



The Importance of Data Quality in Contaminated Land Work

Thursday 27th April 2006

Flett Theatre,
Natural History Museum,
London

0945 – 1025	Registration and Coffee
1025 – 1030	Welcome and Introduction <i>Mr Jeremy Randall, RAW Consulting</i>
1030 – 1100	An Introduction to Data Quality: What is it? When is it Important? <i>Dr Martyn Dunk, Remediation Manager, Exxon Mobil</i>
1100 – 1130	Sources of Uncertainty and How to Manage Them <i>Professor Mike Ramsey, University of Sussex</i>
1130 – 1200	Managing Analytical Errors in the Lab – MCerts and Data Quality <i>Professor Clive Thompson, ALcontrol Laboratories</i>
1200 – 1230	Improving Data Quality Within the UK Regulatory Framework <i>Bob Barnes, Environment Agency of England and Wales</i>
1230 – 1400	Lunch
1400 – 1500	A US Perspective: Using the Triad Approach to Improve Decision Quality <i>Dr Dan Powell, US Environmental Protection Agency</i>
1500 – 1530	Experiences of Improving Data Quality in the UK <i>Chris Sandground, IKM Consulting</i>
1530 – 1545	Introduction to FASA (Field Analytical Suppliers Association) <i>Perry Guess, IPM – NET</i>
1545 – 1615	Discussion and Close



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Biographical Note

Professor Mike Ramsey

Mike Ramsey is Professor of Environmental Science and Director of the Centre for Environmental Research at University of Sussex. After degrees in Chemistry & Geology, and Analytical Geochemistry, he worked for 3 years in the Mining Industry in Zambia, and then 20 years in various research and teaching posts at Imperial College London. He has published over 100 scientific papers, mainly on aspects of uncertainty in sampling and in measurement, and the effects of this uncertainty on decision making. Current research projects include investigation of uncertainty from sampling of contaminated land (DTI/CLAIRE funded) and contaminated food (FSA funded). He is currently Chair of both the Eurachem/Eurolab/Citac/Nordtest Working Group on Uncertainty from Sampling, and the RSC/AMC (Royal Society of Chemistry/ Analytical Methods Committee) Sub-committee on Sampling Uncertainty and Quality.

Sources of Uncertainty and how to manage them

Prof Michael H Ramsey

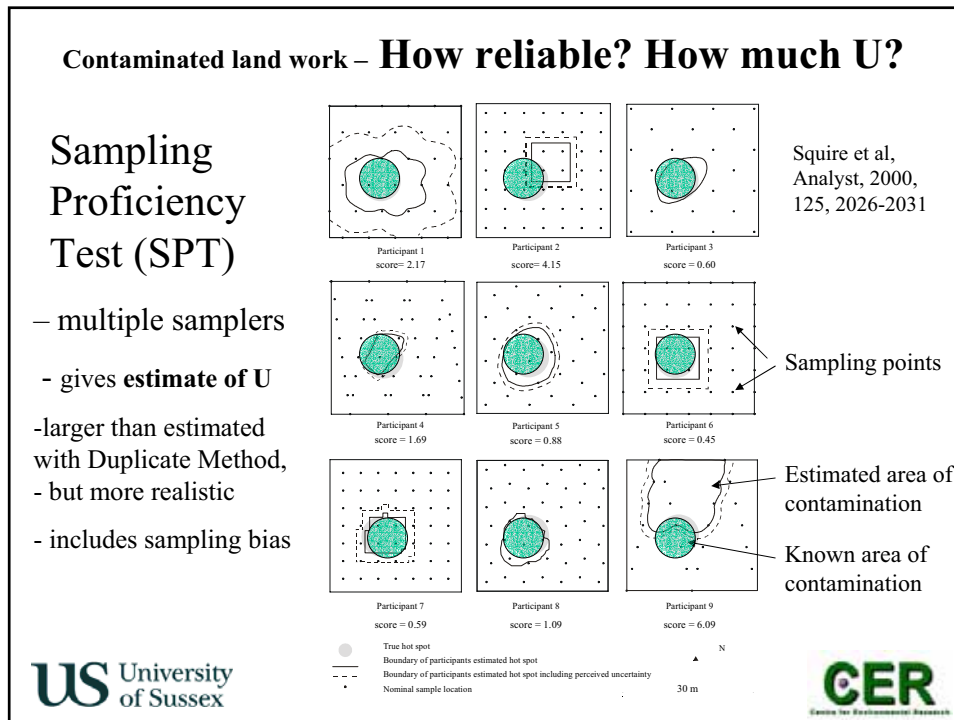
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Overview

- Contaminated land work – how reliable? how much U?
- What is Uncertainty ? – relationship to data quality
- How to estimate U – and its sources + *Case Studies*
- What are benefits of knowing U?
 - Using U info in interpretation – *not just for data accept/reject*
 - e.g. making on-site/ *in-situ* measurements acceptable + *Case Study*
- Managing U – e.g. how to reduce U – *if required*
- Cost of estimating U *versus* cost of ignoring U = ***Savings***
- Conclusions





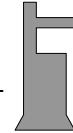
Assessing the reliability of site investigations – *using uncertainty*

- How can we assess reliability of measurements?
 - Never get ‘true values’ of concentration
- Know the range within which the true value lies?
 - = the **Uncertainty** (U of measurement)
- U is key parameter of data quality (*includes most others*)
 - includes random and systematic effects. U ≠ precision
 - *Not the uncertainty between sampling locations – used in CLR7*
- Doesn’t assume measurements or sampling are correct
 - *Gives user info on quality (not left in the lab!)*

Assessing the reliability of site investigations – *using uncertainty*

- Measurement begins at the time of sampling (not just in lab)
 - Becomes evident with the use of *in situ* measurements
 - so Uncertainty arises from Sampling and Analysis

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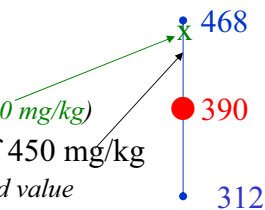


$$U_{meas} = \sqrt{U_{samp}^2 + U_{anal}^2}$$

- Reliability of investigation not guaranteed purely by use of high quality lab (e.g. MCERTS)
 - Most uncertainty often in the sampling – usually unknown
 - Not the uncertainty quoted by the lab = U_{anal}

Uncertainty of measurement (U)

- The range that contains the true value
 - e.g. $U = 20\%$ on measurement of 390 mg/kg Pb
 - Range of $U = 390 + 20\% = 468 \text{ mg/kg}$
 - to $390 - 20\% = 312 \text{ mg/kg}$
- We can never know the true value (could be 460 mg/kg)
- Effect on comparison with threshold value of 450 mg/kg
 - i.e. Measured value 390 mg/kg is below the threshold value
 - True value 460 mg/kg is above the threshold value
 - Measured value gives 'false negative' classification
- All we need to know is how far from the truth we might be
 - e.g. with 19/20 chance if being right = 95% confidence
- How can we estimate uncertainty of measurements – including that from sampling?



Options for Estimating U

- Two broad approaches:- Empirical and Modelling,
- To be described in new Eurachem/Eurolab/Citac/Nordtest Guide,
- here discuss just...

• 4 Empirical methods

- based on replication of measurements, either within or between organisations = 'top down'

Method #, name	Samplers	Protocols
1. Duplicate	1	1
2. Multiple Protocols	1	Multiple
3. CTS*	Multiple	1
4. SPT**	Multiple	Multiple

←Discussed here

←Quick mention

*CTS = Collaborative Trial in Sampling = same protocol

**SPT = Sampling Proficiency Test = different protocols

Components of uncertainty - SAMPLING + analytical

Error/Effect Type→	Random (Precision)		Systematic (Bias)	
Process ↓	Symbol	Estimate using:-	Symbol	Estimate using:-
Analysis	P_{anal}	e.g. duplicate analyses	B_{anal}	e.g. reference materials CRM
Sampling	P_{samp}	duplicate samples	B_{samp}	?? RST, IOST

RST = Reference Sampling Target

IOST = Inter-organisational sampling trial

- Precision and Bias of methods (info often available in labs AQC)

- used to estimate

- Uncertainty of measurements

Components estimated by 4 Methods

#	Method	Samplers	Protocols	Components estimated			
				Panal	Banal	Psamp	Bsamp
1	Duplicates + CRMs	1	1	Y	Y	Y	No
2	protocols + CRMs	1	multiple	Y	Y	between protocols	
3	CTS* + CRMs	multiple	1	Y	Y	between samplers	
4	SPT** (+CRMs optional)	multiple	multiple	Y	Y	between protocols + between samplers	

Limitation of
Duplicate Method

Estimation of uncertainty in a routine site investigation - Case Study #1

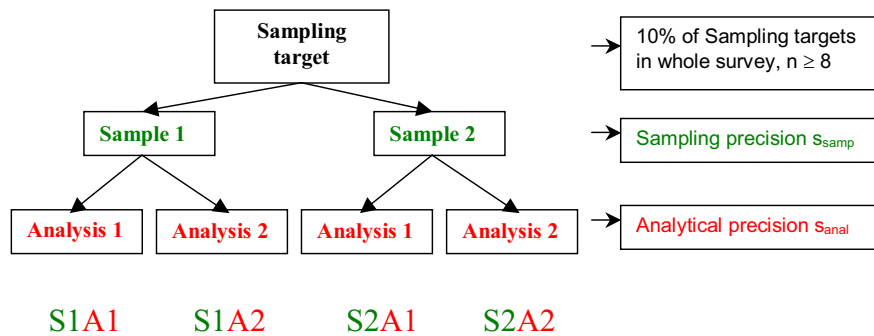
- Site with mine waste (Sn/Cu in Cornwall)
- Routine Site Investigation + U estimation
- Proposed new use – housing with gardens
- Dominant contaminant – Arsenic
- Sampling method – 16 trial pits, one per garden
 - one sample at 0.5m depth, another at 1.5m
 - designed by SI company – not ideal



- Uncertainty estimated - using Duplicate Method
 - 8 duplicated samples – in balanced design

Balanced Sampling Design

used in the Duplicate Method



Video of duplicate sampling



Duplicate Results at Mine Site

Locations	Arsenic concentration mg/kg			
	S1A1	S1A2	S2A1	S2A2
1	144	144	153	153
2	459	477	412	457
3	343	419	314	342
4	325	315	124	134
5	654	723	125	139
6	704	676	675	778
7	20428	19908	837	878
8	257	288	137	138

Provisional site-specific threshold value – 500 mg/kg

-which sites are reliably under this value ? (#5?)

- use these values to estimate U, using robust ANOVA

Sources of uncertainty - Mine Waste Site

- Uncertainty: Sampling 130 mg/kg, Analysis 32 mg/kg
- Measurement uncertainty = **134** mg/kg
- = **65% of concentration value** (at 95% confidence)
- Proportion of U caused by **sampling**

$$= 100 * s_{\text{samp}}^2 / s_{\text{meas}}^2 = 100 * 130^2 / 134^2 = 94.4\% - \text{dominant source}$$
- Proportion of U caused by **analysis**

$$= 100 * s_{\text{anal}}^2 / s_{\text{meas}}^2 = 100 * 32^2 / 134^2 = 5.6\%$$

same as 100% – 94.4%

Using uncertainty in interpretation-

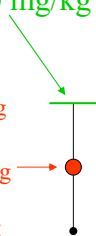
Mine Waste Site

- Only locations under 303 mg/kg are reliably under **threshold of 500 mg/kg**

$$303 + 65\%U = 500 \text{ mg/kg}$$

$$\text{Measured As} = 303 \text{ mg/kg} \rightarrow$$

$$303 - 65\%U = 106 \text{ mg/kg}$$



- only two locations #1 & #8 are uncontaminated (S1A1 = 144 & 257 mg/kg resp.)
- *More details in CL:AIRE Technical Bulletin #7*
- How much U is acceptable – to make measurements fit-for-purpose (FFP)?
 - use OCLI method (Optimised Contaminated Land Investigation)

Judging Fitness-For-Purpose (FFP)

using OCLI method.

- Estimates the Fitness-for-purpose (FFP) of measurements overall,
 - this then sub-divided to estimate FFP of analytical and sampling separately.
- Considers the cost of measurement,
 - and the potential cost of misclassification (end-use).
- Details in Ramsey M.H., Taylor P. D. and Lee J.C. (2002) J. Environmental Monitoring, 4, 5, 809 - 814.

The OCLI equation

$$E(L) = C [1 - \Phi(\epsilon_1 / s_{\text{meas}})] + D/s_{\text{meas}}^2$$

Where:

$E(L)$ – expectation of financial loss

s_{meas} – measurement uncertainty

C – consequence costs (e.g. potential losses resulting from misclassification)

Φ – standard normal cumulative distribution function

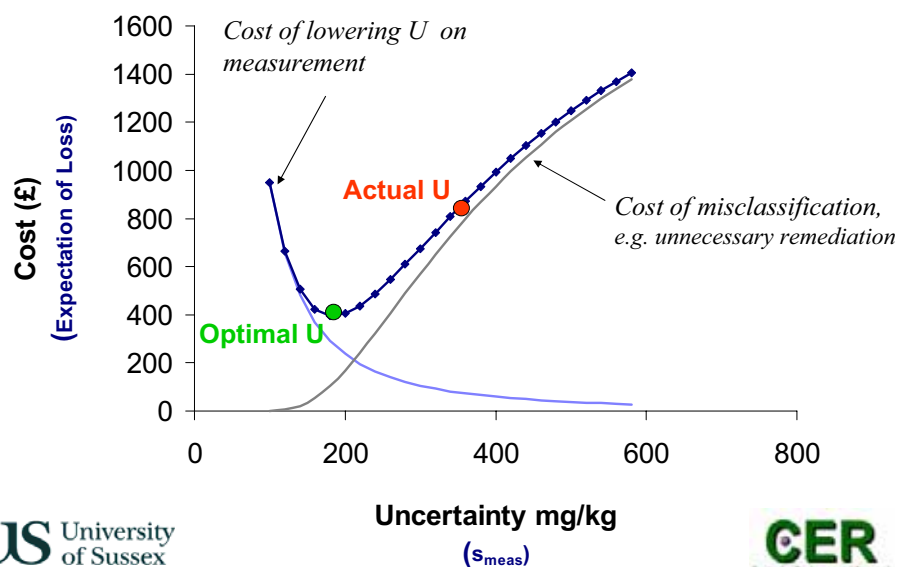
ϵ_1 – error limit = $|T - c|$

(T = threshold value, c = contaminant concentration)

D – combined optimal cost for sampling and analysis.

(equation adapted from Thompson and Fearn, 1996).

Acceptable level of Uncertainty?



