

# Regulatory Acceptance for New Solutions

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**Who We Are**

**What We Do**

**Where We Are Going**

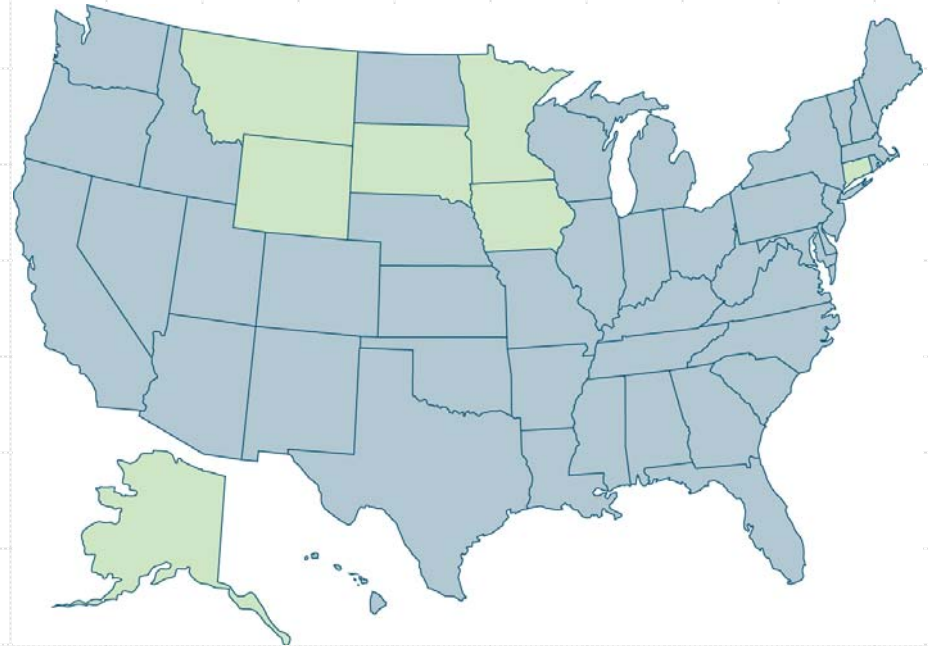
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# ITRC — Who We Are

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ITRC is a state-led, national coalition of regulators and others working to

- ◆ improve state permitting processes and
- ◆ speed the implementation of new environmental technologies



# ITRC — Who We Are

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- ✓ State regulators
- ✓ Industry representatives
- ✓ Academia
- ✓ Public stakeholders
- ✓ Federal agencies



U.S. Department of Energy



U.S. Department of Defense



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

- ✓ Host organization



Environmental Council of the States

ECOS

- ✓ State organizations



Western Governors' Association



Southern States Energy Board



# ITRC — What We Do

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We aim to improve environmental decision making by reducing technical and regulatory barriers against innovative technologies.

We bring the environmental community together to

- foster collaboration
- focus on mutual priorities
- lead to partnered solutions
- create consensus-based tools and resources



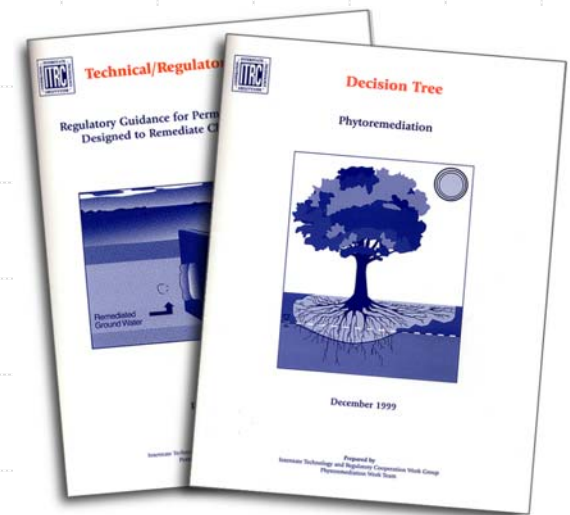
# Decision-making Tools & Resources for the Environmental Community



## Proven Model:

Mutual priorities > Consensus-Based Tools > Partnered Solutions

- ✓ Technology Overviews / Case Studies
- ✓ Regulatory and Technical Guidelines
- ✓ Classroom Training Courses
- ✓ Internet-Based Training Courses



# 2005 ITRC Teams

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- ◆ Alternative Landfill Technologies
- ◆ Arsenic in Groundwater
- ◆ Bioremediation of DNAPLs
- ◆ Brownfields
- ◆ Diffusion Samplers
- ◆ Ecological Land Reuse
- ◆ Enhanced Attenuation: Chlorinated Organics
- ◆ MTBE
- ◆ Perchlorate
- ◆ Radionuclides
- ◆ Remediation Process Optimization
- ◆ Risk Assessment Resources
- ◆ Sampling, Characterization, and Monitoring
- ◆ Unexploded Ordnance
- ◆ Vapor Intrusion

