



# Green Remediation and Sustainability Introductory Comments

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# Green Remediation - Introduction



- Drivers for going Green
- Sustainable Development
- EPA's Office of Solid Waste & Emergency Response (OSWER)
  - Materials Management and Life Cycle Analysis
  - Land Management – Sustainable Approaches
- Green Remediation Framework



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# Drivers - Green Goes Mainstream



## Drivers - Shifting Public Sentiment



- Gallup polling data:
  - Americans who say they worry about the environment “a great deal” or “a fair amount” increased from **62 to 77 percent** between 2004 and 2006
- 2007 ABC News poll:
  - **33 percent** of Americans identified global warming and climate change as the world's top environmental issue, **up from 16 percent** in 2006.
  - **94 percent** were willing to make changes in their life to improve the environment and **73 percent** already do things to reduce energy consumption at home.

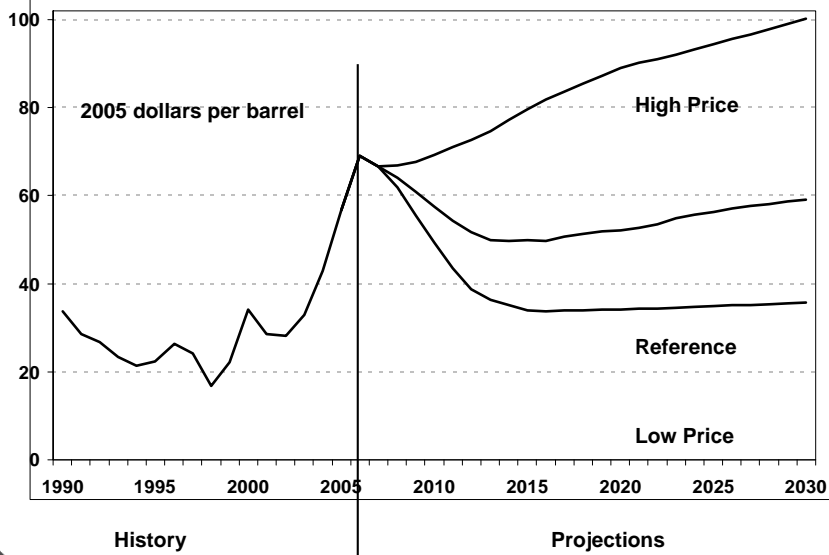


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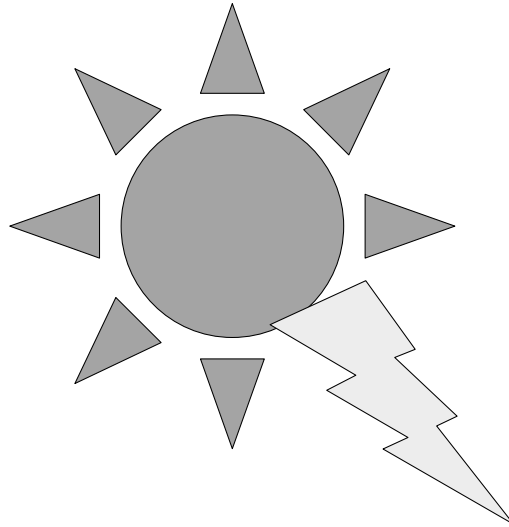
ABC news poll

(<http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/GlobalWarming/story?id=3057534&page=1>)

# Drivers - Energy Prices



# Drivers - Climate Change



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## Drivers – Climate Change and Energy Programs



- State, Local, NGO, business, international, community initiatives
- 35 states have renewable portfolio standards (RPS)
  - Specifies a percentage of total energy to be derived from renewable sources
- 19 states have public benefit funds (PBFs)
  - Supports energy efficiency and renewable energy projects; collected through small charge to electric customers or utility contributions
- 22 states have GHG inventories
- 23 states have energy efficiency standards
- 22 states have carbon sequestration programs
- Regional Initiatives
  - 6 Regional GHG Initiatives composed of states collaborating to create “cap and trade” systems and address GHG emissions across broad geographic areas
  - Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) will cap carbon emissions in 11 northeastern states. Initial auction of carbon allowances to be held in summer 2008



## More Drivers

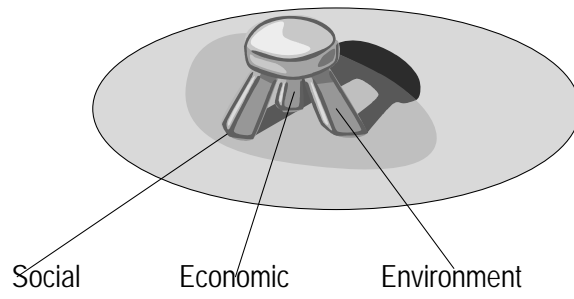


- Advances in Engineering and Manufacturing
- Public Policy
- Global Economic and Development Changes

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&  
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# Sustainable Development



# Sustainable Development



Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

*WCED "Our Common Future"  
(The Brundtland Report, 1987)*



## Commission on Sustainable Development Chapter 20 of Agenda 21



- Agenda 21 is a comprehensive plan of action to be taken globally, nationally and locally by organizations of the United Nations System, Governments, and Major Groups in every area in which human impacts on the environment.
- Adopted by more than 178 Governments at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) held in Rio de Janeiro, June 1992.
- Overseen by Commission on Sustainable Development.
- **Chapter 20 of Agenda 21: Prevention of the generation of hazardous wastes and the rehabilitation of contaminated sites are the key elements...**



Agenda 21, the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, and the Statement of principles for the Sustainable Management of Forests were

Words are powerful. At the same time...



You say tomāto, I say tomāto

**sustainability**

**sustainable Development**

**Stewardship**

**Systems approach**

**GREEN**

**pollution prevention**

**industrial ecology**

**cradle to cradle**

**natural capitalism**

**ecological footprint**

**life cycle analysis**

**biomimicry**



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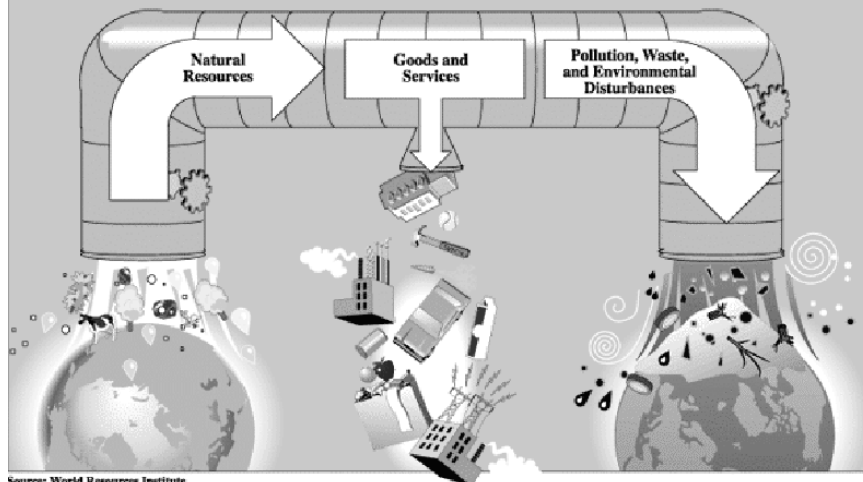