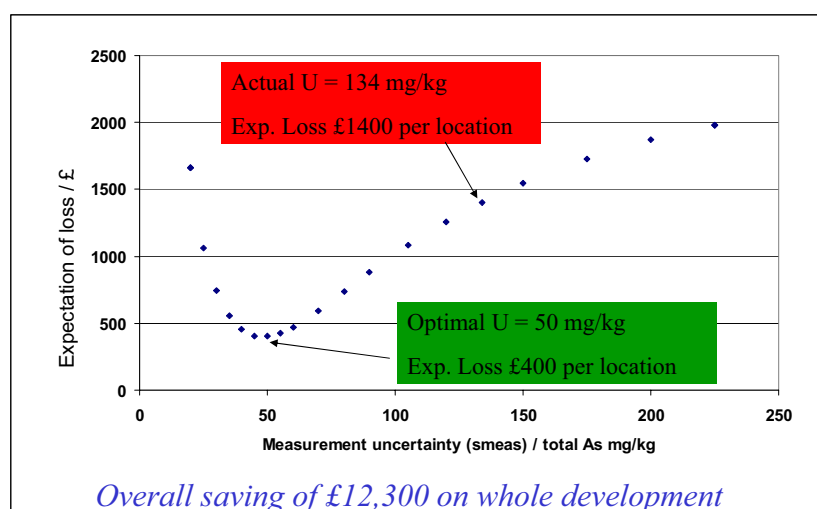
OCLI at Cornish Mine Site – for housing development

Remediation Scenario 1: barrier and 1m topsoil cover.

OCLI Input parameters:-

- $c = 500 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$ total As. (*for false positive classification – true value really < 400*)
- $T = 400 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$ total As (site-specific RA).
- $L_{\text{sample}} = £30$ per sample.
- $L_{\text{analysis}} = £10$ per sample.
- $C = £6,000$ per sample location.
- $s_{\text{meas}} = 130 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$ at 0.5 m

Actual v Optimal U – at Cornish Mine Site



Reducing Uncertainty

- Measurement strategy is sub-optimal (from OCLI)

Actual U (s_{meas}) = 134 mg/kg As

Optimal U = 50 mg/kg As

- to reduce loss from £1400 to £400 = £1000, = £12K on whole site

How can this be achieved?

- uncertainty dominated by sampling = 94% of measurement uncertainty

- Use Sampling Theory to predict mass required to reduce U

$$m \propto 1/s_{\text{samp}}^2$$

Therefore 4-fold sample composite at each location

Should reduce U by a factor of $\sqrt{4} = 2$

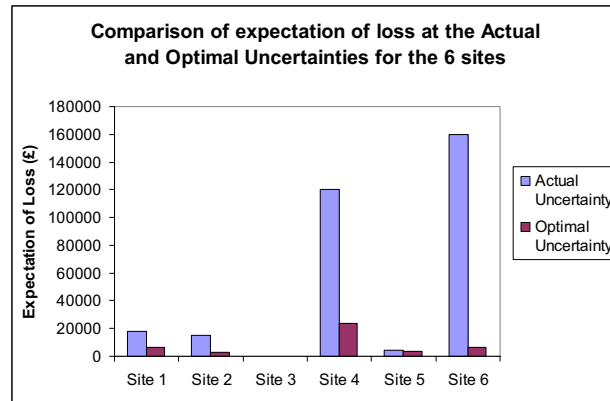
Predicted $s_{\text{samp}} = 130 / 2 = 65 \text{ mg/kg As}$ (gives $s_{\text{meas}} = 72 \text{ mg/kg}$)

Using OCLI: 72 mg/kg As E(L) = £555 – *close enough to optimum?*

6 Case Studies at contrasting sites

Site#	Source of Pollution	End use	Prime contaminant	Sampling method	U%	Prop Samp	Prop Anal
1	Mine Sn/Cu (0.5m)	Housing	Arsenic	Trial Pit	65	94	6
2	Gasworks waste	Public access	Lead	Trial Pit	51	93	7
3	Infill after WWII Bombing	Private gardens	Lead	Window	25	99.9	0.1
4	Gasworks	Commercial Dev.	Total PAH	Trial Pit	186	<1	>99
5	Railway sidings	Public access	Copper	Trial Pit	158	Not separated to save cost	
6	Ex-firing range	Housing	Lead	Hand auger	75	72	28

Loss at **Actual** v **Optimal** U – for 6 Case Studies



Saving of £150K
across Site 6

Case Study #2 + *In situ* measurement

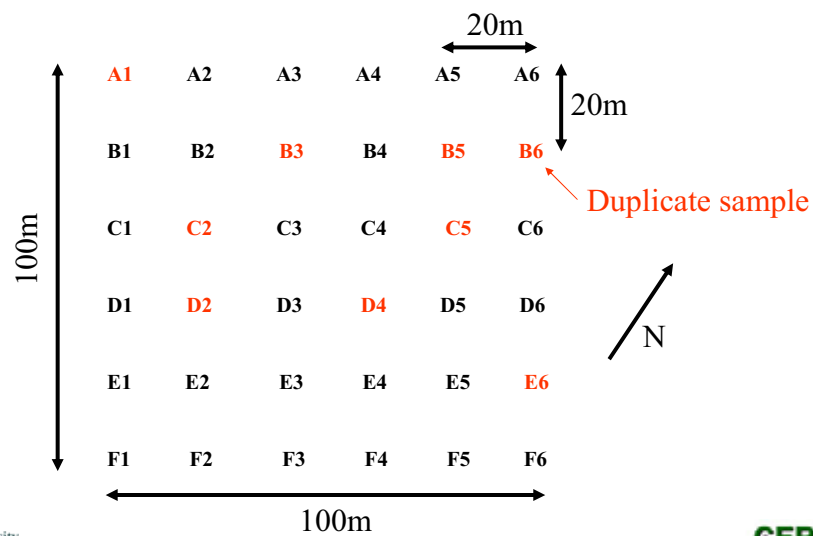
- Nature reserve -West London
- Ex-Firing range.
- Measurements of Pb concentration in topsoil.
- 100x100m site.
- 2000 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ Pb Threshold (ICRCL open space - current in 2002).



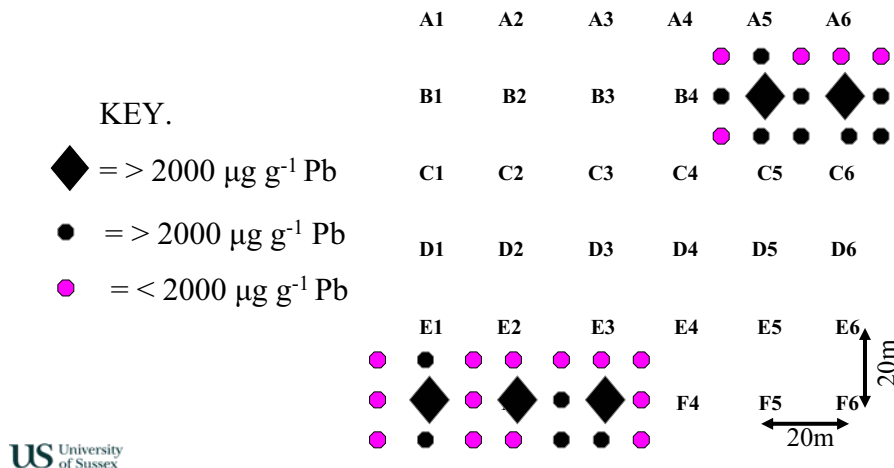
In-situ P-XRF measurements.



Sampling design for survey.



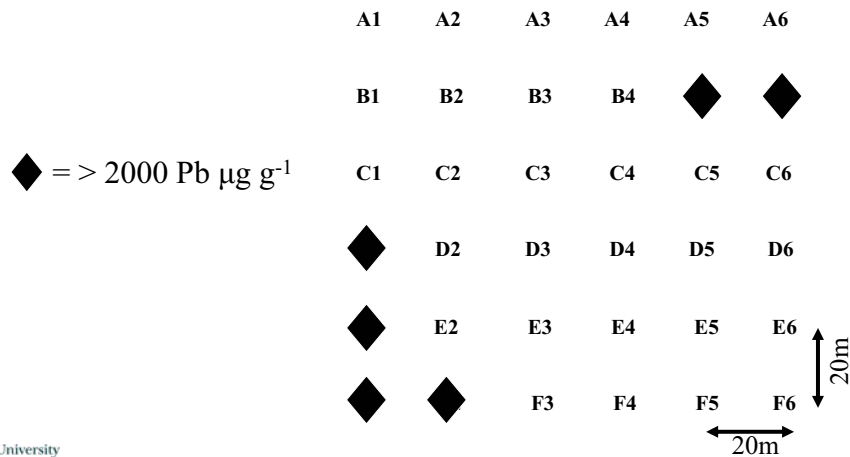
Results for *in-situ* investigation.



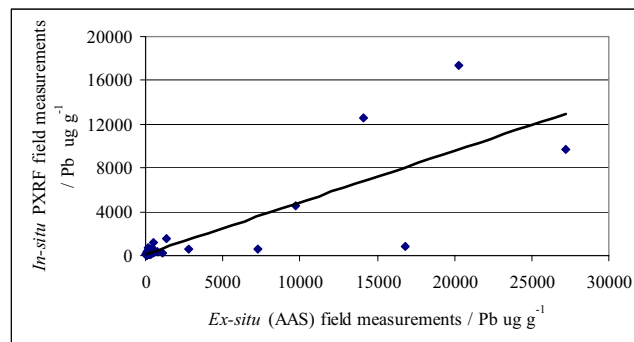
Removal of topsoil samples for *ex-situ* analysis.



Results for *ex-situ* investigation.



‘Bias’ between *in situ* and *ex situ*

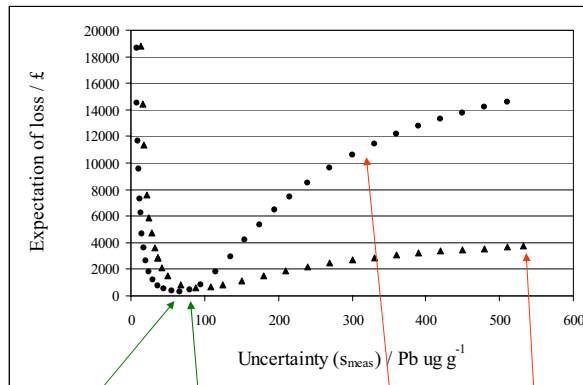


$$\text{In situ Pb} = 0.47(\pm 0.05) \times \text{Ex situ Pb} \quad \text{Bias} = -53\% (\pm 5)$$

-caused by soil moisture and roughness (and depth difference)

-Did not affect spatial pattern of Pb = relative

Which is more cost effective?



Ex situ optimal
uncertainty

68 ug g⁻¹

In situ optimal
uncertainty

88 ug g⁻¹

Ex situ actual
uncertainty

311 ug g⁻¹

£11,000

In situ actual
uncertainty

533 ug g⁻¹

£3,700

Conclusions & Benefits

- Uncertainty is inevitable in site investigation
- Simple method available to measure this uncertainty
 - Shown to be applicable to wide range of sites/contaminants
 - Commercial labs may offer a package to facilitate use
 - Show size of U for first time – e.g 25-186%
 - *And that this arises mainly from the sampling*
 - Applicable to waters, gases, wastes and rock, not just soils
- Once U is known, more reliable decisions can be made on how to develop the site
- Estimating U cost money initially, but often saves money overall
 - e.g. £12,300 at Mine-waste site
 - £150,000 at Site 6

Conclusions & Benefits (2)

- Knowing U allows:-
 - Decision on whether U optimal for minimum financial loss
 - Using OCLI
 - More reliable classification of sites (and waste)
 - Reduces overall costs
 - Less unnecessary remediation
 - Fewer delays from discovery of further contamination
 - Less chance of litigation from undetected contamination
 - Enables use of *in situ* measurements, low cost/ high U (*e.g. West London*)
 - from more rapid decisions – more cost-effective overall
 - Rational allocation of resources
 - To measurements overall
 - And to sampling versus chemical analysis
 - More money on sampling, less on analysis = cheaper investigation
 - Know quality of sampling – *not just assumed correct*

Conclusions (3)

- Role for U estimation in routine site investigation
- Need for clearer guidance from regulators on:-
 - Whether reporting of U will be accepted/helpful
 - Whether there will be a move to requirement for certified samplers (as in Scandinavia)
- Need for development of rugged decision support tools

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 - Southern Testing (Dr Joe Kelly)
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Mine Waste Site – ANOVA output

CLASSICAL ANOVA RESULTS

Mean = 1626.875

Standard Deviation (Total) = 4959.0068

	Geochemical	Sampling	Analysis
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Sums of Squares	3.6183133E8	3.7326515E8	149251
Standard Deviation	1121.6108	4829.5352	96.582542
Percentage Variance	5.1155814	94.84649	0.037932186

ROBUST ANOVA RESULTS:

Mean = 409.93396

Standard Deviation (Total) = 278.76849

	Geochemical	Sampling	Analysis	Measurement
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Standard Deviation	244.60779	129.8943	31.723255	133.71199
Percentage Variance	76.99335	21.711652	1.2949952	23.006649
Relative Uncertainty	-	63.373282	15.477252	65.235869
(% at 95% confidence)				

Biographical Note

Professor Clive Thompson

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Managing Analytical Errors in the Lab: - MCERTS and Data Quality

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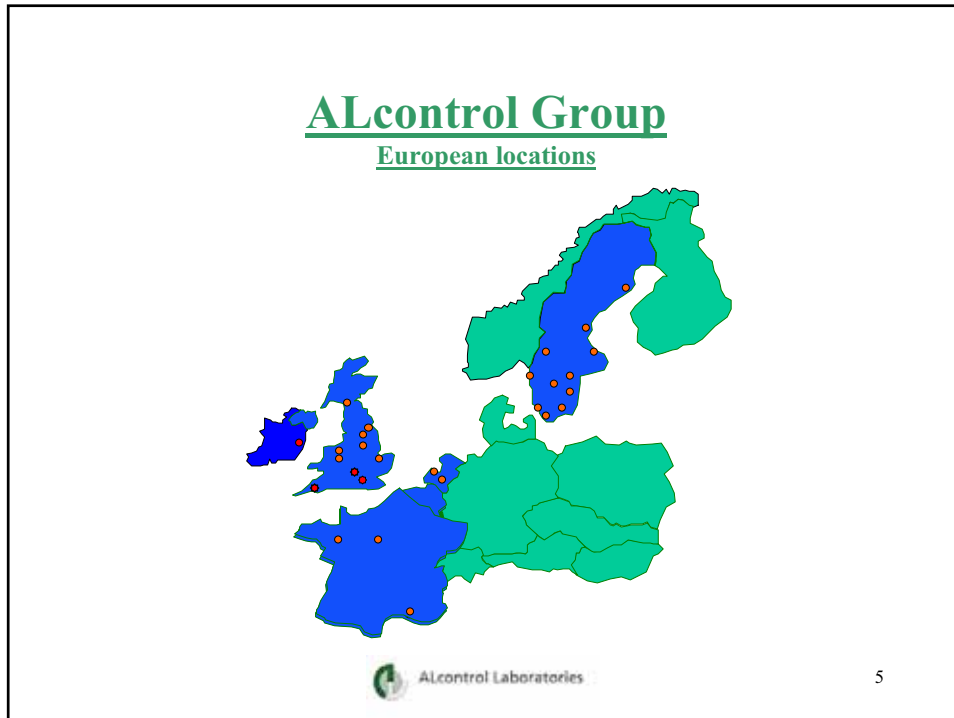
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Managing Analytical Errors in the Lab: - MCERTS and Data Quality