# Benefits to DOE

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- ◆ Facilitates interactions between DOE managers and state regulators
- ◆ Increases consistency of regulatory requirements for similar sites in different states
- ◆ Helps reduce uncertainties when preparing cleanup plans
- ◆ Addresses DOE's remediation needs (radionuclides, risk assessment, metals, organics)
- ◆ Several technical teams are dedicated to problems of particular concern to DOE



# Benefits to DoD

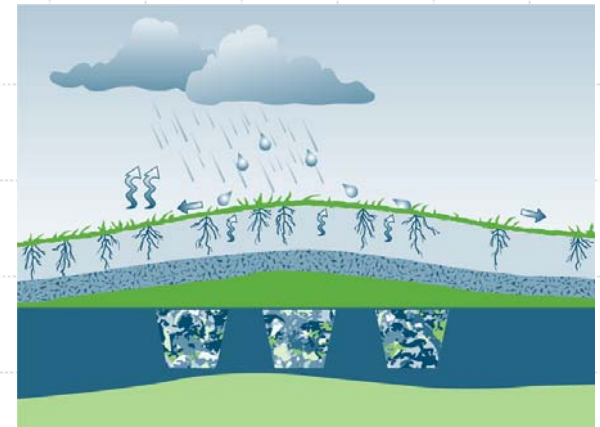
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- Facilitates interactions between DoD managers and state regulators
- Increases consistency of regulatory requirements for similar sites in different states
- Reduces uncertainties when preparing cleanup plans
- Addresses contaminants of concern to DoD (heavy metals, VOCs, PAHs, organic pesticides, solvents, etc.)
- Several technical teams are dedicated to problems of concern to DoD
- MOU established review process for ITRC products of interest to DoD



# Alternative Landfill Technologies

Goals: Identify barriers to the deployment and beneficial use of alternative landfill cover technologies and reduce their construction, operation, and maintenance costs



Products:

- ◆ Technology overview document with case studies
- ◆ Technical/regulatory guidance on methods to design, construct, and monitor landfills using alternative landfill covers
- ◆ Classroom and Internet-based training courses

Currently developing guidance on bioreactors and post-closure care



# Brownfields

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Goal: A coordinated approach to addressing the issues surrounding the cleanup and reuse of contaminated sites

Product: *Vapor Intrusion Issues at Brownfield Sites*



Currently researching and writing a resource document that will incorporate successful brownfield strategies and incentives into BRAC 2005



# Diffusion Sampler Technology

Goal: Advance this inexpensive and simple way to sample groundwater and groundwater discharges to surface water

Currently writing a technology overview



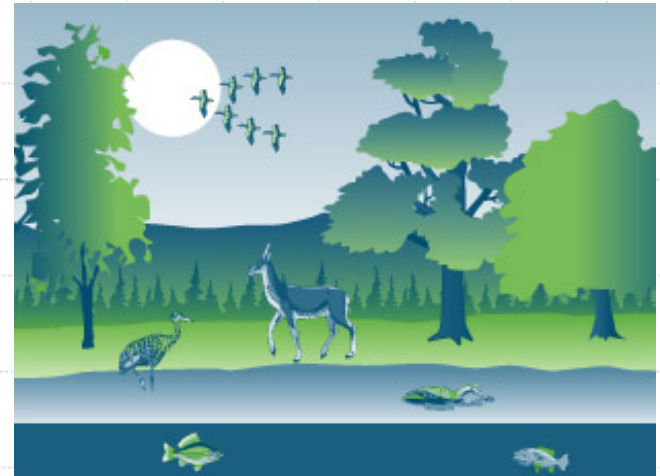
## Products:

- Collaborated with Navy, Air Force, and Army to develop *User's Guide for Polyethylene-Based Passive Diffusion Bag Samplers to Obtain Volatile Organic Compound Concentrations in Wells*
- *Technical and Regulatory Guidance for Using Polyethylene Diffusion Bag Samplers to Monitor Volatile Organic Compounds in Groundwater*
- Internet-based training
- Diffusion Sampler Information Center Web site
- Resource CD of relevant articles and presentations

# Ecological Land Reuse

Goal: Substantiate and publicize the environmental and economic benefits of incorporating ecological enhancements into remedial decision making at brownfield, hazardous waste, and other impaired sites

Product: *Making the Case for Ecological Enhancements*  
*Making the Case for Ecological Enhancements*, a white paper with the Wildlife Habitat Council and case studies



