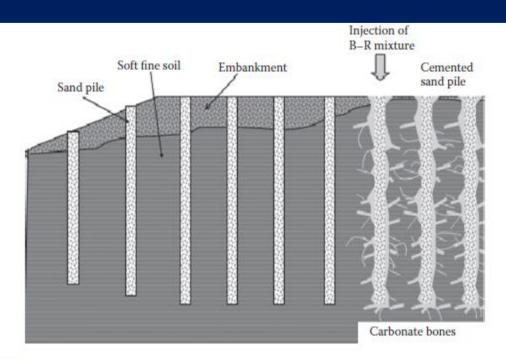


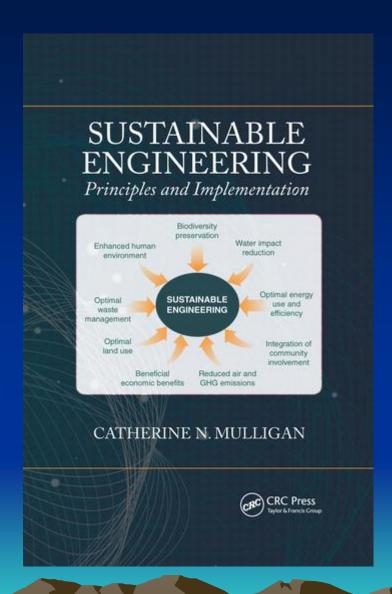
FIGURE 12.15
Application of artificial diagenesis into soft fine soil using sand piles.

Concluding remarks

Sustainable management of soils and sediments includes:

- (a) Source control-remove, isolate or immobilize the contaminants,
- (b) use chemical and/or biological treatments including biosurfactants to reduce contaminant concentrations and toxicity,
- (c) use natural recovery processes inherent in the properties of the soil
- (d) Use of sustainable technologies to reduce emissions, water, energy, and material requirements
- (e) Restoration of habitat and biodiversity







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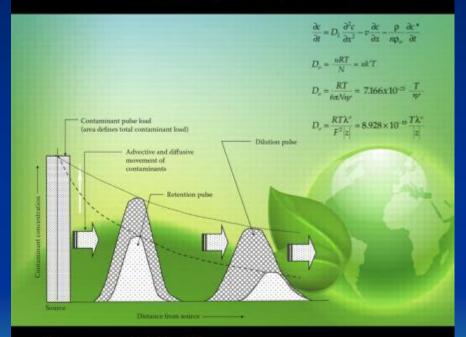
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