- 1) Introduction and Background**
- 2) Sampling Issues**
- 3) MCERTS**
- 4) Perceived Problems with MCERTS**
- 5) Conclusions**

1) Introduction and Background





Key Criteria for Analysis:-

All samples and results should be fit for the intended purpose

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Prior to MCERTS (1)

- **Concerns were voiced about quality of contaminated land analysis**
- **EAGLE group set up by 12 major commercial laboratories in mid-1996**
- **Discussion points: - Legislation; UKAS; Contest PT scheme performance; harmonisation of methods; comparability of laboratory data; work to overcome lack of reference materials; liaison with regulators**
- **Well-proven regulatory drinking water analysis system that gave fit for purpose results in place already.**



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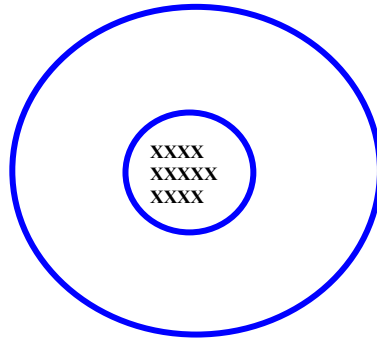
Prior to MCERTS (2)

- **ISO 17025 alone was not adequate to ensure fit for purpose results**
- **The Environment Agency were approached by EAGLE and MCERTS evolved on the lines of the successful DWI system.**
- **MCERTS has effectively evolved by consensus and continues to evolve. Version 3 due out very shortly.**



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GOOD PRECISION, NEGLIGIBLE BIAS

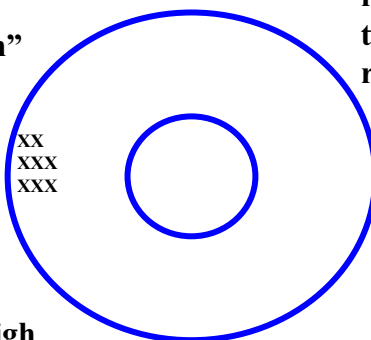


True result	Actual results
10	9.8
	10.2
	9.9
	10.1
	10.0

Desired Analysis Results

GOOD PRECISION, SIGNIFICANT BIAS

“Precise Rubbish”

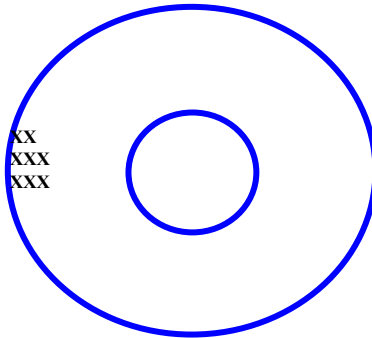


“The repeat analysis result is the same therefore it must be right!!!”

Do not equate high precision with accuracy

The more complex the sample matrix, the larger the likely bias

Effect of Method Bias

GOOD PRECISION, SIGNIFICANT BIAS

True result	Actual results		
10	3.8		
	4.2		
	3.9		
	4.1		
	4.0		

Effect of Method Bias

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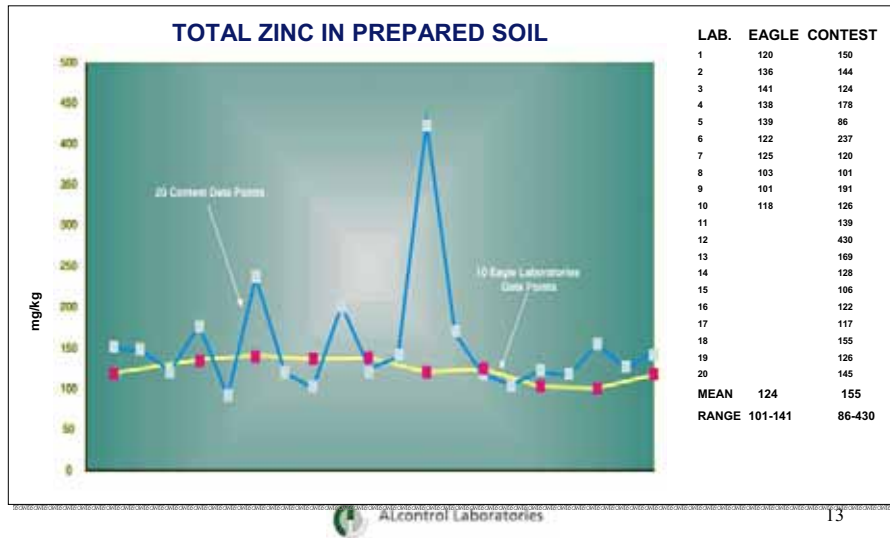
Matrix Variations

- For regulatory drinking water the matrix variation is just from: -
~ 99.8 – 100% water
- Contaminated soils have a huge matrix variation. (sandy; loamy; clayey; peaty; limestone; slag; iron-rich etc.)
- The problem is to develop robust methods which will work with **all** types of contaminated soil.

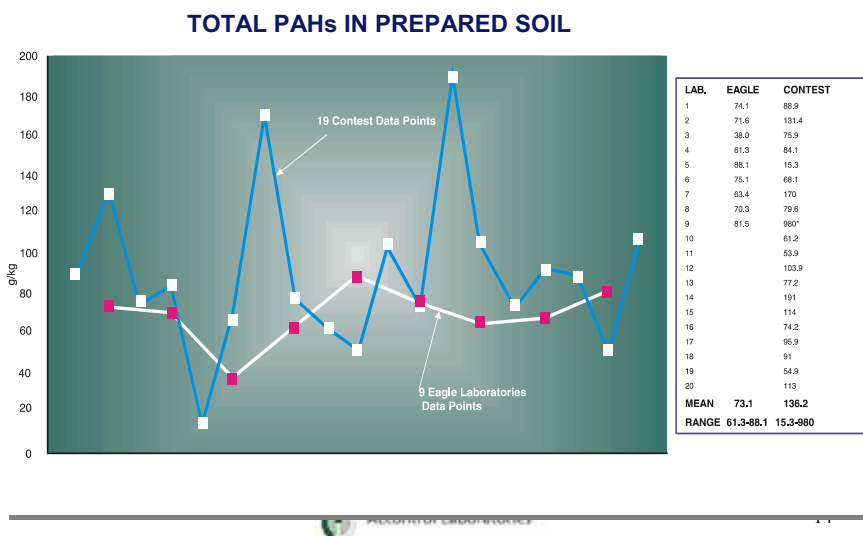


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Comparability of Data:- Contest v EAGLE Labs (1)



Comparability of Data:- Contest v EAGLE Labs (2)



Sampling Issues

(Not part of the MCERTS Standard)



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Sampling Considerations (1)

- Typical mass of samples used for a given analysis = 1 - 10g
- Fraction of site actually analysed = 10^{-6} - 10^{-7} %
(i.e. as little as one ten millionth of a percent or 1mg (half a pinhead!) for every tonne of relevant soil!!!)
- Hence importance of fit for purpose sampling



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Sampling Considerations (2)

- The sample preparation protocol is an integral part of the analysis result.
- This important criteria is often overlooked by users of the results
- If the analytical error is less than 33% of the total error, no point in improving it.



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MCERTS



Monitoring Certification Scheme (MCERTS 1)

As part of the development of MCERTS, the Agency has introduced a scheme for the chemical testing of contaminants in soil by establishing a register of qualifying laboratories.

Qualification is by third party accreditation to Agency performance requirements based on the European and international standard EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000. Full implementation commenced 1st March 2005

Monitoring Certification Scheme (MCERTS 2)

- **The MCERTS laboratory performance standard has been developed to provide an explanation and interpretation of the generally stated requirements of EN ISO/IEC 17025: 2000 for the chemical testing of contaminants in soils.**
- **There is an MCERTS Steering Committee with wide representation. The minutes are available to all commercial laboratories and feedback is encouraged**
- **MCERTS does not cover sampling or in-situ testing**

Monitoring Certification Scheme (MCERTS 3)

- **Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (implemented in 2000) and the Pollution Prevention and Control (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 require testing to establish the concentration of particular contaminants in soil.**
- **The Agency and Local Authority regulators will rely upon the data produced by laboratories to make key regulatory decisions. It becomes increasingly important, therefore, that the data produced are reliable, and uncertainties associated with their production are explicitly stated.**

EA Monitoring Certification Scheme (MCERTS 4)

- The MCERTS register of accredited laboratories is maintained by the Agency and UKAS. This information is available on the UKAS web-site.
- Accreditation is not generic.
- If a laboratory were to seek accreditation for one particular parameter, it would then not be able to analyse any other parameters under MCERTS.
- There is an MCERTS Steering Committee chaired by the EA with wide representation. The minutes are available to all commercial laboratories and feedback is encouraged.



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EA Monitoring Certification Scheme (MCERTS 5)

Benefits of MCERTS

- Establishing a level playing field based on the Agency's requirements, in the form of a MCERTS performance standard;
- Sending a clear message that the production of defensible data for the chemical testing of contaminants in soils is a crucial component of the Environment Agency's regulatory requirements;
- **Non-MCERTS site assessment data will be rejected;**
- Providing assurance to all stakeholders including contractors, regulators, laboratories and the public on the reliability of analytical data generated under MCERTS



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EA Monitoring Certification Scheme (MCERTS 6) Reporting requirements

- Relevant information to be reported includes:
- location of sample, including depth where necessary;
- unique sample code or reference;
- *nature of sample*
- name of laboratory, including sub-contracting laboratory where necessary; date/time sample taken;
- date sample analysis completed;
- parameter analysed, including whether sample preserved or stabilised on site;
- whether analysis carried out on air-dried or “as submitted” basis;
- result of analysis on dry-weight basis;
- other relevant comments, for example, visual characteristics of sample.



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EA Monitoring Certification Scheme MCERTS 7)

(Requirements of MCERTS

- **Methods not prescribed. Performance prescribed (In Europe there is a tendency to prescribe the use of CEN/ISO methods)**
- **Bias; precision and %recovery target**
- **Comprehensive method validation protocol**
- **QCs 5 - 20% of the total number of “solutions”**



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MCERTS Version 3

- **MCERTS Version 3 will be released in 2006 and will incorporate all briefing notes within the revised standard.**
- **The contents of the briefing notes are effectively part of the standard**
- **The standard will continue to evolve via the MCERTS Steering Board**



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Comparison of Contest Rounds 38 (Oct 2002) and 45 (Jan 2005) with MCERTS Performance Requirements

Parameter (Soil matrix unless stated otherwise)	MCERTS Total Allowable Error (%)	Contest Median Concn mg/kg	MCERTS Lowest acceptabl e concn (mg/kg)	MCERTS Highest acceptab le concn (mg/kg)	MCERTS % unsatis- factory results	
WS sulphate (1:2)	40	4079	2447	5711	15	Oct-02
WS sulphate (1:2)	40	3485	2091	4879	8.5	Jan-05
Water sol chloride	40	6086	3652	8520	28	Oct-02
Water sol chloride	40	263	158	368	6.7	Jan-05
TPH	60	2783	1113	4453	32	Oct-02
TPH Feb 2005	60	857	343	1371	31	Jan-05
Benzo-[a]-pyrene	60	12	4.8	19.2	24	Oct-02
Benzo-[a]-pyrene	60	14.6	5.8	23.6	3	Jan-05



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Selected Metals

Required MCERTS Performance Characteristics			
Parameter	Precision	Bias	
	(%)	(%)	
arsenic	7.5	15	
boron (water soluble)	7.5	10	
cadmium	7.5	10	
copper	7.5	10	
chromium	7.5	10	
lead	7.5	10	
mercury	7.5	10	
nickel	7.5	10	
organotin cmpds	15	30	
zinc	7.5	10	

Selected Inorganics

Required MCERTS Performance Characteristics			
Parameter	Precision	Bias	
	(%)	(%)	
easy-lib cyanide	15	30	
complex cyanide	15	30	
sulphide	15	30	
sulphate	10	20	
sulphur	10	20	
thiocyanate	15	30	

Selected Organics

Required MCERTS Performance Characteristics

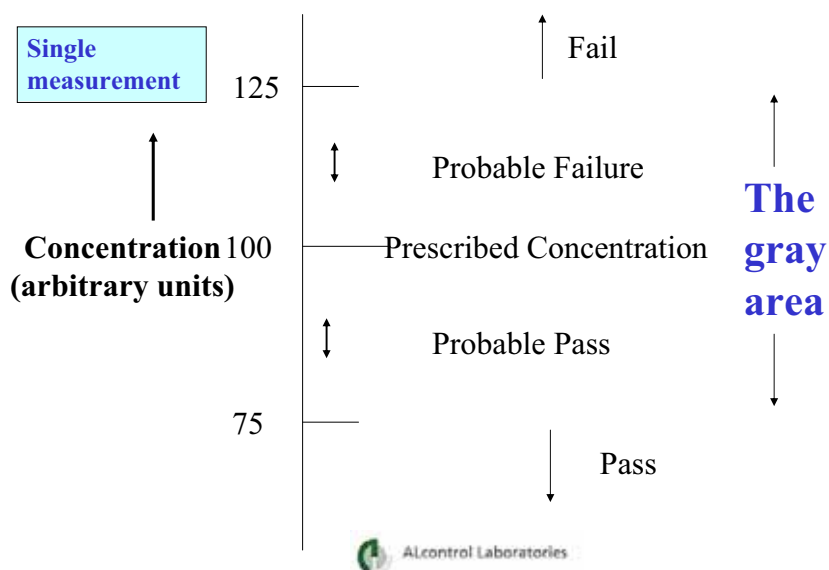
Parameter	Precision	Bias	
	(%)	(%)	
benzo[a]pyrene	15	30	
chlorobenzene	15	30	
dioxins	15	30	
dichloromethane	15	30	
hydrocarbons	15	30	
nitroaromatics	15	30	
pentachlorophenol	15	30	
phenols	15	30	
PAHs	15	30	
PCBs	15	30	



