

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. 43 resources, events projects and news items were added to EUGRIS 1 -24 July 2009. These can be viewed at: <http://www.eugris.info/whatsnew.asp>

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Resources added include this selection:

A Review of Published Sustainability Indicator Sets: How applicable are they to contaminated land remediation indicator-set development? (2009)

Over six weeks in February and March 2009 over 100 documents describing sustainability indicators (for a wide variety of purposes) were identified and reviewed, in part based on an existing database held by r3. The aim was to determine the range of factors considered by different sets of sustainability indicators, and identify if any existing data sets could be used for sustainability appraisal of remediation work, or if not how a UK sustainable remediation indicator set could be developed. A

A total of 2,421 individual indicators were identified. These constitute a large sample of different interests in sustainability appraisal. Overall indicators found in the literature review and the suggestions made at the 18 November 2008 Open Forum fitted well with the headline indicators suggested (82% and 97% had a good unique fit to a category, respectively). Indicators were found that fitted into all of the 18 headline categories, but the distribution of indicators across the headlines was not uniform. A large number of environmental indicators are related to resource use and waste management. There are few indicators linked to impacts on soil, and also few linked to consideration of the quality of the evidence base and its uncertainty. Twelve indicator sets (with 265 indicators in total) relating to contaminated land management were found by this review. The coverage of these indicator sets on an individual basis is incomplete. For 8 sets there is no inclusion of impacts on soil, which is not consistent with current UK and EU soil policy.

“Summaries of EU legislation” website (2009)

The “Summaries of EU legislation” website presents the main aspects of European Union (EU) legislation in a concise, easy-to-read and unbiased manner. It forms part of the Europa portal, which is published by the EU institutions. This website provides approximately 3 000 summaries of EU legislation. They are offered in the form of factsheets disseminated under 32 thematic areas corresponding to the activities of the EU. The themes range from agriculture to transport, presenting comprehensive and up-to-date coverage of EU legislation. What is not covered, however, are legal decisions having only temporary interest, such as decisions on grants.

New Insights into the Mechanisms of Cadmium Toxicity - Advances in Cadmium Research (2009)

An issue of the journal Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology devoted to cadmium toxicology

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