Discussion Session: Working with Consultants

2019 ASTSWMO LUST Workshop

Wednesday, September 18th, 2019
3:30–5:00 PM; Tulane Room
Goal of Session:

• Share and discuss positive and negative experiences working with regulators and consultants that have helped or hindered remedial action;

• Develop tools and/or practices to that are mutually beneficial to regulators and consultants that decrease overall time to remediate a site and close long-term sites;

• Share hurdles or roadblocks that consultants and regulators run into when working together that may result in extended time to remediate a site
Consultants

• What can States do to better help you, the consultant?

• What are the biggest roadblocks to completing timely remediation that Regulators could help alleviate?
Regulators

• Does your State have performance benchmarks or require estimates of clean-up duration as part of the Corrective Action Plan?

• What are the biggest roadblocks to completing timely remediation that consultants could help alleviate?
Everyone

• Share a story about a success or failure working with a regulator or consultant that impacted remediation of a LUST site

• Have new environmental regulations, change of standards, etc. impacted remediation decisions and durations?
Regulators

• Does your State do any type of ground-truthing, oversight, or inspection to ensure quality work is performed and data is representative of actual site conditions?

• Are there any incentives in place to encourage faster cleanups?
Consultants

• What are the biggest roadblocks to completing timely remediation that Regulators could help alleviate?

• Have licensing or certification issues hindered your work?
Regulators

• What does your State do to promote a positive relationship with consultants?
  • What do you do for Outreach? Do you have “Consultant Days”?

• What kind of tools or incentives are used to promote these relationships?
  • What benefits and drawbacks have you seen?

• Do you have any unique funding mechanisms that have helped speed remediation up at sites?
Consultants

• How do State fund reimbursements impact the duration and quality of remedial actions?
  • What can be improved to decrease remediation time?
• What can ASTSWMO do to assist?
Consultants:

• What can States do to better help you, the consultant?
• What kind of licensing or certification do you require?
  • How has this hindered your work?
• Consultants, share a good story. Share a bad story.
• How have new environmental regulations, change of standards, etc. impacted remediation decisions, duration, and the consultants?
• How do State reimbursement funds impact the duration and quality of remedial actions?
• What can ASTSWMO do to assist with improving things?
• What are the biggest roadblocks to completing timely remediation that Regulators could help alleviate?

Photo courtesy of RIDEM; 18" #6 Fuel oil on top of groundwater in Providence, Rhode Island.
Regulators:

• What does your State do to promote a positive relationship with consultants?
  • What do you do for Outreach? Do you have “Consultant Days”?

• What kind of tools or incentives are used to promote these relationships?
  • What benefits and drawbacks have you seen?

• Share a success or positive story that you’ve had with a consultant. Share a negative story.

• Does your state have performance benchmarks or require estimates of clean-up duration as part of the Corrective Action Plan?

• Do you have any unique funding solutions that have helped?

• Does your current reimbursement scheme help or hinder remediation?

• Are there any incentives in place to encourage faster cleanups?

• Does your State do any type of ground-truthing, oversight, or inspection to ensure quality work is performed and data is representative of actual site conditions?

• What are the biggest roadblocks to completing timely remediation that consultants could help alleviate?