- Materials Management\*
- Land Management\*
- Emergency Preparedness and Response





# The Materials Cycle



Source: World Resources Institute

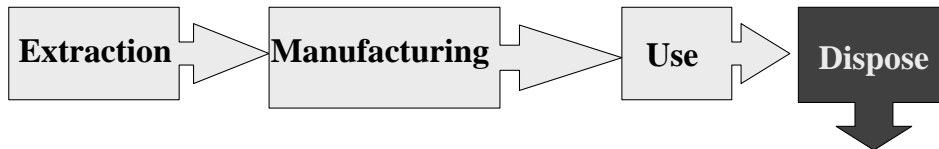


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## “Cradle to the Grave”

### Unsustainable Product Life Cycle



Discharges to air, land, water in all stages



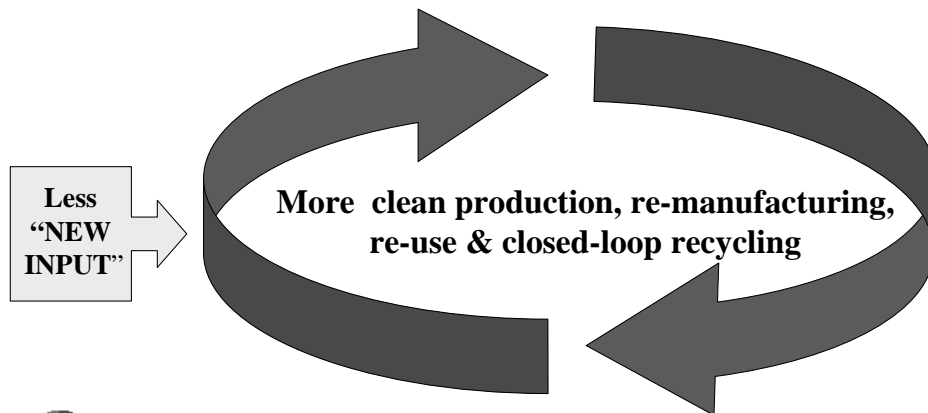
A traditionally used IE metaphor critiques dominant extraction, production, use, consumption and disposal as overly linear. A type I system as described by Allenby is linear, virgin materials enter the system, are used only once, and then are disposed of as waste. Think of the language problem in terms of how language embodies a way of thinking, such as “waste” vs. “residual”. A waste has no further use to both a given process as well as surrounding system, while residual have no further use to a given process, but can be reused within the system. A principle of industrial ecology is that no economic activity should generate waste, just residuals.

## Life Cycle Concepts



### Cradle to Cradle

Reduced use of materials, less impact on the environment



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A traditionally used metaphor seeks to inspire a better future that is cleaner, safer and sustainable. Type II and III systems tend toward the development of internal cycling loops and activities within an economy. Internal reuse of materials become quite predominant and the velocity of materials flow through the system is reduced. Material management is important yet the full theoretical cyclicity of a Type III system has not been achieved. A type III system is dominated by energy inputs.

# Life Cycle Concepts and Remediation



- Life Cycle Analysis of the property
- Life Cycle Analysis of the product
- Life Cycle Tools applied to remedial decision making

Framing the life cycle analysis



# Land Management



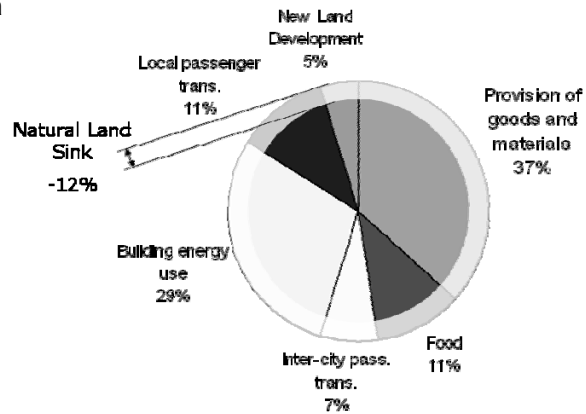
1. Sustainable site reuse
2. Clean energy on sites
3. Land restoration to increase carbon sinks
4. Greener remediation



# Sustainable Site Reuse & potential impact on climate change



- Total U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions in 2005
  - 7,260.4 MMTCO<sub>2</sub>E
- The land mass of the U.S. provides a carbon sink
  - Sequesters approximately 12% of annual U.S. GHG emissions
  - In 2005, U.S. land sequestered 828.5 MMTCO<sub>2</sub>E through Land Use, Land Use Change, and forestry activities
- In 2005, vehicle miles traveled (VMTs) contributed 11% to total U.S. GHG emissions



## 1. Sources:

Bullet #1 - **Evaluation of Effects of New Development on Changes in Carbon Stocks and Greenhouse Gas Emissions (foundation paper);**

<http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/downloads06/07CR.pdf>

Bullet#2 – <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/downloads06/07CR.pdf>

Pie Chart – presentation provided by Josh Stolaroff

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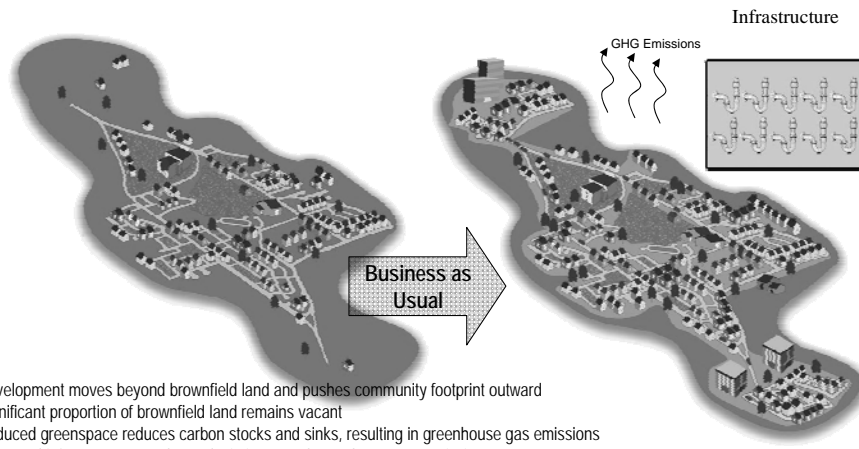