Currently developing a guidance document

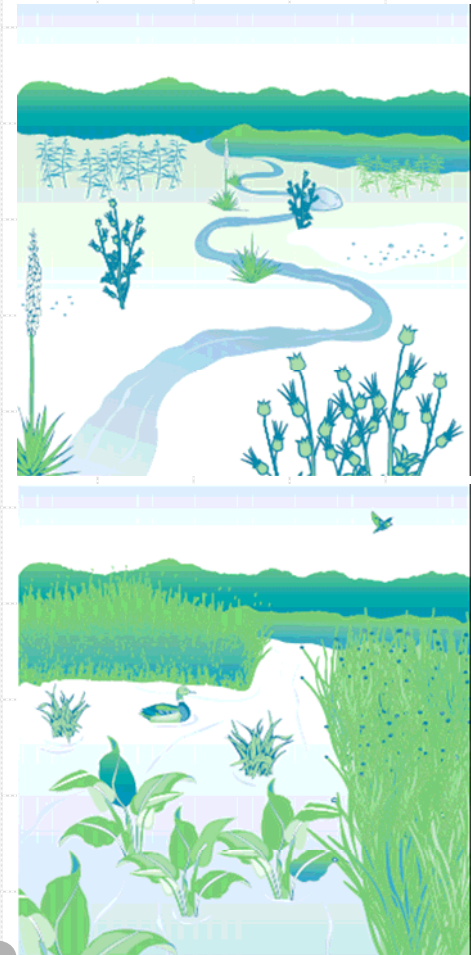


# Mitigation Wetlands

Goal: Promote the long-term sustainability of mitigation wetlands

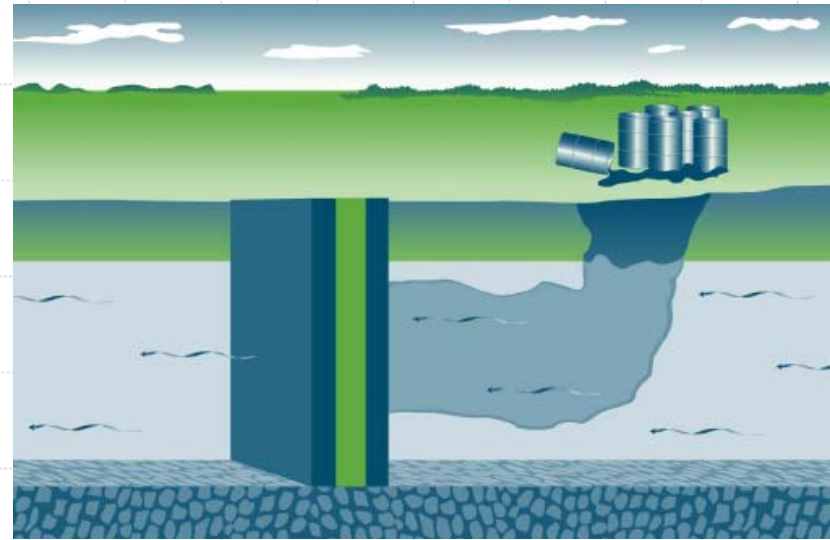
Products

- ◆ *Characterization, Design, Construction, and Monitoring of Mitigation Wetlands*, to standardize criteria for evaluating and documenting the performance of mitigation/restoration wetlands
- ◆ Internet-based training



# Permeable Reactive Barriers

Goal: Advance knowledge and understanding of this versatile in situ groundwater treatment technology



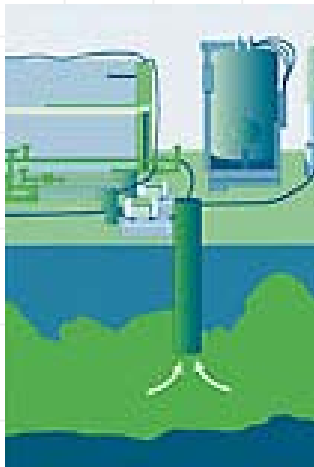
Products

Four guidance documents, the most recent entitled *Lessons Learned/New Directions* (2005)

Internet-based training

# Remediation Process Optimization

Goal: Evaluate and communicate the benefits of Remediation Process Optimization techniques and the related concept of Performance Based Management by ensuring protectiveness while maximizing efficiency.



Product: Technical Regulatory Guidance, *Remediation Process Optimization: Identifying Opportunities for Enhanced and More Efficient Site Remediation.*

Currently developing five Fact Sheets on RPO and PBM related topics and related internet training.



# Radionuclides

Goal: Promote consistency in developing cleanup goals as a first step in encouraging selection and deployment of appropriate technologies for the characterization and remediation of radionuclides at DOE sites

## Products

Three documents—a reference guide, case studies, and *Issues of Long-Term Stewardship: State Regulators' Perspectives* (2004)

Internet-based training

Currently developing document and training on real-time characterization



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