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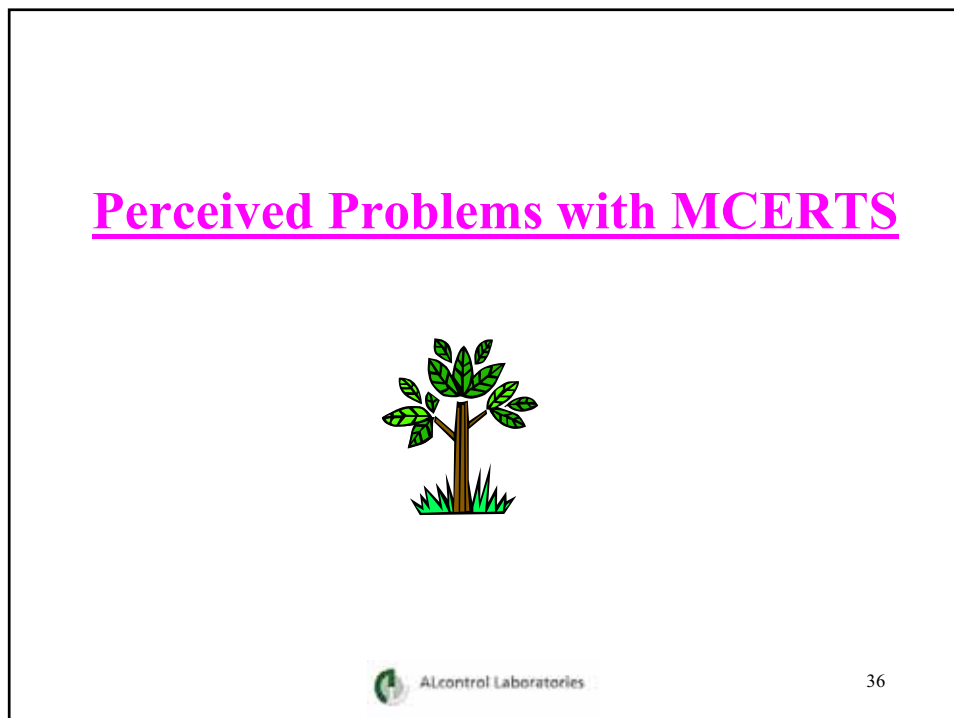
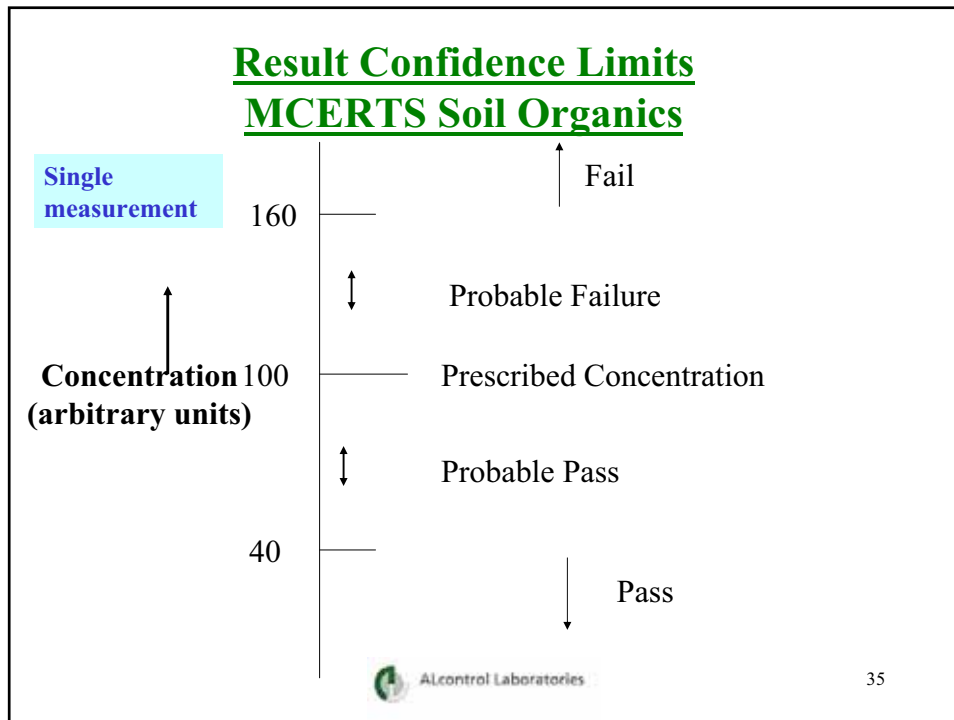
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Result Confidence Limits MCERTS Metals



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Perceived Problems: - Empirical Methods (1)

- **An empirical method is a method where the actual method protocol defines the result.**
- **Examples are leaching methods, water soluble sulphate, water soluble boron; soluble metals; bioavailability testing**
- **Empirical methods typically only detect 0.1 – 10% of the total amount of the analyte.**
- **Thus, unlike total methods, empirical method analyte extraction protocols should be prescribed.**



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Perceived Problems: - Empirical Methods (2)

- **Total analysis results should be independent of the method. In general slight method modifications should have little effect upon the results**
- **Empirical (e.g. leaching and bioavailability / bioaccessibility) analysis results are critically dependent on the analyte extraction protocol used. Even slight protocol modifications (speed of shaking) can have drastic effect upon the results obtained.**
- **Empirical methods are often used for risk assessment and the limited amount of proficiency test data indicates a significant number of these results are unfit for purpose.**



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Perceived Problems: - Empirical Methods (3) Some Examples

- All leaching tests*** including BS EN 12457; water soluble sulphate and chloride
- Bioaccessibility (bioavailability) tests
- Water soluble boron
- Total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH)
- Sulphide

*** **Once a leaching test has been performed any validated non-empirical final detection method can be used. (e.g. ICP-MS for metals).**



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Perceived Problems with MCERTS (1)

- Not prescriptive enough in some areas
- Lack of common soil reference materials
- Still not a level playing field wrt assessment
- Lack of prescribed methods for empirical parameters
- Lack of empirical parameter reference materials



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Perceived Problems with MCERTS (2)

With respect to metal CRMs: -

- **73 CRM samples submitted in method validation data to EA**
- **24 from CMI 7000 series**
- **17 LGC**
- **11 RTC-CRMs**
- **9 GBW**

Perceived Problems with MCERT (2) Relevant Reference Materials

- **The availability of characterised **relevant** contaminated soil reference materials is rather limited**
- **If a range of approved materials were developed and their use as QC materials **was prescribed in regulation across the UK (and EC)**, this would be a great step forward in improving quality of environmental analysis**
- **It would also help to ensure a level playing field if these results had to be electronically reported to regulators and **were closely audited by assessors****

Perceived Problems with MCERTS (3)

- **There is a general lack of understanding of the MCERTS standard by many consultants and Local Authorities**
- **This is likely to change once the EA reject the first site investigation with non-MCERTS accredited analysis results**
- **Also some Local Authorities are starting to require MCERTS accredited data**

Perceived Problems: - BS EN 12457 Part 3 (1)

- **BS EN 12457-3:2002 Part 3: Two stage batch test at a liquid to solid ratio of 2 l/kg and 8 l/kg for materials with a high solid content and with a particle size below 4 mm (without or with size reduction)**
- **Very complex leaching method specified in EA document Guidance on Sampling and Testing of Wastes to Meet Landfill Waste Acceptance Procedures Version 1 April 2005**

Perceived Problems: - BS EN 12457 Part 3 (2)

- **L/S10 values from the two step test (BS EN 12457 Part 3) are required for assessing compliance with waste acceptance criteria leaching limit values at L/S10 for: As, Ba, Cd, Cr, Cu, Hg, Ni, Mo, Pb, Sb, Se, Zn, Cl, F and SO₄, phenol index, TDS and DOC in mg kg⁻¹ dry residue**
- **This test is mandatory for assessing compliance with the waste acceptance criteria for inert, hazardous and stable, non-reactive hazardous landfill.**

Perceived Problems: - BS EN 12457 Part 3 (3)

- **First liquid-solid separation step**
Allow the suspended solids to settle for 15 min ± 5 min.

Filter the first eluate almost **completely over a 0,45 µm membrane filter using a vacuum or pressure filtration device (4.2.3). Rinsing of the filter with water or another solvent is not allowed after filtration.**
- **This is not readily achievable for most samples**

Perceived Problems: - BS EN 12457 Part 3 (4)

- When filtration as specified above is not possible in less than one hour with an eluate flow rate of at least 30 ml/cm²/hour, **a liquid-solid separation procedure, specific for the considered case, shall be applied and reported in details in the test report.** A recommended procedure is given in annex E. The specific procedure shall not include the use of additives.
- NOTE It is always recommended to try first to filtrate and then to centrifugate.
- NOTE **Such specific liquid-solid separation procedure can include settling, pre-filtration on coarser filter, centrifugation, filtration on large size membrane filter, filtration at high pressure, filtration at increasing high pressure following a first period without pressure, etc. (This should not be part of a standard)**



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Perceived Problems: - BS EN 12457 Part 3 (5)

- There may be technical reasons for using the one-step tests (parts 1 and 2) instead of the two-step test, e.g. where the samples are not suitable for serial leaching (see Appendix C4.1).
- Technical reasons precluding use of BS EN 12457-3:2002:-
Serial batch tests not feasible: - some sludges and organic or clay-rich samples generate eluates which are unsuitable for multiple-step tests due to blinding of the filters during separation of the sample during the first leaching step. If centrifugation is also unsuccessful, and L/S2 leaching is technically possible single-step leaching at both L/S2 (BS EN 12457-1) and L/S10 (BS EN 12457-2) may be undertaken.



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Perceived Problems: - BS EN 12457 Part 3 (6)

- Solids separation steps and transfer of solids for second extraction
- Lack of reference materials
- Poor CEN validation performance data for this method. Typically 100% “Reproducibility limit”.
- Lack of proficiency testing
- The (highly variable) results are often used to make decisions with very high financial implications.
- Trying to set up a workshop with the EA



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Performance Data

Contest Round 38 Max/Min Results

Parameter	Median (mg/kg)	Min (mg/kg)	Max (mg/kg)
Cu	98	66	155
B(WS) E	3.8	0.2	10.9
Pb	121	96	219
SO₄(WS)1:5 E	8316	1664	11678
TPH E	2783	18	7410

E = Empirical Method



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Comparison of Contest Round 45 (Jan 2005) against the MCERTS Performance Requirements

Parameter	No. labs	No. failures	% failures	Concn (mg/kg)
Phenanthrene*	31	1	3.2%	30.8
TPH**	26	8	30.8%	857
WS Boron***	28	21	75.0%	3.2
Sulphide****	21	9	42.9%	33.3
Total Sulfate	24	4	16.7%	10965
* Acceptable results range 12.3 to 49.3 mg/kg				
* *Acceptable results range 343 to 1371 mg/kg				
* **Acceptable results range 2.8 to 3.5 mg/kg				
* ***Acceptable results range 13 to 53 mg/kg				

**Tuesday 10th October 2006 at BSi, London,
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**Benefits of MCERTS for Chemical Testing of
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The aim of this seminar is to fully update UK and overseas delegates on the background to MCERTS and most importantly allow an open and frank discussion of the full implications of MCERTS on contaminated land analysis with the Environment Agency.

Conclusions



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Conclusions

- 1. MCERTS is a great step forward**
- 2. Liaison between the EA and labs in developing MCERTS has proved invaluable**
- 3. Consider the same specified reference materials for all MCERTS labs**
- 4. Need to address the empirical method issue**
- 5. Need to address the BS EN 12457-3 :2002 issue. (Workshop proposed with EA)**



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The End!!!




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This presentation

- Confidence
- CLR11
- Data Quality
- Regulatory Framework
- On Site Testing
- Conclusions

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Quality

- Quality = Performance to Requirements
- **So what are your requirements?**
- Only know through a structured Risk Management Framework
- Depends upon where you are in the Framework



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What is CLR11?

The technical risk management framework for dealing with land contamination in the UK;

- Part 1 - Details the process for risk assessment, options appraisal and implementation of remediation;
- Part 2 - Technical information to support the process;
- Part 3- Sources of further information and guidance.



Quality Data

- To perform to requirements, data must have:
 - Relevance,
 - Sufficiency,
 - Reliability, and
 - Transparency



MCerts Standard

- Application of BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000
- Key Requirements:
 - Contract Review
 - Bias and Precision Targets
 - Quality Control
 - Validation
 - Uncertainty of Measurement



MCerts Policy

- Applies to all Labs and procurers of analytical services where results are submitted for regulatory purposes
- Agency will only accept data from MCerts accredited methods / laboratories



Measurement Uncertainty

- Comprises analytical uncertainty (AU) and sampling uncertainty (SU)
- $SU \gg AU$
- More samples = reduced uncertainty
- More samples = more cost
- Better quality data = lower overall project cost or at least a more defensible decision



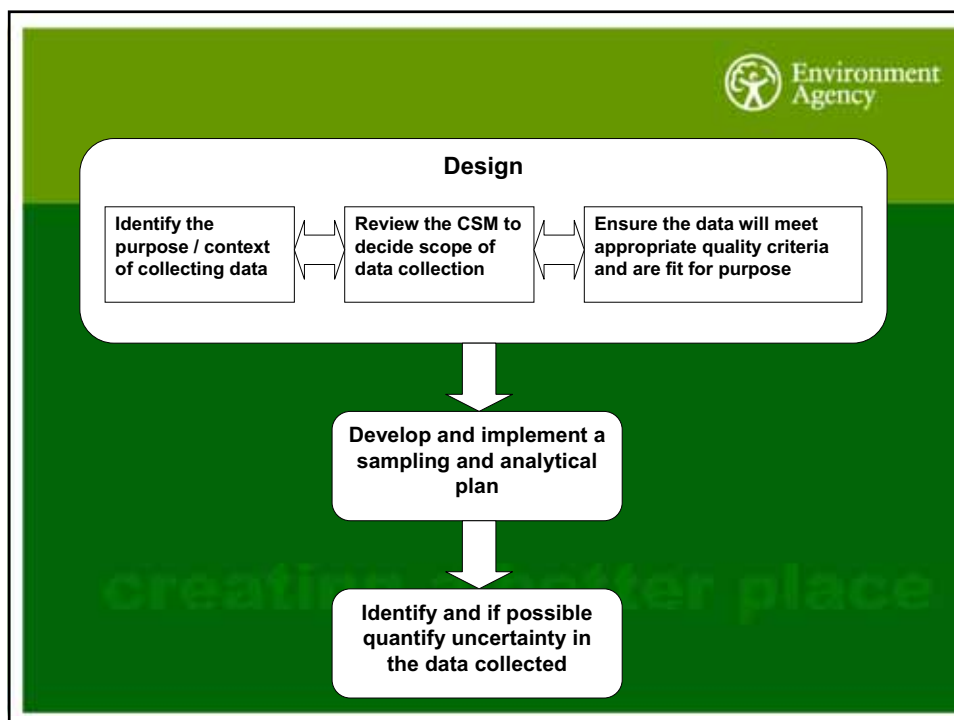
On Site Testing


- Potentially has a place during all phases of the risk management process
- Used in conjunction with laboratory analysis when regulatory decisions are required
- Can improve data quality by providing other lines of evidence
- Used in site screening can greatly improve the quality of sampling and analysis



Incorporating the results of on-site testing into risk management

- ❑ Methods limitations need to be fully understood - LOD, interferences: moisture content, organic material, clay content, pH etc
- ❑ Do you understand what the results mean and how to interpret them?
- ❑ Do you understand what they don't mean?
- ❑ Will a third party (especially the regulator)?
- ❑ Standard Operating Procedures and QA/QC to increase confidence in the results...