- An average of 2.2 million acres of greenspace are developed each year in the U.S.
  - Results in loss of carbon in soil and vegetation from natural land sink
  - OSWER completing analysis to estimate CO2 equivalent and percent of total USGHG emissions
- New infrastructure is constructed to provide services to developed greenspace
  - Construction of highways, streets, bridges, tunnels; and water, sewer, and pipeline construction result in GHG emissions
  - OSWER completing analysis to estimate CO2 equivalent and percent of total USGHG emissions
- Emissions from growth in VMT are projected to increase **48% by 2030** if sprawling land development patterns continue\*
- In 2030, about half of U.S. buildings will have been built after 2000 = opportunity\*\*

\*Urban Land Institute  
\*\*Nelson, Brookings Institute



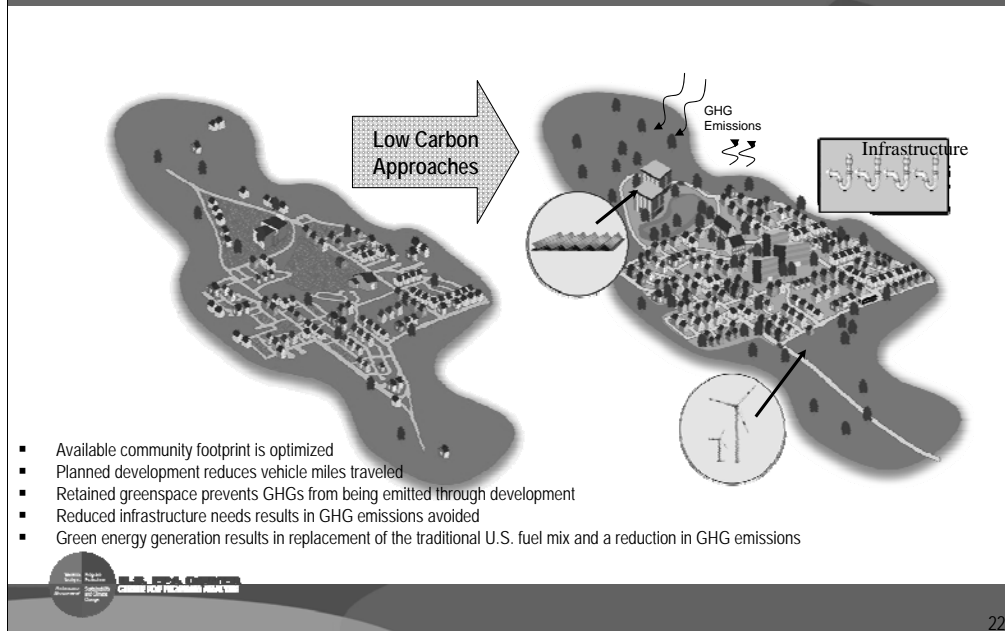
# Business as Usual Land Use Approaches



- Development moves beyond brownfield land and pushes community footprint outward
- Significant proportion of brownfield land remains vacant
- Reduced greenspace reduces carbon stocks and sinks, resulting in greenhouse gas emissions
- Increased infrastructure needs results in increased greenhouse gas emissions
- Vehicle miles traveled increase



# Sustainable Site Revitalization



Land graphic –sustainable land management approaches  
Reuse land with green buildings and cleaner energy  
Limit sprawl, new infrastructure, VMT

Change the arrow to “new pardaim or something cool

## Clean Energy Development on Contaminated Sites



- Many Brownfield, Superfund, RCRA, and other blighted properties offer:
  - Adequate zoning
  - Existing infrastructure
  - Access to transmission lines
- Siting **clean energy** on these sites may be a viable reuse option
  - Provides economic value for property that might otherwise lack significant value
  - Furthers environmental sustainability by maximizing land use and optimizing renewable energy opportunities
- Preserves greenspace and natural carbon sinks

<http://www.epa.gov/renewableenergyland/index.htm>



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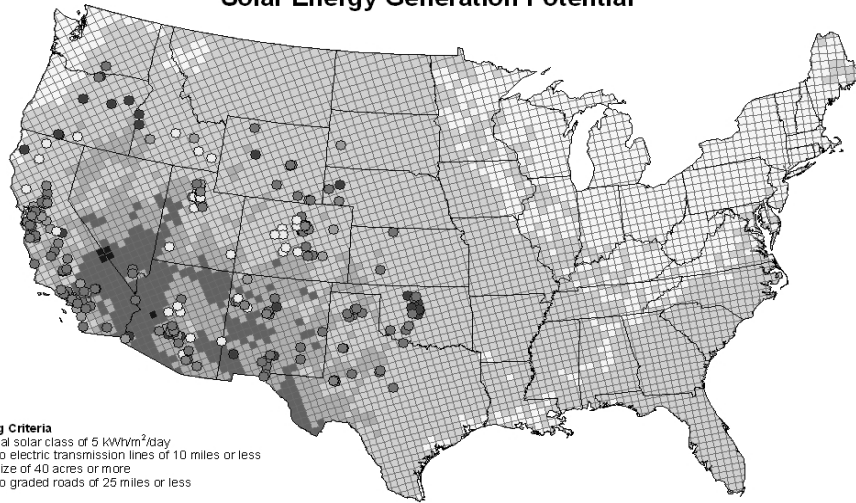
**Renewable energy development as a reuse strategy for contaminated land can provide economic value for property that might otherwise lack significant value while also furthering environmental sustainability by maximizing land use and optimizing renewable energy opportunities.**

- In Regions 1 and 7, wind turbines are proposed in several locations to operate an expanded groundwater treatment system and power a groundwater circulation well.
- At one of these sites the turbine generated 13,335kWh of electricity, displacing an estimated 17,882 pounds of carbon dioxide/year.
- In addition, solar and wind electrical generation have been installed at sites in Region 1 and 9 and Region 9 has three renewable energy pilots in process.

**OWSER has analyzed ACRES and CERCLIS data to identify Brownfields and NPL sites that are located within five miles of an electricity transmission line and have a wind or solar classification suitable to support commercial grade electricity production (wind class greater than 3.5 and a solar class > 5).**

- An estimated 196,707 acres of Brownfields and NPL sites were found to qualify for potential wind generation and 397,294 acres of Brownfields and NPL sites were found to qualify for potential solar generation.

