

Selected Newly Added Documents on EUGRIS

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Resources added include this selection:

The possibilities for the EU-wide use of similar ecological risk-based soil contamination assessment tools (2008)

Within the framework of the HERACLES network a review of ecological risk assessment tools was performed, among other things. From this study it can be concluded that the inclusion of ecological risk assessment in soil quality standards shows an increasing interest in many EU Member States. The study also shows that there are many procedures for ecological risk assessment readily available in several EU countries and will be readily available in even more Member States in the nearby future. Besides, this study clearly shows quite some variation in the ecological risk assessment tools and in the resulting soil quality standards in the different countries

Report of the NICOLE Workshop: Environmental Decision Support Systems 9-10 October 2008 Madrid, Spain. (2008)

Decision support tools (DSTs) integrate environmental data and simulation or conceptual models into a framework for supporting decision-making for site characterisation, monitoring, or remediation. DSTs are tools that facilitate the use of data, derivations and models and/or structure the processes in decision making. This workshop presented a range of decision support tool/system functions with some examples and case studies. Its discussion related to the capabilities and limitations of such tools and systems and their degree of acceptance in daily decision making processes.

Project

TASK - The Terra, Aqua & Site Remediation and Competence Centre Leipzig

The Terra-, Aqua- & Site Remediation Competence Centre Leipzig (TASK) is a joint project of the the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ) which was funded in 2007 (TASK Phase I). Based on an analysis of already funded research products (concepts and technologies) as well as the situation at the market TASK will identify research products of high innovation potential. For selected technology lines and concepts TASK will then conduct technology transfer measures to increase the visibility and to promote the use of developed research products. These measures include annual product fairs, the organisation of workshops and expert panels, set-up of recommendations for policy makers, networking and teaching activities as well as product demonstrations at field sites. A focus of the TASK project will also be on East European Countries. Measures are implemented according to previously developed business plans. The TASK unit consist of a UFZ-based competence and coordination centre (national focal point at the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research) and a network of internationally accepted experts in the field of soil and groundwater remediation technologies. Activities in the Phase I focused mainly on products (technologies and concepts) addressing groundwater risk assessment, the use of natural attenuation in contaminated land management, and the application of remediation technologies. The business operations of TASK are implemented in Phase II which has started in November 2008. The total project duration is four years.