Identify the Context / Purpose of Collecting Data

- *Why am I collecting the data?*
- *What questions am I trying to answer?*

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Review the CSM to Decide the Scope of Data Collection

- Consider practical and other constraints and the costs and benefits for collecting data in terms of:
 - Practicability
 - Cost
 - Effectiveness and benefits

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Ensure the Data Collected Meet Appropriate Quality Criteria and are Fit for Purpose



- Relevance
- Sufficiency
- Reliability
- Transparency

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Develop and Implement a SAP



- Pull those design elements together into a sampling and analytical plan
- We're looking to build confidence
- by justifying what has been done within appropriate QA/QC

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Conclusions

- Agency supports development and use of on-site testing for land contamination
- Useful at many stages of the risk management process
- Can lead to time and cost savings and better quality of investigations and increased confidence in risk management decisions
- Need to understand what the results mean
- Standard Operating Procedures and QA/QC to meet data quality needs



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Biographical Note

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A U.S. Perspective: Using the Triad Approach to Improve DECISION Quality

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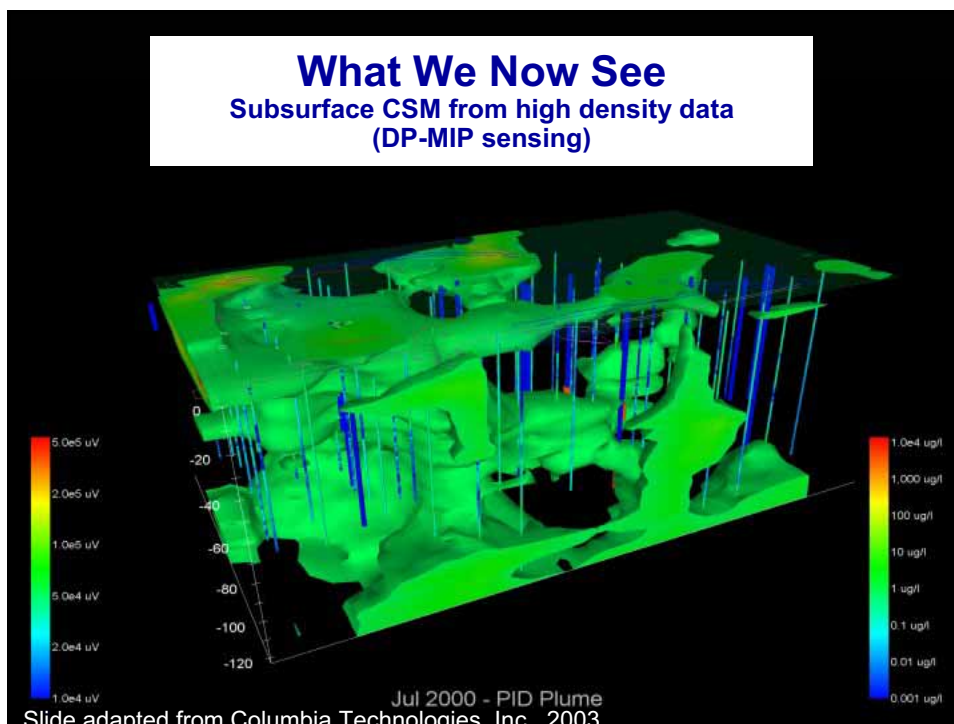
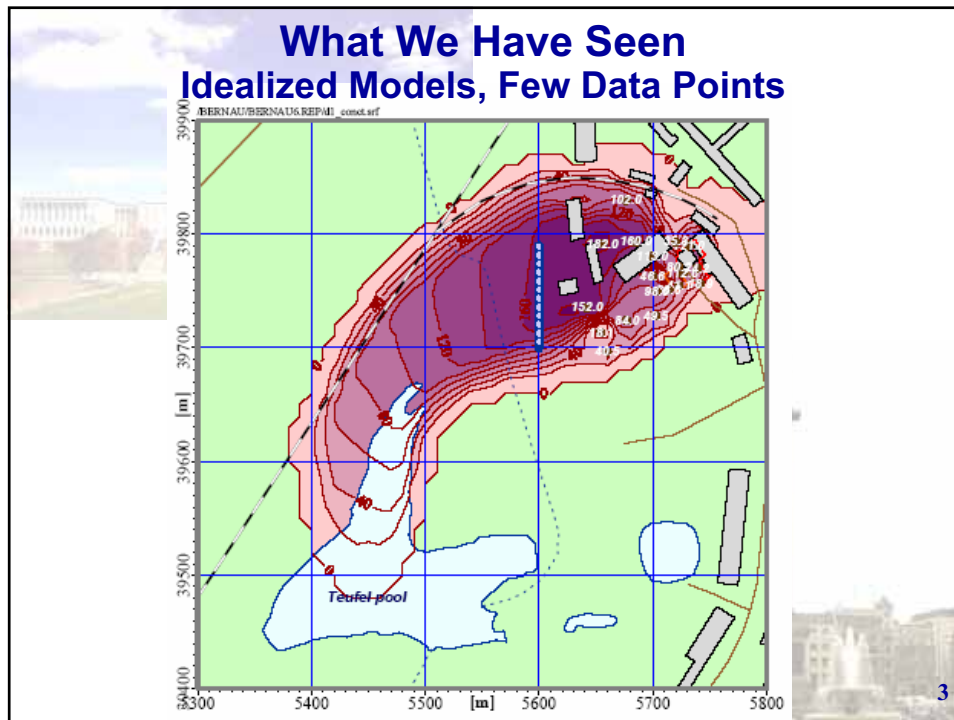
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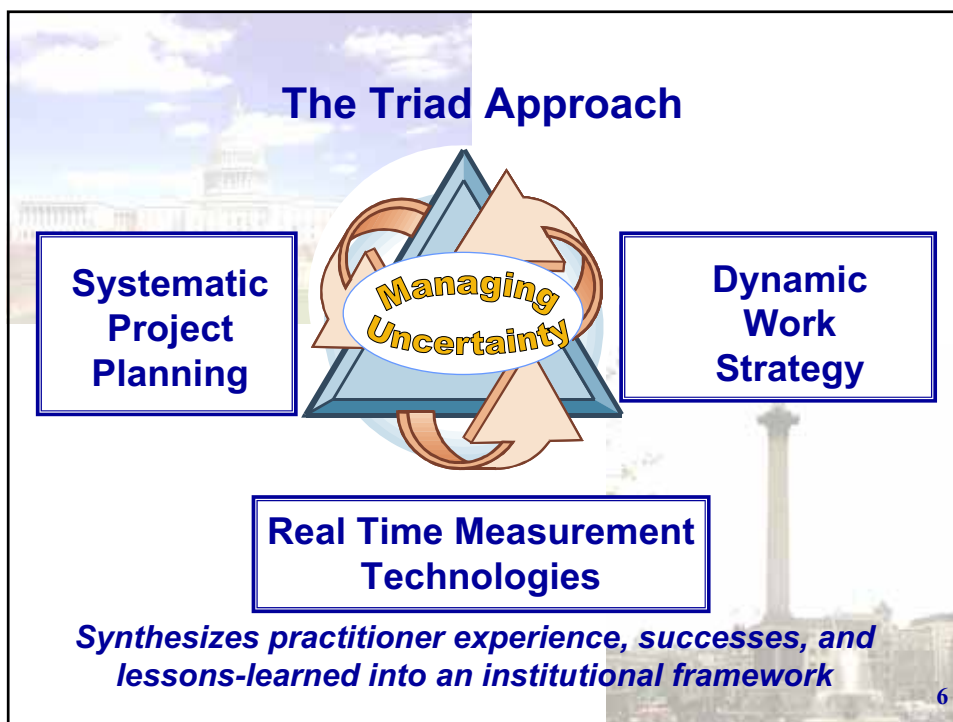
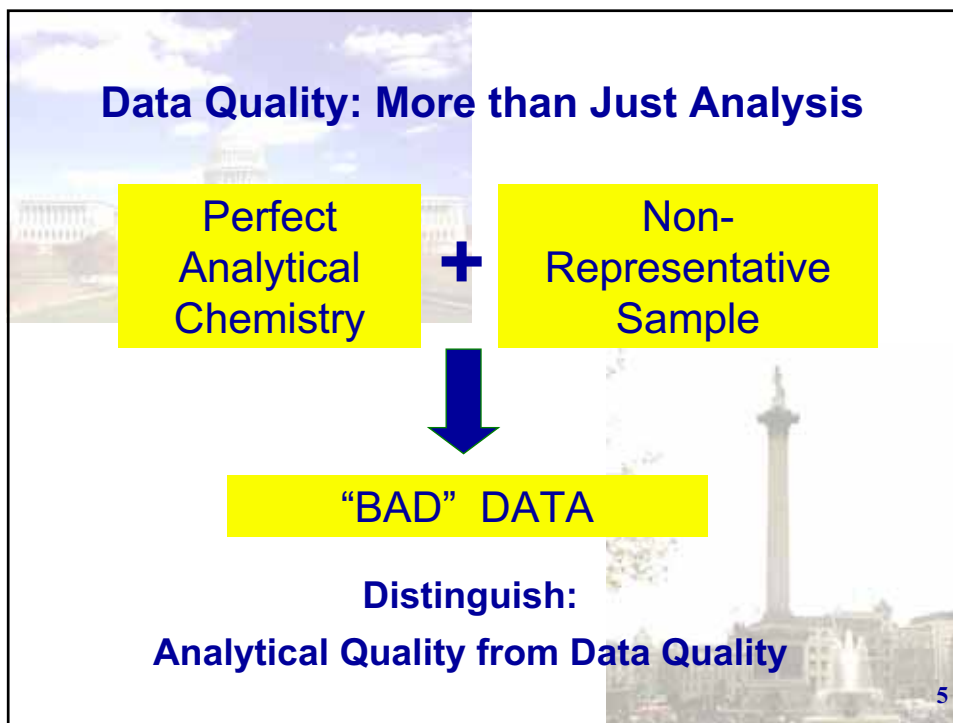
Problem Statement

- ◆ Perception: contaminated sites cost too much and take too long to cleanup
 - » Unexpected findings
 - » Regulatory processes
 - » Investigation – mobilization after mobilization; never enough data
 - » Cleanup – systems do not work as planned
- ◆ Unfortunately, that perception has basis in common experiences, often due to:
 - » Inadequate understanding of site conditions
 - » Insufficient management of **ALL** sources of uncertainty
 - » Lack of tools sufficient to affordably manage uncertainties

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Dr Dan Powell





Triad Guiding Principles

- ◆ Thorough and inclusive systematic planning process
 - » Determines what types of data are required
 - » Evaluate whether the site could benefit from:
 - A dynamic work strategy
 - Real time measurement technologies.
- ◆ Transparent, open, and honest discussion of
 - » Uncertainty management
 - » Data representativeness
 - » Site closure strategies

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Triad Guiding Principles

- ◆ Emphasis on use of a conceptual site model (CSM)
 - » Continually evolving
 - » Updated through a dynamic work strategy
- ◆ Maximized use of:
 - » Innovative (rapid) sampling tools
 - » Field measurement technologies
 - » Data management technologies
 - » Supports uncertainty management strategies that address matrix heterogeneity.

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Triad Guiding Principles

- ◆ Integrated project teams:
 - » Effective communication
 - » Trust
 - » Open discussion of individual interests and goals,
 - » Diverse expertise in the appropriate fields
 - » “Social capital”: building a clear vision of goals, exit strategies

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The Triad and Data Quality

- ◆ Intensive systematic planning ensures project decisions and goals focused on exit strategy
- ◆ Experienced chemist an intimate member of planning and field teams
 - » Sets type and frequency of analytical QC procedures to ensure data reliability
- ◆ Explicitly address significant sources of uncertainty impacting data
- ◆ Collaborative data sets (multiple lines of evidence)

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The Triad and Data Quality

- ◆ Conceptual Site Model (CSM) used to capture heterogeneity and physical reality
 - » Mediates the mismatch between sampling/analytical scales (grams, liters) and project decisions (kilograms, kiloliters)
 - » Recognizes and addresses reality of complex relationships of multiple populations

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Systematic Planning Is Essential to.....

- ◆ Identify key decisions, decisionmakers, needs
- ◆ Identify and address (all sources of) uncertainty
- ◆ Develop data collection accordingly
- ◆ Adjust expectations according to:
 - » Evolving site needs
 - » New information
 - » Budget
 - » Schedule
 - » Community needs, goals
- ◆ Guide open, rational discussions on assessment, cleanup and reuse
 - » Possibilities
 - » Strategies

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Examples of Decisions

- ◆ Presence or absence of contamination
- ◆ Types of contamination, contaminants of concern
- ◆ Extent (relevant to site goals)
- ◆ Location and extent of hot spots
- ◆ Costs/approaches of cleanup
- ◆ Receptors/pathways
- ◆ Cleanup levels (relevant to reuse)
- ◆ Areas to develop for specific uses
- ◆ Performance of remedy
- ◆ Disposal options

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Conducting Site Activities Without a Systematic Approach

- Without end-use in mind, systematic focus for data collection, must start over, fill gaps, and refit data as move through process
- Each “phase” becomes an end to itself (multiple projects)
- Data collected for each phase may or may not be useful in subsequent phases



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Benefits of “Triad,” Systematic Approach: Building on Existing Information

- Each phase focuses on needs of subsequent work, requirements
- Data focuses on decisions which focus on site objective (one project)
- Maximize use of existing data



Understanding the Context of Cleanup

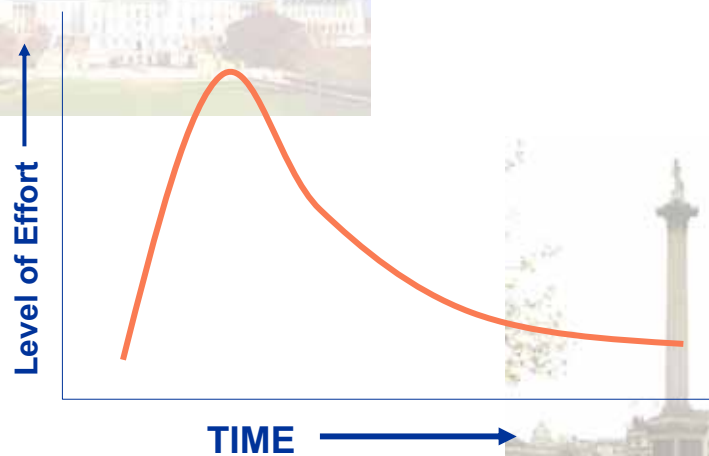


So How Is Triad “Planning” New?