## EPA Tracked Sites with Utility Scale Photovoltaic (PV) Solar Energy Generation Potential



**Screening Criteria**  
 CSP annual solar class of 5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/day  
 Distance to electric transmission lines of 10 miles or less  
 Property size of 40 acres or more  
 Distance to graded roads of 25 miles or less

EPA Tracked Sites	Solar Resource (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> /day)
○ Abandoned Mine Land	2.43 - 3.99
● Brownfield	4.00 - 5.99
● RCRA	6.00 - 6.99
● Federal Superfund	7.00 - 7.99
● Non-Federal Superfund	8.00 - 8.99

*Developed by SRA International for EPA. Results are based on preliminary site screening. For further information, please see the accompanying data guidelines.*

**EPA** United States Environmental Protection Agency  
**State Incentives for Achieving Clean Energy Development on Contaminated Lands**

The development of clean energy on formerly used land offers many economic and environmental benefits. Combining clean energy and contaminated land cleanup incentives can allow investors and communities to create economically viable clean energy and redevelopment projects. This document provides information about incentives in your state that can be leveraged for clean energy and development of contaminated land.



**Incentives for Clean Energy**

**Funding (grants, loans, bonds, etc.)**

**Connecticut Clean Energy Fund (CCEF)**  
[www.ctinnovations.com/funding/ccef/about.php](http://www.ctinnovations.com/funding/ccef/about.php)

Promotes, develops, and invests in clean energy sources for sustainable energy for the benefit of Connecticut ratepayers. Provides incentive programs to businesses and developers.

**Onsite Renewable Distributed Generation**  
[www.ctinnovations.com/funding/coef/renewable\\_ofi.php](http://www.ctinnovations.com/funding/coef/renewable_ofi.php)

Provides grants of up to \$4 million to install systems that generate energy from renewable sources including wind, solar, fuel cells, biomass, landfill gas, and certain types of hydropower. The total available funding for the program is \$2.75 million. Applicants must be commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities.

**Operational Demonstration Program**  
[www.ctinnovations.com/funding/coef/odp\\_project.php](http://www.ctinnovations.com/funding/coef/odp_project.php)

Provides up to \$750,000 for demonstration projects that have a high likelihood of developing into a commercial product within a reasonable period of time. Projects must have a capacity of at least one kilowatt (or the functional equivalent for hydrogen generation). Fund requires a front loaded 25% cash cost-share for any funding provided, in-kind contributions are accepted under certain conditions.

**100 Project Initiatives**  
[www.ctinnovations.com/funding/coef/project\\_100.php](http://www.ctinnovations.com/funding/coef/project_100.php)

Allows for state electric companies to enter into 10-year contracts for not less than 100 MW of Clean Renewable capacity at a price of up to 5.5¢ per kilowatt-hour (kWh). Designed to encourage financing of renewable energy projects, stimulate the development of new projects, and increase the available supply of renewable energy.

**DPUC - Low Interest Loans for Customer-Side Distributed Resources**  
[www.dpuc.state.ct.us/ElectricAndGas/OpenView&Start=14&Count=30&Espan=1](http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/ElectricAndGas/OpenView&Start=14&Count=30&Espan=1)

Offers grants to eligible baseload distributed generation (DG) projects of \$40 per kilowatt, up to a maximum of \$800, to retail end-use customers of electric distribution companies for the installation of customer-side distributed resources.

**Technical Assistance and Other Incentives**

**Mass Energy - Renewable Energy Certificate Incentive**  
[www.massenergy.com/Solar\\_REC\\_Sale.html](http://www.massenergy.com/Solar_REC_Sale.html)

Offers to purchase renewable energy certificates at a rate of \$30 per MW-hour (or \$13 per kWh) for a period of three years from PV systems.

**Tax Incentives (abatements, deductions, credits, etc.)**

**Sales Tax Exemption for Solar and Geothermal Systems**  
[www.ct.gov/DPS](http://www.ct.gov/DPS)

100% sales tax exemption for solar and geothermal heat pumps. Eligible solar equipment includes solar electricity generating systems and passive or active solar water or space heating systems, including equipment related to such systems, and sales of services relating to their installation.

**Net Metering**  
[www.state.ct.us/dps/](http://www.state.ct.us/dps/)

Connecticut requires net metering to no limit for generation using Clean Renewable energy sources (e.g., solar, wind, biomass, wave or tidal power). Contact the Connecticut PUC regarding potential opportunities.

Quick Facts	
Public Benefit Fund (PBF)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Renewable Portfolio Standard	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
27% by 2020	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Net Metering	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Interconnection Standards	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Electric Power Industry Generation by Primary Energy Source (2008)	
Petroleum-Fired	37%
Nuclear	47.8%
Natural Gas-Fired	30.2%
Hydroelectric	1.9%
Coal-Fired	12.3%
Other Renewables	2.2%

**Points of Contact**

**Connecticut Clean Energy Fund**  
[www.ctinnovations.com](http://www.ctinnovations.com)  
 Lori Dandy, lori.dandy@ctinnovations.com, (860) 257-2336  
 Dale Hedman, dale.hedman@ctinnovations.com, (860) 563-5851 Ext.131

**Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control**  
[www.state.ct.us/DPUC/](http://www.state.ct.us/DPUC/)  
 Paul Carver, paul.carver@puc.state.ct.us, (860) 827-2773

**Mass Energy**  
 Kelly Muehlen, kelly@massenergy.com, (517) 524-3950

**Sales and Use Tax Exemption**  
[www.ct.gov/DPS](http://www.ct.gov/DPS)  
 Connecticut Department of Revenue Services, Public Information Officer  
 (860) 297-5982

**Incentives for Development of Contaminated Land**

**Funding (grants, loans, bonds, etc.)**

**Special Contaminated Property Remediation and Insurance Fund (SCRPIF)**  
[www.ct.gov/deep/view.asp?i=1101&p=249824](http://www.ct.gov/deep/view.asp?i=1101&p=249824)

Provides low-interest, five-year loans to municipalities and private entities for Phase II and III investigations and demolition costs. Applicants must have completed a Phase I Assessment. Interest (2% APR) is paid during the term of the loan and the principal is repaid at the end of the term of the loan or when the site is later sold or leased or when the environmental remediation is complete. There is no loan limit or standard loan amount for SCRPIF.

**Connecticut Brownfields Redevelopment Authority (CBRA)**  
[www.ctbrownfields.com/about.asp](http://www.ctbrownfields.com/about.asp)

Provides grants up to \$10,000,000 to investors, developers, and business owners who undertake redevelopment projects on brownfields sites. The cash grant funding is available through tax increment financing (TIF) and the value of the grant is based on the future incremental municipal property taxes to be generated by the project; it cannot be combined with municipal real estate tax abatements.

**Urban Sites Remedial Action Fund (USRAF)**  
[www.ct.gov/deep/view.asp?i=1101&p=249844](http://www.ct.gov/deep/view.asp?i=1101&p=249844)

Provides funds primarily for site investigation, studies, and design; operations and maintenance; removal, and remedial actions on commercial or industrial sites. The state can commit unlimited public funds to prepare the planning and implementation of the site remediation. Several project types and criteria are eligible for assistance; however, the site must be in a distressed community or targeted investment community.

