SMWG 2026 Fall Sponsor Forum

Forum Agenda

November 10 and 11, 2026
Philadelphia Marriott Old City
One Dock Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Day 1

7:00 AM Arrival and Breakfast (60 Minutes) – Hamilton Room

8:00 AM Welcome/Introductions – Ballroom BC
John McGahren (Morgan, Lewis) and Rachel Magley (***de maximis, inc.***)
Sponsor Advisory Committee Update

Session 1 – Regulatory Issues

8:15 AM An Adaptive Management Framework for Addressing the Tittabawassee River Sediment, Banks, and Floodplain (45 minutes)
Kristin Searcy Bell (Ramboll)

9:00 AM Looking Ahead: The Upper Columbia River RI/FS Is at a Critical Stage- Choices Now Must Reflect a Practical Vision for the River (30 Minutes)
Philip Spadaro (Urban Waterways Associates)

9:30 AM Break (30 Minutes)

10:00 AM **Keynote Speaker**
Steven Cook, USEPA, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator – OLEM

10:30 AM **Panel 1**: Practical Solutions for Accelerating Cleanups at Sediment Superfund Sites? (75 minutes)
Moderators: Tim Johnson (Anchor QEA) and Mike Erickson (Arcadis)
Panelists: Scott Cieniawski (EPA GLNPO Program Manager, Chicago, IL)
Karl Gustavson, Ph.D., Contaminated Sediments Team Lead and Chair of the Contaminated Sediments Technical Advisory Group (CSTAG, USEPA Superfund Program, Washington, D.C.) Loretta Kwong (TBC, BASF), Janelle Pistro (DOW), Legal perspective: Larry Kirsch, Esq. (Sidley, Austin, LLP)

11:45 AM Break (15 Minutes)

Session 2 - Sediment Management

12:00 PM Intro to Sediment Management Session (15 minutes)
Wardah Azhar (Parsons)

12:15 PM Application of Hydrocyclone Separation Technology to Reduce Contaminant Concentrations, Advance the Beneficial Use of Contaminated Sediments and Provide Alternative Disposal Options (15 minutes)
Jtannar Wiens (Jacobs)

12:30 PM Lunch (60 Minutes) – Hamilton Room

1:30 PM Large-Scale Solidification/Stabilization Treatment and Beneficial Reuse of TBT-Impacted Sediments at Alexandra Basin, Dublin (15 minutes)
Donal Doyle (TetraTech), Dogus Meric (TetraTech)

1:45 PM Lessons Learned from Balancing Schedule, Contractor Flexibility, and Stakeholder Coordination on a Large-Scale Dredging Project (15 minutes)
Joseph Caryl (GEI Consultants)

2:00 PM Continuous Assessment of Recontamination Potential Throughout the Sediment Remediation Project Life Cycle (15 minutes)
Nicholas Rose (Verdantas), Philip Spadaro (Urban Waterway Associates)

2:15 PM Successes and Lessons Learned from NE Sediment Project utilizing Beneficial Use (30 minutes)
Jon Intrieri (ENTACT) Robin White (ENTACT), Eric Dievendorf (ARCADIS)

2:45 PM Break (15 Minutes)

3:00 PM **Panel 2:** Sustainable Sediment Management: Full Life Cycle Accounting, Economics, and Emissions Considerations (60 minutes)
Moderator: Louisa Orr (Parsons)
Potential Panelists: Bob Wyatt (NW Natural), Aimee Ruiter (AECOM), Mike Crystal (Sevenson Environmental Services)

4:00 PM Break (30 Minutes)

4:30 PM Breakout Discussion on Sediment Management (60 minutes)
Wendy Hovel (Geosyntec), Wardah Azhar (Parsons), Paul Olander (ENTACT), Chris Moody (TetraTech)

6:30 PM Member/Sponsor Reception - Hamilton Room (2 hours)

Day 2

7:00 AM Breakfast (60 Minutes) – Hamilton Room

8:00 AM Welcome – Ballroom BC

8:15 AM Porewater Monitoring to Support Decision-Making at Contaminated Sediment Sites (15 minutes)
Giovanna Pagnozzi (Geosyntec)

Session 3 - PFAS

8:30 AM A Multi-Method View of PFAS Precursor Burden in Sediments: Implications for Risk Assessment and Remedy Selection (15 minutes)
Sarah Choyke, PhD (Eurofins)

8:45 AM What's the Catch? Exploring Risk-Based Approaches for Evaluating PFAS-Contaminated Waterways (30 minutes)
Jiayang Chien (Gradient)

9:15 AM Identifying Site-Specific Environmental and Geochemical Drivers of PFAS Bioaccumulation in Freshwater Fish from an Integrated Field Study (30 minutes)
Kenia Whitehead (GSI Environmental)

9:45 AM Addressing PFAS in Sediment: State of Industry and Preparing for Action (15 minutes)
John Collins (AquaBlok)

10:00 AM Break (30 Minutes)

10:30 AM **Panel 3**: PFAS in Sediments: A Discussion on Sediment Remediation and Management (90 Minutes)
Moderator: Anna Argyridou, P.E. (ExxonMobil)
Participants: David Moore, Ph.D. (USACE); Jason Conder, Ph.D., IBERAD (Geosyntec); Jennifer Benaman, Ph.D. (Anchor QEA); and Upal Ghosh, Ph.D. (University of MD), John Toll, Ph.D. (Barr Engineering)

12:00 PM Sponsor Advisor Committee – Poll Results (15 Minutes)

12:15 PM Closing Remarks/Member Update (15 Minutes)

12:30 PM Lunch – Hamilton Room (60 minutes)

1:00 PM Members Only Meeting with Working Lunch
(Approximately 2.5 Hours – Agenda and Schedule TBD)