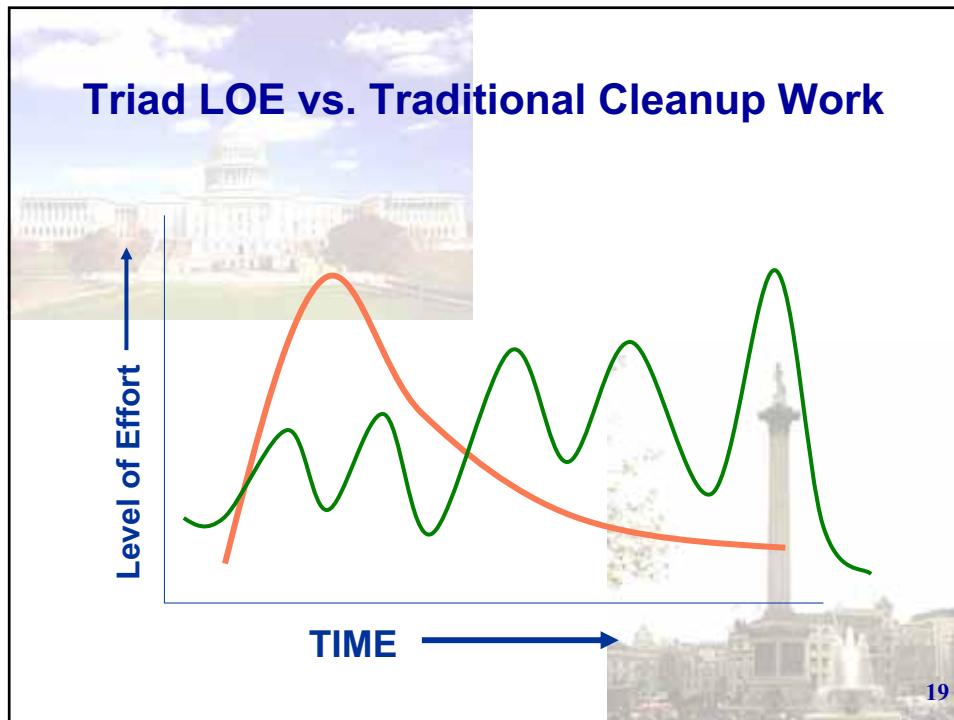
- ◆ A formalized, integrated package that restructures how project planning and implementation are done:
 - » Focus: Identify and manage decision uncertainty
 - » Focus: Recognize the impacts of heterogeneity
 - » Front-loaded (anticipate vs. react)
 - » Conceptual Site Model essential; evolution guides field efforts
 - » Integrated project team (understand data user needs)
 - » Start with end in mind (where are we going)
- ◆ Second generation approach maximizing improvements and advances in
 - » Knowledge
 - » Technologies

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Triad LOE vs. Project Lifecycle



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Social Capital Important to Triad Projects

- ◆ The “people” aspects of a project just as critical to project success as science and technology aspects
- ◆ Term includes trust, tolerance, collaboration toward a common project vision
- ◆ Triad systematic planning encourages participants to
 - » Share knowledge and insights
 - » Test assumptions, beliefs, and personal perspectives
 - » Evaluate legal, budgetary, and technical constraints
 - » Achieve clarity about where disagreements lie
 - » Negotiate over concerns and interests

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Social Capital Important to Triad Projects

- ◆ Facilitation needed if team doesn't possess the necessary social skills or if conflict and distrust too ingrained
- ◆ Uncooperative participants means Triad probably not a viable option for project management

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The Concept of Uncertainty

- ◆ A broad term, generally used to convey the idea of something that is unknown or lacking sufficient confidence
- ◆ Triad recognizes and addresses specific uncertainties
 - » Decision uncertainty relates to the confidence and scientific defensibility of decisions about:
 - Contaminant concentrations, presence and extent, transport
 - The likelihood of intolerable exposures, and
 - The most cost-effective means to achieve risk-reduction

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The Concept of Uncertainty

◆ Triad recognizes and addresses specific uncertainties

» Data Uncertainty relates to the ability to draw confident decisions based on the data set in hand. Uncertainties in a data set result from:

- Analytical Uncertainty: uncertainty introduced into decision making by the limitations of analytical preparation and determination methods, include analytical bias, lack of precision, and susceptibility to interferences (analytical selectivity)
- Sampling Uncertainty: refers to all non-analytical method factors contributing to a lack of confidence in data result caused primarily by the interaction of heterogeneity and too few sample numbers to assess the impacts of that heterogeneity

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The Concept of Uncertainty

◆ **Key Point:** Where sophisticated analytical methods are available for environmental analysis, more data uncertainty stems from sampling error and sampling uncertainty as a consequence of:

- » Environmental heterogeneity
- » Complex populations than from analytical limitations

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Why Emphasize Decision Uncertainty?

- ◆ Inherent in environmental decision making
- ◆ Always need to be managed
- ◆ Essential for accelerated progress
 - » Helps make decisions when “perfect information” is not available
 - » Resolution of all uncertainties or unknown conditions is unlikely
 - » Triad encourages distinction between significant and insignificant uncertainties to focus resources
- ◆ Triad encourages teams to evaluate tradeoffs
 - » Counteracting uncertainties (RA contingency planning)
 - » Reducing uncertainties (additional data collection)

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When Do You Evaluate and Manage Uncertainties?

- ◆ In work planning:
 - » based on existing data,
 - » based on understanding of programmatic expectations, and
 - » as part of program development for a large site with multiple problems.
- ◆ During any necessary investigations:
 - » as new data become available, and
 - » as conceptual site model becomes sufficient to focus on likely response actions.

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When Do You Evaluate and Manage Uncertainties? (cont.)

- ◆ During remedy evaluation:
 - » as key performance and technology characteristics are evaluated.
- ◆ During remedy implementation:
 - » based on results of monitoring and observations during implementation.
- ◆ Throughout all phases:
 - » as basis for more effective communication about why work is being conducted, and
 - » to assist with identifying appropriate acquisition strategies.

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Sources of Uncertainty in Data Results

Sampling Uncertainties

Uncertainty in Sample Support + Uncertainty in Sample Location + Uncertainty in Sample Preservation + Uncertainty in Sub-sampling

PLUS

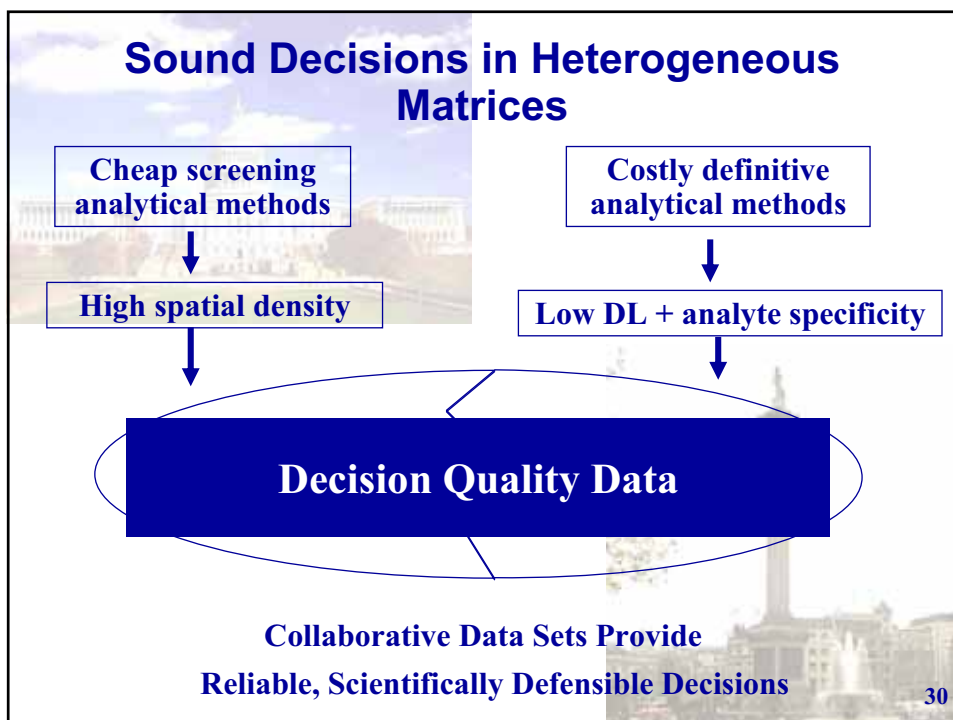
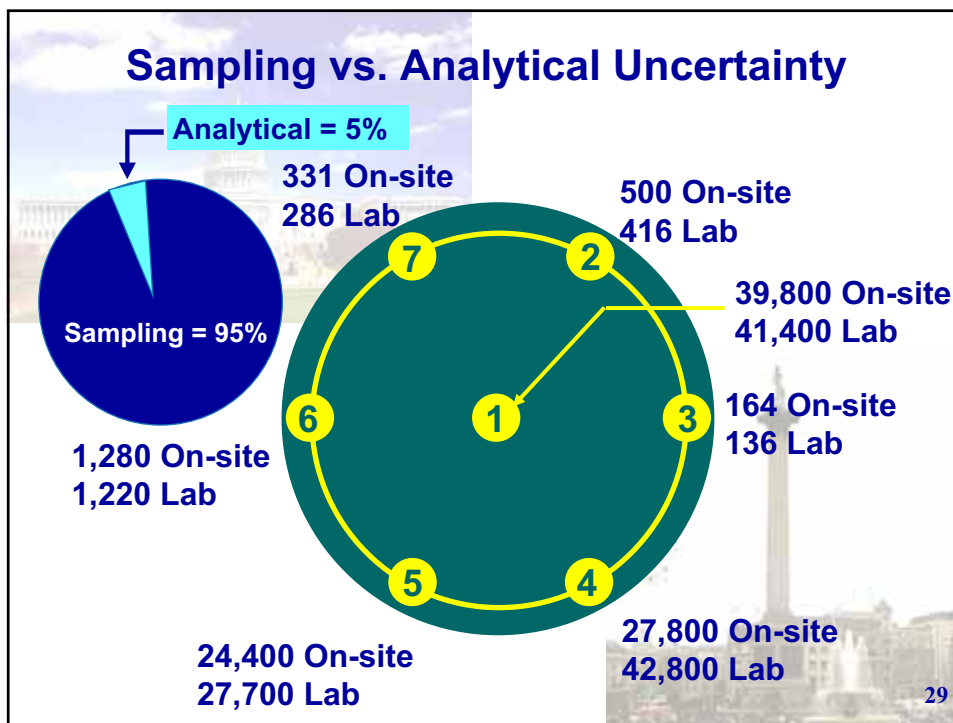
Analytical Uncertainties

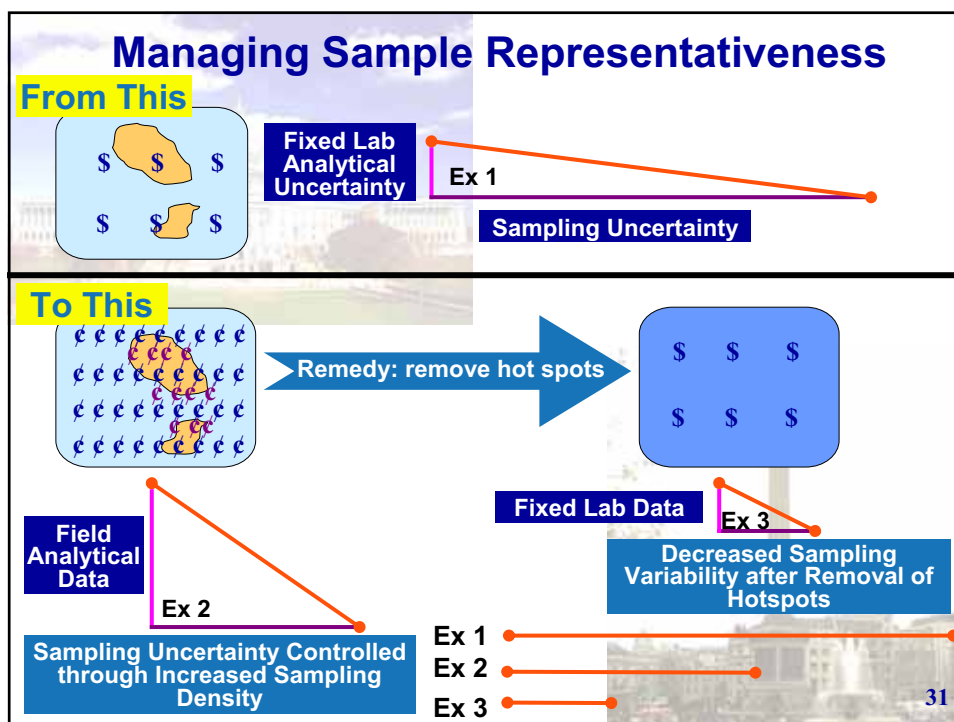
Uncertainty in Sample Preparation + Uncertainty in Extract Cleanup + Uncertainty in Extract Analysis =

e.g., Method 8270

Total Uncertainty In Data Results

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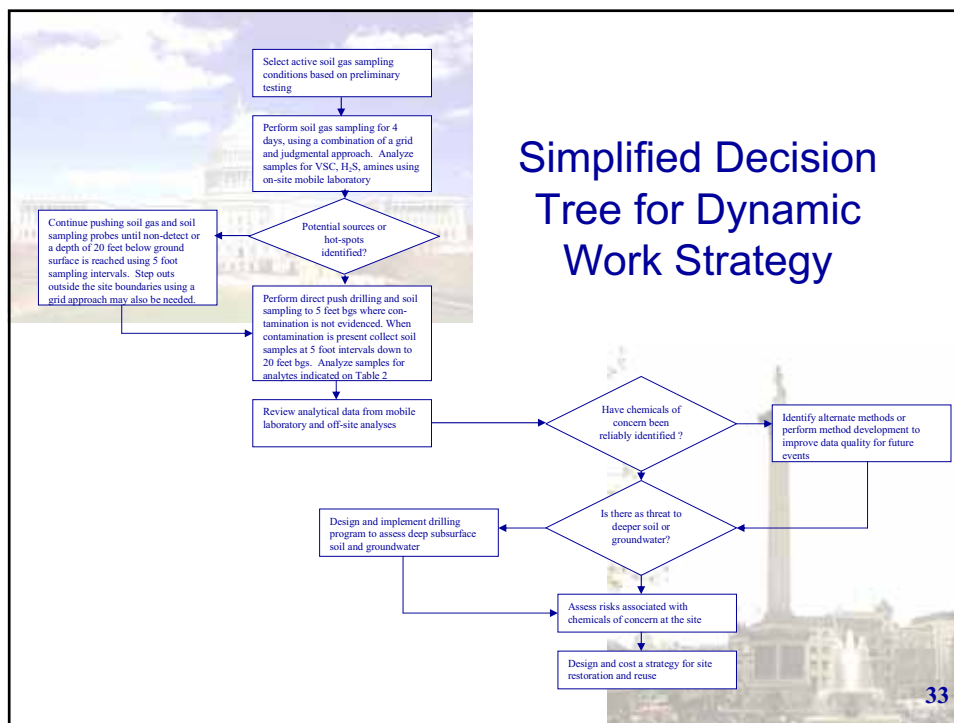




Dynamic Work Strategies

- ◆ Real-time, decision-making in the field
- ◆ Real-time analysis makes possible, field analytics makes economical
- ◆ Experienced, senior technical personnel (scientists & engineers) needed in the field
- ◆ Regulator-approved decision trees
 - » Flexible work plans
 - Alternate contracting options
 - Regulator, senior staff involvement
 - » Adaptive sampling and analysis plans
 - » Evolve the CSM to maturity
- ◆ Seamless flow of site activities → fewer mobilizations

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Real-Time Analytical and Sampling Technologies

- ◆ Field analytical, rapid sampling, mobile labs, quick turnaround off-site all allow real-time or near real time analysis
- ◆ Rapid turnaround results support dynamic decisionmaking
- ◆ Lower costs of field methods support increased density (address sampling uncertainty)
- ◆ Field results guide confirmation (address analytical uncertainty)
- ◆ Decision support software can help organize and process data, plan field activities

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The Triad is NOT...