**Connecticut Development Authority Direct, Guaranteed, or Participating Loans**  
[www.ctda.com/CAS2/Info/Detail.asp?CASLID=Page=68&Info=Direct+Loans](http://www.ctda.com/CAS2/Info/Detail.asp?CASLID=Page=68&Info=Direct+Loans)

Loans available from \$250,000 to \$5 million to assist with brownfields remediation and redevelopment. Terms are tailored to each transaction up to 20 years.

**Tax Incentives (abatements, credits, etc.)**

**Industrial Site Investment Tax Credit Program**  
[www.ct.gov/deep/view.asp?i=1101&p=249822](http://www.ct.gov/deep/view.asp?i=1101&p=249822)

Offers an eligible investor a dollar-for-dollar corporate tax credit of up to 100% of their investment up to a maximum of \$100,000,000, for investments made in real property, or improvements to real property, located within Connecticut that has been subjected to environmental contamination.

**Urban Site Investment Tax Credit Program**  
[www.ct.gov/deep/view.asp?i=1101&p=249842](http://www.ct.gov/deep/view.asp?i=1101&p=249842)

Offers an eligible investor a dollar-for-dollar corporate tax credit of up to 100% of their investment up to a maximum of \$100,000,000. An eligible Urban Site Investment Project is defined as an investment that will add significant new economic activity, increase employment in a new facility, and generate significant additional tax revenues to the municipality and the state.

**Enterprise Zone Program**

[www.ct.gov/deep/view.asp?i=1099&p=249706](http://www.ct.gov/deep/view.asp?i=1099&p=249706)  
 Provides tax abatement for five years and 80% of local property taxes on real estate improvements located within Enterprise Zones, or 10 years/50% tax credit, seven-year minimum, deferral of increased taxes resulting from property value rise after remediation has been completed.

**Limitations on Liability**

**Voluntary Remediation Programs - Covenant Not to Sue**  
[www.ct.gov/deep/view.asp?i=1215&p=121500&appfile\\_GID=1028](http://www.ct.gov/deep/view.asp?i=1215&p=121500&appfile_GID=1028)

Provides a covenant not to sue—an assurance that the state will not require further cleanup in the future for historical contamination—upon completion of all requirements of the state's Voluntary Remediation Program. This tool reduces the risk of liability to the property owner.

**Quick Facts**

Limitations on Liability	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number of State-Tracked Contaminated Properties:	164
Includes Urban Sites Remedial Action Program, Voluntary Remediation Program, and Property Transfer Program sites	
Number of EPA CERCLIS Sites:	402
Sites identified for potential investigation under the federal Superfund Program	
Number of EPA Brownfields Properties:	313
Properties being funded or addressed under the EPA Brownfields Program	

\* There may be some overlap among the categories listed and sites listed may not represent all potentially contaminated sites in Connecticut.

**Points of Contact**

**Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)**  
[www.dep.state.ct.us/infomediation/index.htm](http://www.dep.state.ct.us/infomediation/index.htm)  
 Graham Stevens, graham.stevens@dep.state.ct.us, (860) 424-4196

**Department of Economic and Community Development SCRPIF**  
 Ned Moore, ned.moore@dep.state.ct.us, (860) 270-8148

**Urban and Industrial Site Investment Tax Credit Programs**  
 Robert Rigney, robert.rigney@dep.state.ct.us, (860) 270-8110

**Enterprise Zone Program**  
 Anne Karas, anne.karas@dep.state.ct.us, (860) 270-8143

**CBRA/CDA**  
 Cynthia Petruczello, (860) 258-7833

# Total Technical Potential of Siting Clean Energy on EPA tracked sites



Total Technical Potential of Solar on EPA Tracked Sites

Solar Grade	Total	Solar Class				
		3	4	5	6	7
		PV			CSP	
Acreage		2,991,340	5,581,781	1,691,142	4,707,041	1,721,094
Capacity (MW)	2,670,223	403,517	752,955	228,127	941,408	344,219
Emissions Displaced (MMTCO2)	4,682	271	640	222	2,540	1,010

In 2010, EIA projects U.S. solar PV and thermal capacity at 6,100 MW

Total Technical Potential of Wind on EPA Tracked Sites

Solar Grade	Total	Wind Class			
		3	4	5	6
Acreage		2,839,934	700,737	67,205	604,745
Capacity (MW)	120,379	85,198	21,022	2,016	12,142
Emissions Displaced (MMTCO2)	237	158	44	5	31

In 2010, EIA projects U.S. wind capacity at 25,610 MW

Brownfield properties alone can exceed the Energy Information Administration's projections for solar and wind energy in 2010.

All sites at three or above. May be some overlap over between solar and wind.

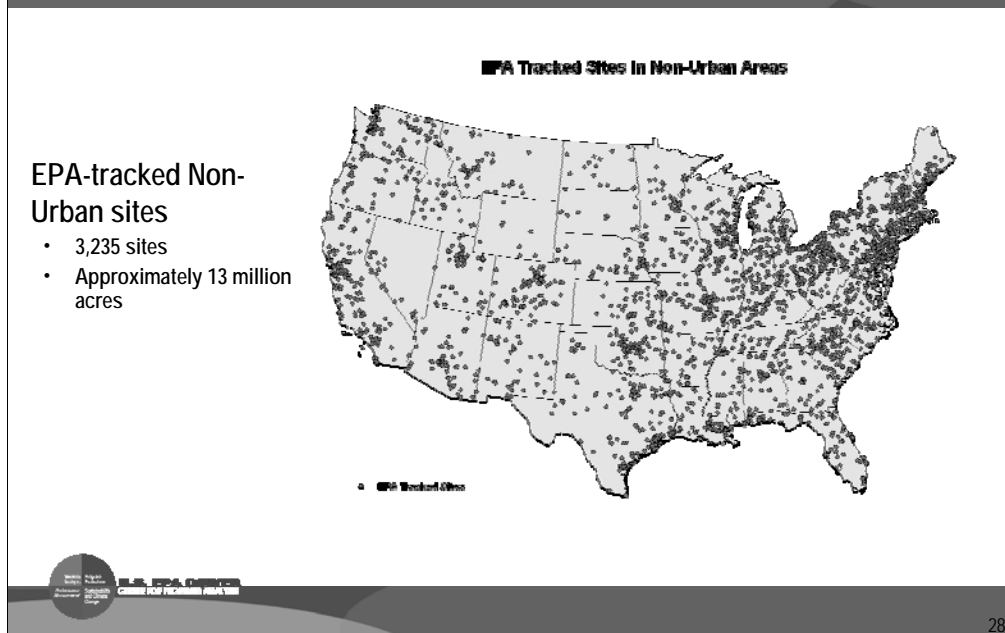
## Soil Amendments and Ecological Restoration as Carbon Sinks?



