

INTERAGENCY APPROACHES TO SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT

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What's a CSMP?

**Cooperative Sediment Management
Program**

**Agreement by the state and federal
agencies responsible for sediment
management that they will work
cooperatively in sediment evaluation
and clean-up**

Agency Roles/Responsibilities

⌘ Participants

⌘ Corps

⌘ EPA

⌘ DNR

⌘ Ecology

⌘ PSWQAT

⌘ Legal Responsibilities

In the Beginning.....



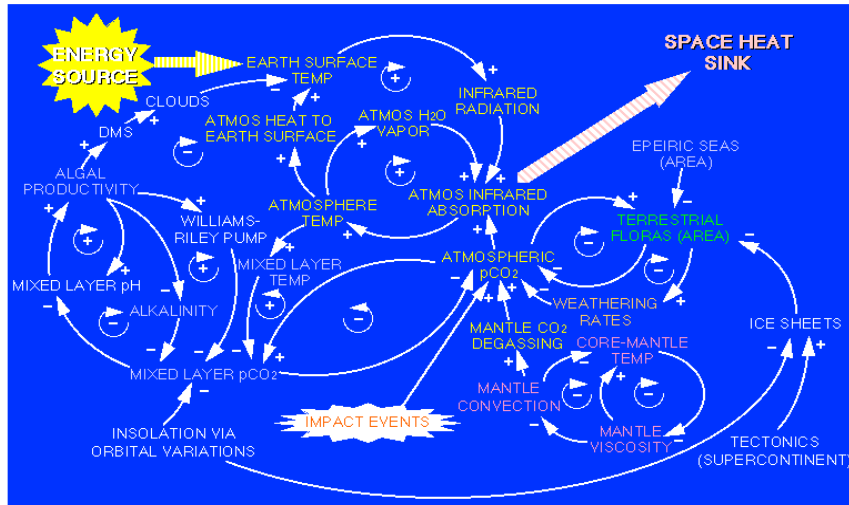
⌘ No disposal sites

⌘ No data

⌘ No site permits

⌘ No dredging

⌘ And a questioning public



IAG on Sediment Issues

Key Developments

- 🌀 MUDS/Puget Sound Confined Disposal Study
- 🌀 Bellingham Pilot Project
- 🌀 Beneficial Uses
- 🌀 DMEF (Manual for Columbia River)

Integration With Other Programs

- ⌘ Regulatory Permits involving Sediments**
- ⌘ Puget Sound Estuary Program**
- ⌘ Superfund**
- ⌘ Puget Sound Comprehensive Plan**
- ⌘ Ecology Clean-up Program**

Technical/Policy Integration

- ⌘ Living with uncertainty**
- ⌘ One-stop for answers**
- ⌘ Technical decision within policy guidelines**

Project/Permit Review/DMMP

- ⌘ **Internet User's Manual, with Example Sampling & Analysis Plan**
- ⌘ **Predictable process**
- ⌘ **One-stop joint decision-making**
- ⌘ **Standardized procedures for tests, interpretations**

Four-Agency Decision-Making

- ⌘ **Buffer/safety net - agency and public**
- ⌘ **Does not supercede agency authorities**
- ⌘ **Extensive use of e-mail to share information and make decisions**
- ⌘ **Signed document**

What We Do

- ⌘ **Suitability Determination**
- ⌘ **CWA 404 permit**
- ⌘ **Water Quality Certification**
- ⌘ **Dredging/remediation plan**
- ⌘ **Site Use Authorization**
- ⌘ **Enforcement**
- ⌘ **Disposal Site Monitoring**

Accountability

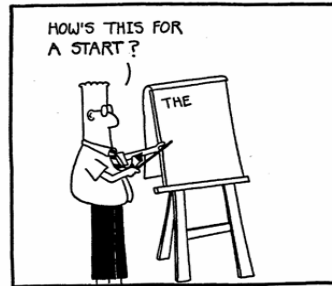


- ⌘ **To public and each other**
- ⌘ **Monthly Interagency Meeting**
 - 🕒 Project updates, issue resolution
 - 🕒 Open to anyone (labs, ports, even consultants)
- ⌘ **Annual Review Meeting**

THE BUREAUCRACY

GROUP WRITING

FEW THINGS IN LIFE ARE LESS EFFICIENT THAN A GROUP OF PEOPLE TRYING TO WRITE A SENTENCE. THE ADVANTAGE OF THIS METHOD IS THAT YOU END UP WITH SOMETHING FOR WHICH YOU WILL NOT BE PERSONALLY BLAMED.



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Annual Review Process

- ⌘ Updates on program activities
- ⌘ Protocol revisions
- ⌘ Policy issues/changes/clarifications
- ⌘ Sediment Management Annual Review Meeting (SMARM)

Pitfalls of a Cooperative Program

- ⌘ **Maintaining the collective memory**
- ⌘ **Personalities**
- ⌘ **Hazards of technical information**
 - ☞ used in ways not intended
 - ☞ sometimes difficult to communicate

Successes

- ⌘ **Foundation for resolving other conflicts**
- ⌘ **Flexibility within guidelines**
- ⌘ **Timeliness**
- ⌘ **Predictable**
- ⌘ **Sharing of tasks and information**
- ⌘ **Cost-effective for agencies and applicants**

Problems

- ⌘ **Lack of time and resources**
- ⌘ **Changing technology**
- ⌘ **Difficult projects**
- ⌘ **Management buy-in**

The Future



- ⌘ **Resources**
- ⌘ **Regionalization**
 - 🌀 RSET, RDT
- ⌘ **Endangered Species**
- ⌘ **Invasive Species**
- ⌘ **Communication and Cooperation – navigation and clean-up**

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