- ◆ ...written in all caps (not an acronym!)
- ◆ ...just about using field analytical! (Warning: Just using field analysis does not mean they used the Triad approach!)
- ◆ ...a way to justify using field analysis without using proper QC (MUST have data of known/ documented quality!)
- ◆ ...just about using a dynamic/flexible work plan (must actively manage decision uncertainty!)
- ◆ ...a license to write vague work plans or escape regulatory oversight or accountability.

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The Triad IS about...

- ◆ Improving project quality by actively managing DECISION uncertainty using new tools & strategies
- ◆ Constructing accurate CSMs (as a primary Triad product!) to support cost-effective decisions
- ◆ Avoiding uncertainty in communications with solid documentation and unambiguous terminology
- ◆ Cultivating professional competence & multidisciplinary teams (“allied environmental professionals”)

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Triad Challenge-Where is it applicable?

Common refrain: *I agree with Triad, but it won't work at my site because Triad only works at a (insert choice) and my site is a (insert choice):*

- ◆ Big site
- ◆ Small site
- ◆ Federal site
- ◆ Brownfields site
- ◆ Superfund site
- ◆ Complex site
- ◆ Simple site
- ◆ Operating site
- ◆ Abandoned site
- ◆ Chemical site
- ◆ Petroleum site
- ◆ Investigation site
- ◆ Cleanup site
- ◆ Contentious site

OR: *I'd like to use Triad, but the (insert, laws, regs, policy, contracting officer, public, lawyers, etc.) won't let me.*

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No Triad Stereotypes, Please

- ◆ All elements of Triad may not work at all sites, but the systematic planning concepts do apply to all sites
- ◆ Triad works particularly well at/in:
 - » Sites where source(s) unknown or not easily defined
 - » Sites with multiple sources, contaminant populations exist
 - » Sites where significant debate on results, approaches is occurring
 - » Area-wide investigation, cleanup scenarios
 - » Sites where closure has been difficult
 - » Sites where selected remedy is not working as planned
 - » Soil removal sites where disposal costs highly sensitive to contaminants/concentrations

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Triad: Real World Applications

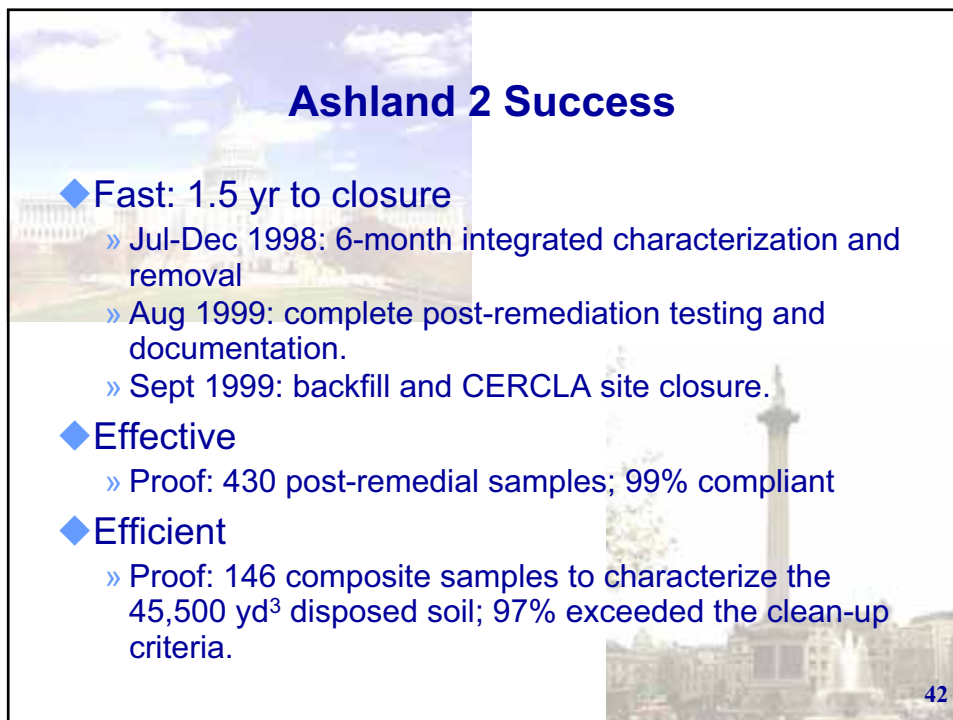
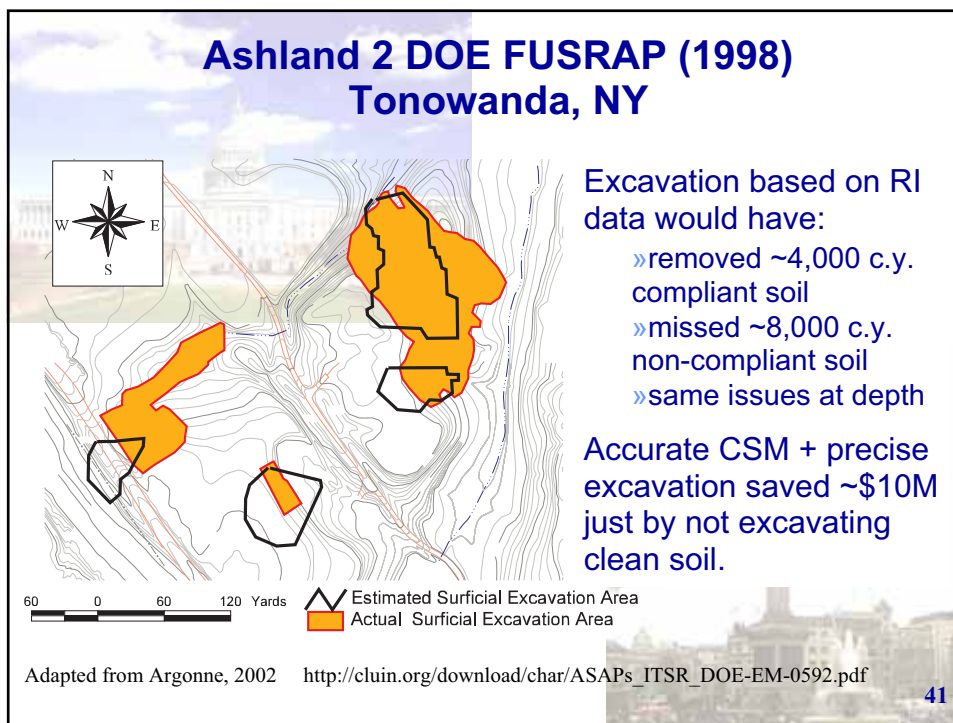
- ◆ Brownfields sites
 - » Milltown, NJ
- ◆ Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)
 - » Lockheed Martin Facility
- ◆ Superfund sites
 - » McCormick and Baxter
- ◆ UST Sites
 - » South Dakota
- ◆ State Cleanup sites
 - » Wenatchee Tree Fruit
- ◆ Department of Defense
 - » Avon Park, FL (USAF)
- ◆ Department of Energy
 - » Ashland FUSRAP Site

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Summary/Cost Savings

- ◆ Average Time Savings: almost 2 years
 - Minimum: 6 months
 - Maximum: 3 years
- ◆ Average Cost Savings : 45% reduction in costs
 - Minimum: 35%
 - Maximum: 50%
 - Ex: One DoD site reported a cost avoidance of \$2.5M and 3 years saved
- ◆ All profiled projects have cited reduced costs and time savings due to: fewer mobilizations, shortened work schedule, and greater data density that reduces uncertainty at site

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Poudre River Site

- ◆ Located next to the city center
- ◆ City wants to build a new 50,000 sq ft Rec Center on the Site
- ◆ Currently a 20,000 sq ft Rec center and day care center located on the Site
- ◆ Site is location of former municipal burn landfill down gradient from MGP and USTs Black coal tar discovered in the river
- ◆ Landfill/UST/MGP related dissolved plume discharge to the river
- ◆ Vapor Intrusion to buildings/playing surfaces

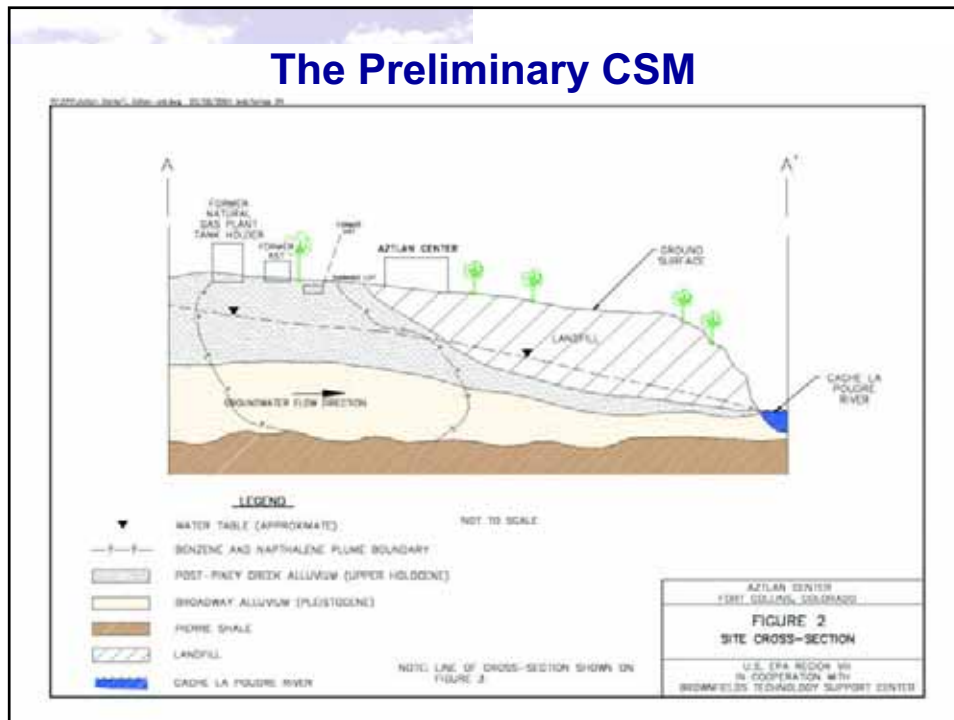
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Past Traditional Studies

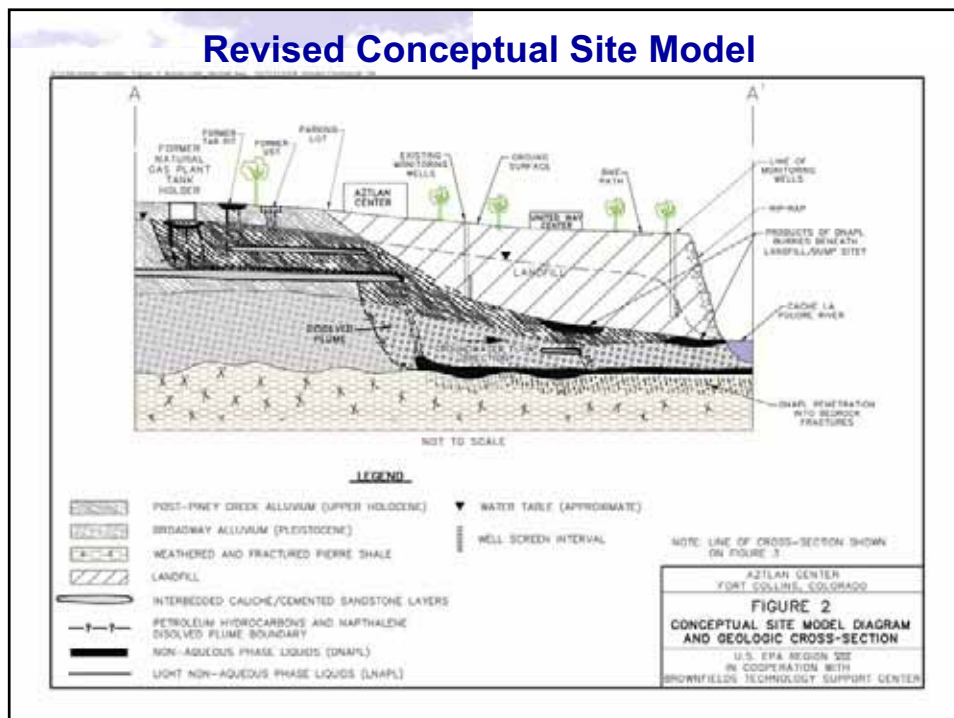
- ◆ Over 5 years of investigative studies at the site were inconclusive showing
 - » No apparent link between MGP/USTs and coal tar observed in river
 - » The EPA and City were at a standstill with PRPs and the State of Colorado for cleanup of the site and closure of the landfill

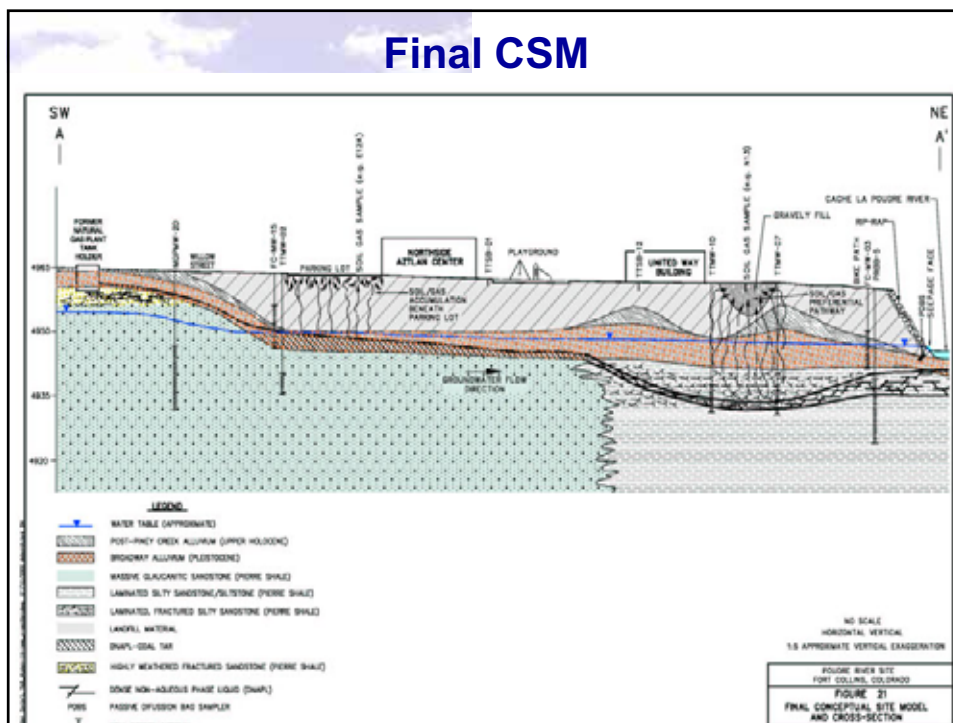
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The Preliminary CSM