- Approximately 13.6 million acres of non-urban EPA-tracked land
- Approximately 3.2 million acres of abandoned mine land
- Average rate of carbon storage in mine lands reclaimed to forest is 21 to 25 MTCO<sub>2</sub> per year.
  - 70-81 MMTCO<sub>2</sub>E per year
- We are currently estimating total technical potential of organic soil amendments and ecological restoration.
- OSWER has draft protocol form sampling and analysis to account for carbon assets associated with soil amendments and re-vegetation.



# Soil Amendments and Ecological Restoration as Carbon Sinks?



1. Total Number of EPA Tracked Sites: 9,202

2. Mapped all EPA contaminated sites against U.S. Census Urbanized Areas data layer.

Urbanized Area, 2,804,247 acres 17%

Urbanized areas include a central city and the surrounding densely settled territory that together have a population of 50,000 or more and a population density generally exceeding 1,000 people per square mile.

Urban Cluster, 335,886 acres 2%

Urban clusters are areas with at least 2,500 people near an urbanized area.

Remote, 13,642,549 acres 81%

All other areas are considered remote.

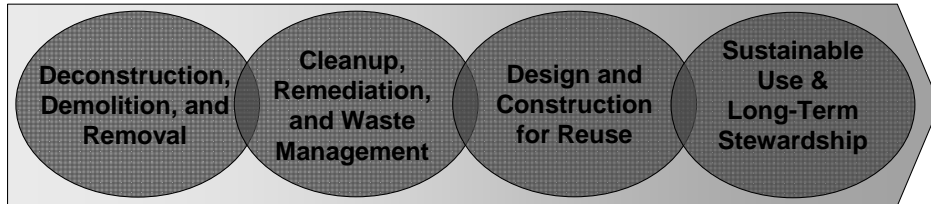
## Green/Greener Remediation



- Commitment to optimal solutions
- Costs of fuel and electricity
- Remediation footprint
- Remediation optimization
- Remediation options selection criteria



## So, how do we "Green" Our Programs?



*Use a systems approach; Look for environmental opportunities; identify and balance tradeoffs*

## Some Examples of Greener Approaches



### Deconstruction, Demolition, and Removal

- Reuse/recycle deconstruction and demolition materials
- Reuse materials on site whenever possible
- Consider future site use and reuse existing infrastructure
- Preserve/Reuse Historic Buildings
- Use clean diesel and low sulfur fuels in equipment and noise controls for power generation
- Retain native vegetation and soils, wherever possible
- Protect water resources from runoff and contamination

### Cleanup, Remediation, and Waste Management

- Power machinery and equipment using clean fuels
- Use renewable energy sources, such as solar, wind, and methane to power remediation activities
- Improve energy efficiency of chosen remediation strategies
- Select remediation approaches, such as phytoremediation, that reduce resource use and impact on air, water, adjacent lands, and public health
- Employ remediation practices that can restore soil health and ecosystems and, in some cases, sequester carbon through soil amendments and vegetation

### Design and Construction for Reuse

- Use Energy Star, LEED, and GreenScapes principles in both new and existing buildings
- Reduce environmental impact by reusing existing structures and recycling industrial materials
- Incorporate natural systems to manage stormwater, like green roofs, landscaped swales, and wetlands
- Incorporate Smart Growth principles that promote more balanced land uses, walkable neighborhoods, and open space
- Create ecological enhancements to promote biodiversity and provide wildlife habitat and recreation

### Sustainable Use and Long Term Stewardship

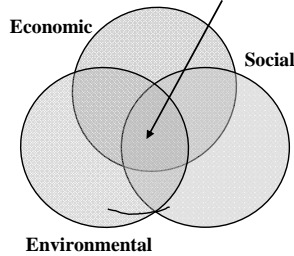
- Reduce use of toxic materials in manufacturing, maintenance, and use of buildings and land
- Minimize waste generation, manage waste properly, and recycle materials used/generated
- Maintain engineering and institutional controls on site where waste is left in place
- Reduce water use by incorporating water efficient systems and use native vegetation to limit irrigation
- Maximize energy efficiency and increase use of renewable energy
- Take appropriate steps to prevent (recontamination)

## SOME BENEFITS ACHIEVED BY ADOPTING GREEN APPROACHES IN THE

### Economic Benefits

- Achieve **lifecycle cost savings** associated with **green remediation and buildings**.
- **Reduce energy footprint and save resources** by using energy efficient equipment/processes and renewable energy.
- **Qualify for tax benefits** associated with brownfield redevelopment and LEED certification.
- **Reduce construction costs, reduce disposal fees, and gain a new source of revenue** by recycling materials onsite.
- **Increase property value** by incorporating Green Design and Smart Growth principles, which can bring more business, people, and revenues into the community.
- **Improve employee satisfaction and productivity** through green building design.

### Optimal Sustainable Revitalization



### Social Benefits

- **Improve public health** of work force and community.
- **Create more walkable, accessible, and livable neighborhoods** by incorporating Smart Growth principles and ecological enhancements.
- **Improve aesthetics and public safety** by cleaning up and reusing blighted areas.
- **Create jobs** for the community and higher **tax revenues** for local government by creating new construction, commercial, and industrial opportunities and increasing property values.
- **Reduce construction traffic, noise, dust, and safety concerns** by reusing existing buildings and by employing deconstruction and material recovery practices.

### Environmental Benefits

- **Reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions** by incorporating energy efficient processes, using renewable energy sources, recycling materials, and implementing activities that sequester carbon.
- **Improve air quality** by employing Smart Growth principles, making ecological enhancements, and incorporating Green Design features.
- **Preserve greenspace and slow suburban sprawl** by cleaning up and reusing contaminated properties and facilitating their reuse.
- **Conserve resources, reduce landfill disposal, and limit the environmental impact of waste hauling** by recycling and reusing industrial materials.
- **Increase biodiversity and restore watersheds** by incorporating ecological enhancements and preserving green infrastructure.
- **Reduce long-term impact of structures on the environment and resource use** by incorporating green approaches in building and landscaping construction, including stormwater management.

