Superfund Task Force Update

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Superfund Task Force
Recommendation 6.2

Evaluate the groundwater beneficial use policy with a focus on beneficial use determinations for aquifers not reasonably anticipated for drinking water use in the near-term or long-term.
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Recommendations:

- If a State’s policy is to treat all ground water as potential drinking water; that should be respected.
- EPA should work with States individually to evaluate if a Comprehensive State Ground Water Protective Program (CSGWPP) is appropriate. EPA should provide support and training to States who request assistance on development of a CSGWPP.
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Recommendations:

- If a State has its own regulatory ground water classification system, EPA should recognize them as Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs).
- EPA and States should have a substantive ARAR discussion and training on what is an ARAR.
ASTSWMO Recommendations:

- EPA should provide more training on the Technical Impracticability waiver process to States and Regions to create more consistency between Regions.
- States should have a greater role in the Technical Impracticability waiver process.