Revised Conceptual Site Model





Project Results Summary

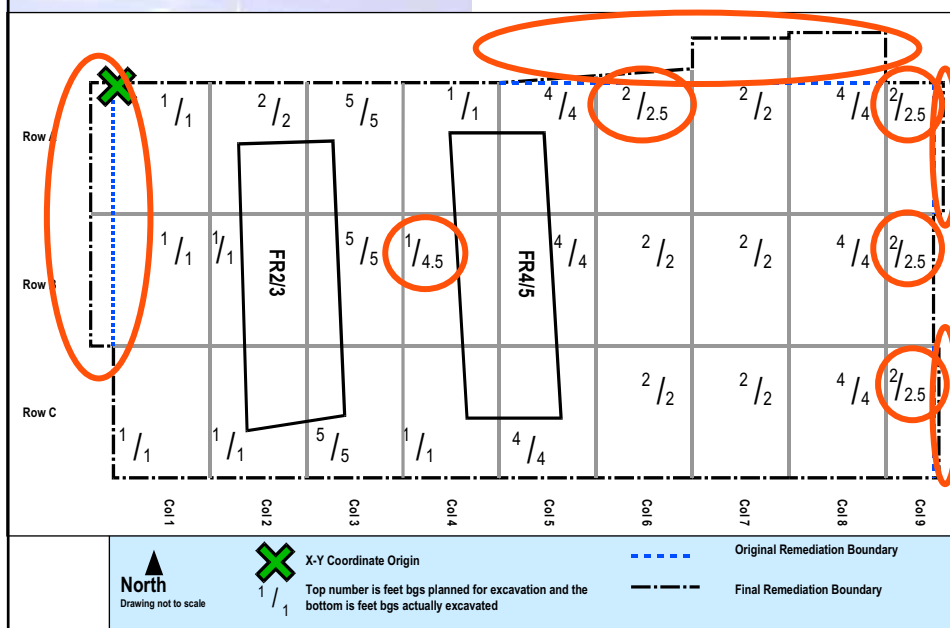
- ◆ The CSM was used to select innovative and traditional technologies to identify the pathway for MGP/UST discharge to the river
- ◆ A sheet pile wall and groundwater extraction gallery has been constructed down into bedrock to intercept the MGP and landfill related contamination
- ◆ Stakeholders and PRPs have cooperated throughout the process expediting the cleanup dramatically through use of the Triad

Case Study of Tree Fruit Project: Results

- ◆ Action required to achieve clean closure
 - » 390 tons of soil removed (56 tons incinerated; 334 tons landfilled)
 - » vs. 708 tons if removed all soil
- ◆ Time
 - » Single mobilization: <4 months of field work to complete site closure
- ◆ Costs
 - » Projected: ~\$1.2M; Actual: \$589K
 - » Savings: ~50%
- ◆ Happy client, regulator, and stakeholders

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Final CSM: Lateral and Vertical Removals



Key Online Sources-Comprehensive

- ◆ Triad Resource Center
 - » <http://www.triadcentral.org>
- ◆ Hazardous Waste Cleanup Information (CLU-IN) Internet Site
 - » <http://clu.in.org/triad>
- ◆ EPA Internet site
 - » <http://www.epa.gov>
- ◆ Federal Remediation Technologies Roundtable
 - » <http://www.frtr.org>
- ◆ Brownfields Technology Support Center
 - » <http://www.btsc.org>
- ◆ Interstate Technology Regulatory Council (ITRC)
 - » <http://www.itrcweb.org>

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TRIAD: A SMARTER SOLUTION TO SITE CLEANUP

The Triad is an innovative approach to decision-making for hazardous waste site characterization and remediation. The Triad approach proactively exploits new characterization and treatment tools, using work strategies developed by innovative and successful site professionals. The Triad Resource Center provides the information hazardous waste site managers and cleanup practitioners need to implement the Triad effectively.

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Multiagency support for Triad

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"The NJDEP supports and encourages the use of the Triad for sites undergoing investigation and remediation within the Site Remediation and Waste Management Program where feasible."

*Joseph Seebode
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Assistant Commissioner for Site Remediation and Waste Management*

Training Information

◆ Remediation and characterization

» Internet seminars

— <http://clu.in.org/studio/seminar.cfm>

— Live and interactive

— Low time commitment (2 hours)

— No travel commitment

— Archived

— 163 seminars since 1998, over 21,000 participants,
from over 900 cities in over 40 countries

◆ Classroom

» <http://www.trainex.org>

» <http://www.ert.org>

Biographical Note

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Christopher's work has included managing remediation projects on petro-chemical facilities, oil refineries, former petrol station sites and a range of former industrial facilities. This work has taken him throughout the UK and to Azerbaijan. His remedial design experiences, which centre on providing cost effective innovative solutions to clients, range from traditional dig and dump to bioremediation.

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Introduction

- Meaningful
- Real-time SI
- Control



Types



Organics



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Immunoassay



Turbidity

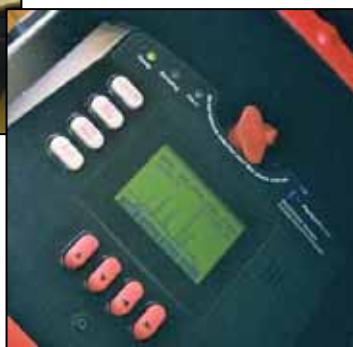


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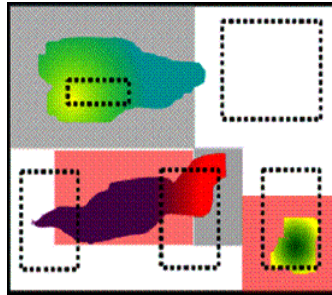
Uses



Site Investigation



Delineation



Health & Safety



Remediation

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Correlation, Accuracy and Precision

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Benefits



Case Studies



Former Plastics Complex



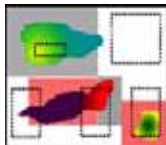
Pipe coating yard – Baku, Azerbaijan



Bertram Street



Conclusions



Biographical Note

Mr Perry Guess

Mr Perry Guess is Associate Director for Technology Transfer and Networking for IPM-Net, based at the University of Oxford. After obtaining an MSc and BSc, Mr Guess was a Consultant Project Manager at Pera (Production Engineering Research Association) for eight years. Mr Guess has also acted as a consultant for several UK government initiatives aimed at assisting industry attain competitive advantages, he was an industrial biotechnology specialist for the BioWise programme and was an advisor to Small Business Services officers for the assessment of environmental projects bidding for near-market funding.

Mr Guess became the Associate Director for Technology Transfer and Networking at the inception of FIRSTFARADAY in 2001 based at Pera and relocated to the University of Oxford in 2004. Continuing this role within FIRSTFARADAY and now IPM-Net, he is the primary interface between IPM-Net and its Industrial Member Group and is responsible for converting their aspirations, issues and offerings into business opportunities through the activities and service assistance of IPM-Net. He is extensively involved in several European initiatives aimed at assisting the Environmental Service Sector understand, access and develop research projects and the development of pan-European funding mechanisms for the Contaminated Land Sector.



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Perry Guess

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Associate Director of Technology Transfer
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- **Supporting innovation and technology development**
Delivering cost effective, sustainable solutions
- **Accessing knowledge and technology transfer**
Developing business opportunities, contacts and collaborations
- **Developing skilled personnel**
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What is FASA?

- **New UK Association for the contaminated land sector**
- **Promote, educate and support the more widespread and appropriate use of field analysis for contaminated land management**
- **Act as an central, independent technical voice for the regulator and industry**
- **Comprise suppliers of field analytical tools**
- **Held under the umbrella of IPM-NET as a technology network**
- **Funded by field analytical sector and supported by IPM-Net**

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Objectives of FASA

- Promote the **APPROPRIATE** use of field analytical tools.
- To develop and deliver:
 - best working practises
 - FASA verified techniques and procedures
- Provide an information resource on available technologies and their application – *website*
- Provide training in the operation and application of field tools – *workshops*
- Support the efforts of regulators, industry and laboratories to integrate field tools
- Act as a forum for suppliers to exchange information and best practise
- Identify R&D needs of industry and encourage development of new useful technologies
- Interact with appropriate UK and overseas organisations and committees

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FASA Deliverables for 2006

- Website - act as a portal for technical information, training, and forum for information exchange
- Training workshops across the UK
- Dissemination programme through conferences, exhibitions and press releases
- Members meetings to plan future activities and programmes

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FASA Workshops

- Scheduled four, one day events around the country between June and October 2006
- Case studies and practical demonstrations of the most common field analytical technologies
- For industry and public sector to gain a broader practical understanding of the use of field tools
- Provide an overview for consultants, contractors, land owners and local authorities of the use and value of field tools for contaminated land management
- Organised by FASA through IPM-Net with inputs from key suppliers and regulators

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FASA Workshop Programme

Welcome and Introduction
Mr Perry Guess, IPM-Net and FASA Chairman

The use of field analytical tools in the UK regulatory framework
Dr Bob Barnes, Environment Agency

Overview of available field tools
Mrs Anna Whittaker, Cybersense

Case study one: Portable XRF
Mr John Hurley, Niton UK

Case study two: Portable GC-MS
Mr Marc Wakelin, Ificon UK

Case study three: *In situ* geoprobes
Mr Darren Cook, Fugro

Case study four: On-site chemical test kits
Mr Richard Simmonds, SDI

Case study five: Portable PID
Mr Philip Saxton, Rae Systems

Demonstration surgery
Practical integration of field tools into site investigation and remediation projects
Mr Nick Moodie, Cybersense

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FASA Workshop Location

London	- June 2006
Birmingham	- July 2006
Bristol	- September 2006
Manchester	- October 2006

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Benefits for FASA Members

- Provides an independent forum to define and develop this emerging analytical sector
- Any supplier with UK representation can join and members work between themselves to deliver on overall objectives of FASA through IPM-Net
- Opportunity for field analytical specialists to work together to develop best practise and verified techniques and procedures
- Quarterly meetings, web-based information exchange forum, newsletters
- First members meeting scheduled for Tuesday 11th July 2006

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Benefits for the contaminated land community

- A focal point to gain information on field analytical techniques
- Access to independently verified information – by the membership and IPM-Net
- Access to best practice, training and knowledge transfer
- Technical support for the selection and application of field analytical tools
- An independent communication link to the suppliers of field analytical tools
- Technology transfer process to enable more cost-effective contaminated land management

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Current Structure of FASA

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Perry Guess – Associate Director Technology Transfer and Networking, IPM-Net

FOUNDING CO-ORDINATING MEMBERS
Rae Systems UK Ltd
Fugro UK Ltd
SDI Europe Ltd
Niton UK Ltd
Inficon UK Ltd
Cybersense Biosystems Ltd

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**I look forward to seeing you at a
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leading field analysis

Cybersense is a technology-based company which specialises in the development and integration of field analytics for more cost-effective contaminated land management.

When used in concert with fixed lab testing, integrating field analytical techniques into projects produces a streamlined analytical approach. More timely, defensible datasets can enable project costs to be reduced by 20-50% whilst at the same time dramatically improving decision confidence.



Product Supply

Experienced users of field analytical tools can buy their hardware and consumables direct from us. We have the widest range of analytical tools available for hire or purchase including:

- Immunoassays
- toxicity assays
- UV fluorescence
- PID/FID
- Chemical test kits
- X-ray fluorescence
- Portable GC/MS
- In situ probes

Training and Technical Support

Cybersense provides both on-site and in-house training programmes in the use and application of specific field tools. Authorised users of our tools have access to a dedicated team of technical support specialists.

Project Solutions

Cybersense acts as a specialist analytical partner. Project planning is crucial to focusing analytics on decision-making. We have developed an innovative evaluation methodology (**CyPlans™**) which allows us to technically and economically assess the value of applying field analytics to specific situations. The output is a more cost-effective and accurate analytical solution for the client.

Data management is a key element of Cybersense's project solution. We have developed a novel data management tool called **DUMAT™**. This software enables both field and fixed lab data to be integrated and focused on project decisions where errors associated with measurement and analysis are quantified and managed. This brings, for the first time, a dimension of certainty to data for contaminated land work.

Cybersense provides project planning expertise, tools, data management, and support from the tendering phase all the way through to project close-out.



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ALcontrol Laboratories are a rapidly expanding European company with 20 laboratories in the Netherlands, the UK, Ireland, France and Sweden, with a turnover in excess of 100 million Euros. As one of the largest independent testing laboratories in Europe, ALcontrol provides a service to the environmental (water, soil, air and oil) and food markets. For further information on ALcontrol please visit our website www.alcontrol.co.uk

Contaminated Land Laboratories

In the UK and Ireland we have three state of the art contaminated land laboratories analysing soils, associated waters, and gases, all three have on site sampling teams who work alongside our clients. ALcontrol Geochem is based in Hawarden outside Chester, ALcontrol Technichem is based in Langley near Heathrow and in Ireland the laboratory is based in Ballycoolin near Dublin.

Accreditation and Analyses

All three laboratories are UKAS accredited, with MCERTs accredited analyses being offered by ALcontrol Geochem and ALcontrol Technichem. A statement of our capabilities is available on request or please visit our website for further information.

Samples from Overseas

ALcontrol Geochem holds a DEFRA licence for the importation of samples from abroad. 10% of our turnover is from work outside of Europe.

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Customer Focused

We pride ourselves on the quality of the service provided to our customers, allocating dedicated points of contact to each client. This is common throughout the three laboratories



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centres of excellence

We have significantly invested in developing “Centres of Excellence” at our laboratories; each one specialising in a specific area of analysis with the aim of achieving a high level of analytical capability and maximising customer service.

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air

Process and landfill
gas monitoring and testing



water

Sampling and analysis
from all parts of the water cycle



product

Analysis of natural
and manufactured products



land

Sampling and testing for
a complete contaminated
land assessment

Types of analysis provided

Potable Water
Borehole Water
Surface Water
Groundwater
Bathing Water
Bottled Water
Potable Water Microbiology
Cryptosporidium
Legionella pneumophila
Water and Food Microbiology
Urban Wastewater
Effluents
Landfill Leachate
Contaminated Land
Environmental Biology
Pharmaceutical Microbiology
Ecotoxicology Studies
Quantitative Suspension Testing

Methods and Instruments

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GC-ECD
GC-FID
GC-FPD
GC-PDD
GC-MS
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