## “Guidelines for Making Environmentally-Sound Decisions in the Superfund Remedial Process”



- USEPA, Region 5 – May 1993
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- *The hope is that once the pollution prevention philosophy has been embraced, project managers will identify other opportunities for making environmentally sound decisions. **Set up a recycling corner in the trailer on-site; restore wetlands; or plant trees to help offset, even in the slightest way, global climate change ”***

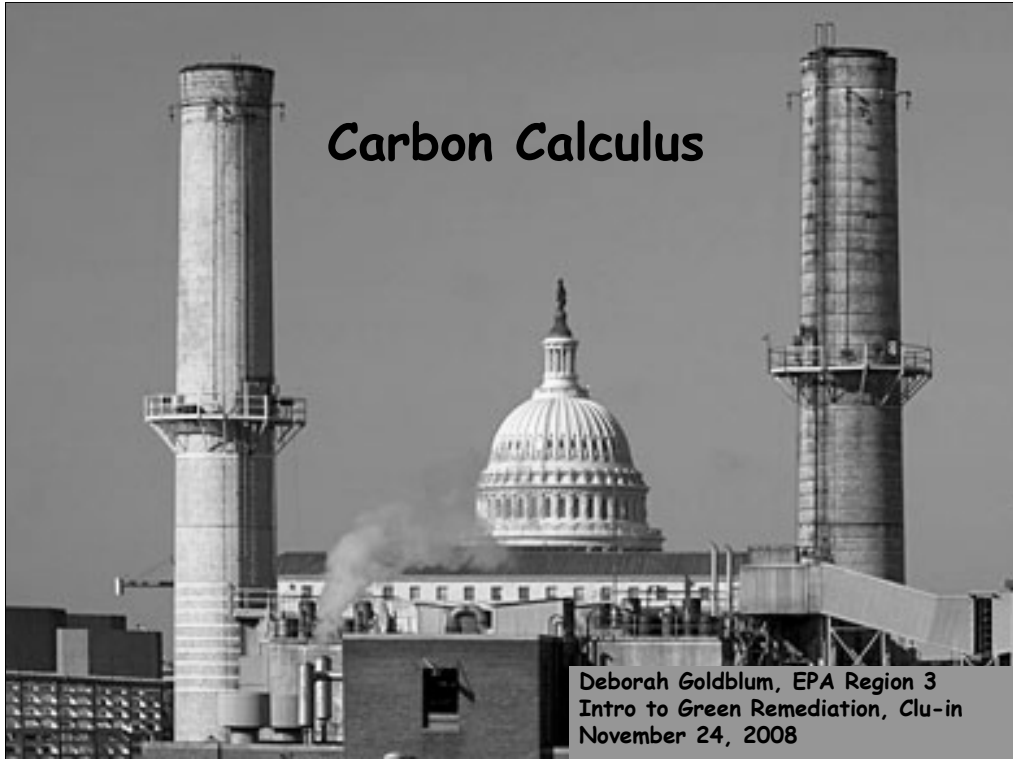


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## Green Cleanups Basics

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Maximize the net environmental benefit of a cleanup

- Use resources wisely
- Consider the big environmental picture
- Integrate cleanup with reuse



## RCRA Remedy Selection Criteria

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### **Threshold Criteria**

- Protect Human Health & the Environment
- Control Sources
- Meet Cleanup Objectives

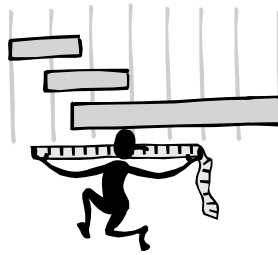
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- Short-term effectiveness
- Ease of implementation
- Cost
- Community acceptance
- State acceptance
- Sustainability

# Objectives

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- Develop sustainability framework
  - Factors (common language)
  - Measures
- Process for implementation



## Sustainability Framework

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- water use
- land use
- energy
- air impacts
- human exposure hours
- PM-10
- $CO_2$
- $NO_x$
- local issues
- treatment vs. containment
- $SO_x$
- occupational risk
- recycled materials



## Sustainability Measurement Factors

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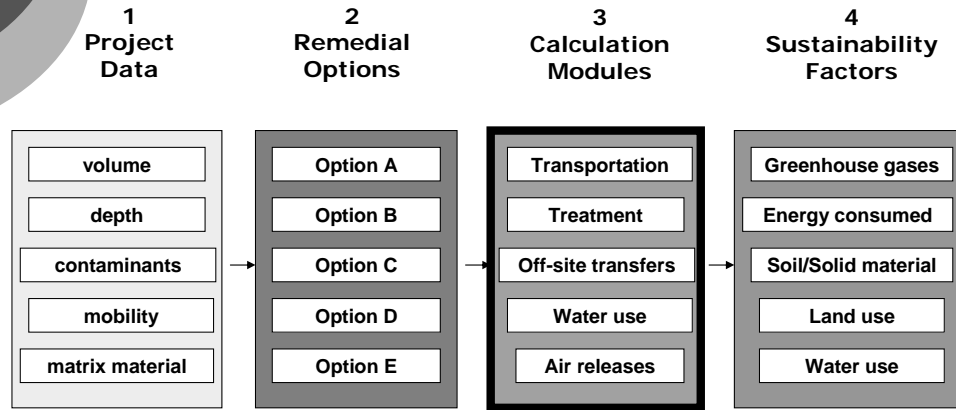
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  - CO<sub>2</sub>
  - Energy
- Resources Consumed/Recycled
  - Soil & Solid Material
  - Water
  - Land



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# Conceptual Framework for Sustainability Analysis

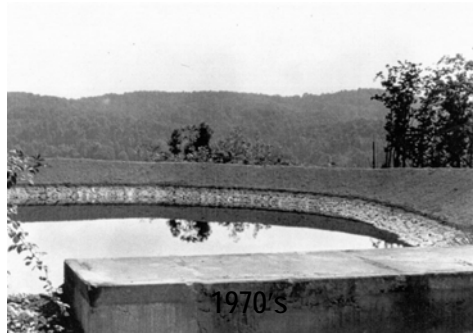


## Step 1 - Project Data

### Unit H1

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- Former finish oil disposal pond
- Chlorinated VOCs in soil & groundwater
- PCBs, arsenic (coal ash) in soil
- About 100' diameter; impacts 3.5 to 8 feet bgs
- Groundwater about 90' bgs
- Soil volume 63,000 cf



## Step 2 - Remedial Options

### Unit H1

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#### **Cleanup source to achieve MCLs throughout the plume**

- Excavate (source material removal) and landfill + MNA
- Excavate & ex-situ thermal treatment + MNA
- Cap + MNA
- Soil vacuum extraction (SVE) + MNA
- Zero valent iron (ZVI) in-situ treatment + MNA

