



UPLAND DISPOSAL AND BENEFICIAL REUSE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY – APRIL 16, 2002

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Marketing Plan for Contaminated Sediments Dredged in the Los Angeles Area

Geosyntec presented a “bullet list” version of the report on the evaluation of markets for contaminated sediments in the Los Angeles area. This document is included as an attachment. **Please review and submit comments, if you wish, to Laurent Luccioni at lluccioni@geosyntec.com. Comments are due by May 1st.**

There seem to be ample opportunities for re-use of contaminated sediments. Geosyntec has identified several users that could take large quantities. The major obstacle seems to be that the users would require “clean” sediments (i.e., sediments that have been approved by regulatory agencies for unrestricted use). In most cases, this would require some form of treatment of the contaminated sediments prior to release to the end users and some process (e.g., acceptance criteria) to ensure that the regulatory agencies have approved the material for re-use. It remains to be seen whether such re-use can be cost effective. Aggressive marketing efforts also will be needed to make re-use successful. It also seems likely that some type of interim storage site will be needed for contaminated sediments to ensure a reliable supply of material for end users. The subcommittee also recommended that Geosyntec interview several environmental/public interest groups to assess perception issues related to re-use of contaminated sediments. Geosyntec will prepare a brief fact sheet to be used for these interviews.

Data Gaps Studies

The Management Committee requested that each Subcommittee report at the April 23rd meeting on the status of their special studies to fill data gaps (are studies underway to spend the funds allocated for the tasks identified in the data gaps report, are there any

other studies that the subcommittee plans to conduct, is there any money left over from the original allocation or will the subcommittee need additional funds). Various suggestions have been made to conduct additional testing (e.g., leachate testing) to assess suitability of contaminated sediment re-use products (testing to assure regulators that the material is safe for unrestricted use or testing to show that the material meets the needs of the end users). The subcommittee members also are interested in developing a web site to facilitate the marketing of re-use products.

Next Meeting: If significant comments are received on the “bullet-format” report, the subcommittee will meet in mid-May to discuss them. If not, the subcommittee will meet in late May to discuss the Geosyntec draft report.