

Selected Newly Added Documents for April 2007 on EUGRIS: platform for European contaminated soil and water information:

12 resources, projects and news items were added to EUGRIS 1 –23 May 2007. These can be viewed at:

<http://www.eugris.info/whatsnew.asp?StartYear=2007&Date=May>

A number of the resources added have already been covered by TechDirect. European resources added include this selection:

Environment Agency 2004

Biological Test Methods for Assessing Contaminated Land, Stage 2: A demonstration of the use of a framework for the ecological risk assessment of land contamination
The report illustrates a scientific framework for assessing the risk of significant harm to an organism, animal or whole ecosystem on potentially contaminated sites. The framework demonstrates best practice in Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA), which plays an increasingly important part of the decision-making process for managing environmental problems.

Smith R et al 2005

Assessing significant harm to terrestrial ecosystems from contaminated land

This paper reviews recent developments in terrestrial risk assessment and land contamination in the UK, emphasising the need for a measurement, or measurements, of ecological harm to assess ecosystem function.

Project: “NOSTRUM Network On Governance Science and Technology for Sustainable Water Resource Use in the Mediterranean”

The Mediterranean basin suffers from many conflicts between water scarcity and different end users. Decision Support Systems (DSS) are promising tools for bringing the principles of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) into practice for managing socio-political conflicts over competing demands for water uses in different environmental situations. However, they have yet to be fully exploited. NOSTRUM-DSS is a Coordination Action which addresses this gap.