**PASS THRESHOLD CRITERIA**

## Step 3 - Identify Components

### ZVI Treatment + MNA

Task	Item	Quantities
Mobilization and Site Prep	Time Staff Equipment	10 days 11 - 1 Super, 1 Eng'r, 9 Operators & Laborers Man lift, forklifts (2), crane, mix head, others
Crane and Mix Head Assembly	Time	5 day
Shallow Soil Mixing	Time Staff Equipment Materials	17 days 11 - 1 Super, 1 Eng'r, 9 Operators & Laborers Mix head/crane, fork lifts, excavator 70 ton ZVI, 50 ton bentonite, 200 ton kiln dust 130,000 gal water
Demob, including grading	Time Staff Equipment	4 days 11 - 1 Super, 1 Eng'r, 9 Operators & Laborers Excavator, man lift, forklifts (2), crane, mix head

## Step 3 - Quantify Components

### ZVI Treatment + MNA

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#### Fuel for remedy

- Mobilization/demobe
- Soil mixing
- Regrading
- Sub-base installation
- Delivery of ZVI
- Delivery of kaolinite
- Delivery of flyash
- Sampling events

Gasoline (gallons)

Diesel (gallons)

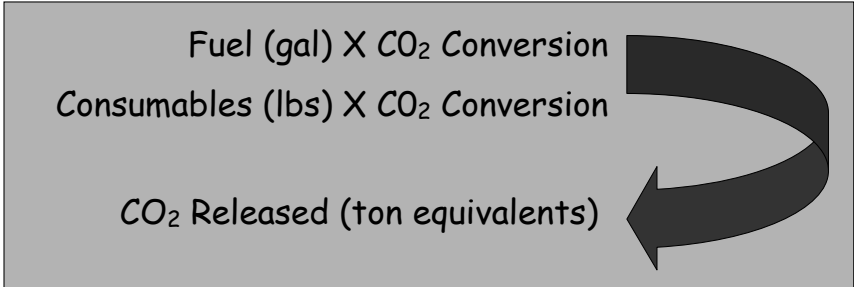
#### Consumables

- ZVI
- bentonite
- kiln dust

# Process Model Examples - CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions

Combustion of Fuels			CO <sub>2</sub> emissions			Data Source	Total GWP kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq
Fuel	Quantity	Unit	Pre-Combustion lb CO <sub>2</sub>	Combustion lb CO <sub>2</sub>	Total lb CO <sub>2</sub>		
Diesel	1000	Gal	3258	225.3	25801	nrel.gov/lci	
Gasoline	1000	Gal	2776	1740.3	20179	nrel.gov/lci	
	Quantity	Unit	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	kg CO <sub>2</sub>		
Diesel	1	kg	0.46	3.18	3.64	nrel.gov/lci	
Gasoline	1	kg	0.46	2.86	3.31	nrel.gov/lci	
Propane	1	kg	0.48	3.00	3.48	ecoinvent	3.59
	Quantity	Unit	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	kg CO <sub>2</sub>		Total GWP kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq
<b>Consumables</b>							
Electricity, US Average	1	kWh			0.85	nrel.gov/lci	0.861
Electricity, US Average	1	kWh			0.73	MSU data	0.77
Cement	1	kg			0.74	ecoinvent	0.77
Concrete	1	cubic yard			195.47	ecoinvent	202.53
HDPE Sheet	1	kg			2.41	Plastics Europe	2.47
High Alloy Steel Pipe	1	kg			4.99	ecoinvent	5.31
Carbon Steel Pipe	1	kg			1.85	ecoinvent	2.02
PVC pipe	1	kg			2.35	Industry data	2.58
Activated Carbon	1	kg			6.45	Kirk-Othmer,nrel.gov/lci	
Asphalt	1	USD			2.00	US Input-Output DB	2.49
Zero Valent Iron	1	kg			1.21	ecoinvent	1.32
Kiln Dust	1	kg			0.74	Co-product of Cement	0.77
Bentonite	1	kg			0.44	ecoinvent	0.47
<b>Transportation - Use the table below from NREL, then the combustion data above to get to energy and CO<sub>2</sub></b>							
	Quantity	Unit	lb CO <sub>2</sub>	lb CO <sub>2</sub>	lb CO <sub>2</sub>		
Xport - Tractor trailer	1000	ton-miles	34.2	236.7	270.9	nrel.gov/lci	
	10.5	Gal Diesel					
	Quantity	Unit	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	kg CO <sub>2</sub>		
Xport - Tractor trailer	1000	tonne-km	0.009	0.059	0.068	nrel.gov/lci	
	18.67	Gal Diesel					
	Quantity	Unit	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	kg CO <sub>2</sub>		
Earthwork	1000	kg earth	0.244	1.688	1.932	ecoinvent	
	0.53	kg Diesel					

**Step 3 - Multiply X Conversion Factors**  
**ZVI Treatment + MNA**



<b>ZVI Treatment</b>	<b>→</b>	<b>170 CO<sub>2</sub> ton equivalents</b>
<b>MNA</b>	<b>→</b>	<b>5 CO<sub>2</sub> ton equivalents</b>
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		<b>175 CO<sub>2</sub> ton equivalents</b> <sub>49</sub>

## Step 4 - Sustainability Factors

### ZVI Treatment + MNA

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<b>Greenhouse Gases &amp; Energy</b>		
<b>Carbon Dioxide</b> (CO <sub>2</sub> equivalents)	0 CO <sub>2</sub> ton equivalents from contaminant destruction	175 CO <sub>2</sub> ton equivalents from remedy & consumables
<b>Energy</b> (kWh)	0 kWh of renewable energy generated	791,000 kWh of energy used by remedy & consumables
<b>Resource Conservation</b>		
<b>Soil/Solid Material</b> (tons)	0	200 tons of soil required to cap area
<b>Land</b> (acres)	<1 acre available for use	0 acres with permanent limited use
<b>Water</b> (gallons)	0 gallons reused/recycled	130,000 gallons of water used

## Greenhouse Gases

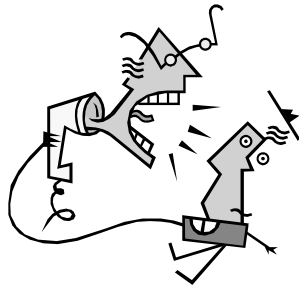
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	ZVI In Situ Treatment +MNA	Excavation & Off-Site Disposal +MNA	Ex-Situ Thermal Treatment + MNA	Soil Vapor Extraction + MNA	Capping + MNA
<i>CO</i> <sub>2</sub> Equivalents (tons)	175	255	595	165	29

## Feedback

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- Leads to more innovation
- Fosters collaborative process
- More robust evaluation
- Dangerous - too much opportunity for monkey business
- Remedy at every site will be natural attenuation
- Slow down cleanup due to review time



## Potential Solutions

- Streamline the carbon analysis
  - Fuel Use
  - Energy Use
  - Key Consumables
- "Rules of Thumb"
- Develop *Green Cleanup Standards*
  - Type of Energy Use
  - CO<sub>2</sub> Evaluation
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