

Selected Newly Added Documents on EUGRIS

EUGRIS now has a new easier to use format, which I hope you will find the time to have a quick look at. 33 resources, events projects and news items were added to EUGRIS 1 –24 June 2008. These can be viewed at: <http://www.eugris.info/whatsnew.asp>

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Resources added include this selection:

**NICOLE / SAGTA, 2008,**

**Report of the NICOLE / SAGTA Workshop: Sustainable Remediation 3rd March 2008, London, UK**

The SAGTA / NICOLE Workshop on 3rd March drew together current thinking and approaches, issues of both benefits and costs as well as the perceived gaps and uncertainties that may act as specific challenges to achieving sustainable remediation. Presentations were divided into two themes: defining sustainable remediation and how sustainable development might be better implemented in remediation. Several speakers from NICOLE, SAGTA and English Partnerships provided scene setting viewpoints, with papers from the UK, Austria and Switzerland exploring industry and regulatory in more detail. A series of case studies of decision support approaches and examples of sustainable remediation provided examples of implementation. These two themes of defining and implementing “sustainable remediation” were then explored further in two parallel syndicate sessions to provide conclusions for the meeting.

**Environment Agency (England and Wales) 2008**

**Update on Contaminated Land**

The Agency have found that local authorities have considered less than 10% of their geographical areas. A limited number of local authorities have formally determined contaminated land totalling around 800 sites. Most of these involve multiple determinations of individual house plots. The majority of local authorities have not yet formally identified any contaminated land sites within their areas. Of the Part 2A determined contaminated sites, less than 20% have been remediated over the last seven years. This has been at an estimated cost of some £21m, mainly to the public purse rather than the polluter.

**European Commission**

**A new EU Floods Directive**

Directive 2007/60/EC on the assessment and management of flood risks entered into force on 26 November 2007. This Directive now requires Member States to assess if all water courses and coast lines are at risk from flooding, to map the flood extent and assets and humans at risk in these areas and to take adequate and coordinated measures to reduce this flood risk. With this Directive also reinforces the rights of the public to access this information and to have a say in the planning process.

**CIEH & CL:AIRE (2008)**

**Guidance on Comparing Soil Contamination Data with a Critical Concentration**

The 67 page document, entitled Guidance on Comparing Soil Contamination Data with a Critical Concentration is the first of a long list of new and revised guidance promised by Defra’s 2006 ‘Way Forward’ discussion paper. The overall aim of this

**guidance is to increase the understanding of practitioners of the role that statistics play in quantifying the uncertainty around estimates of average contaminant concentrations.**