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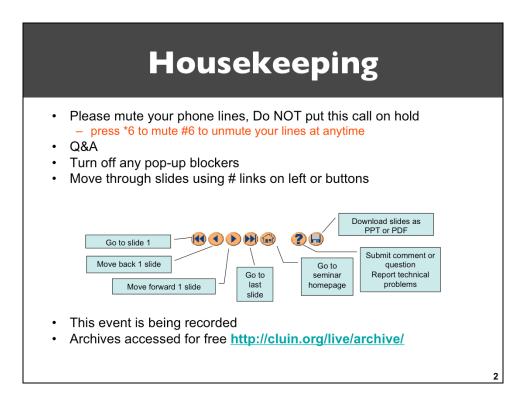
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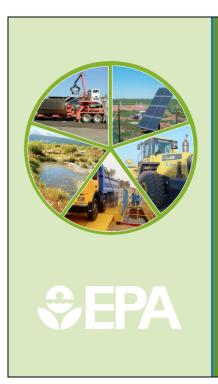


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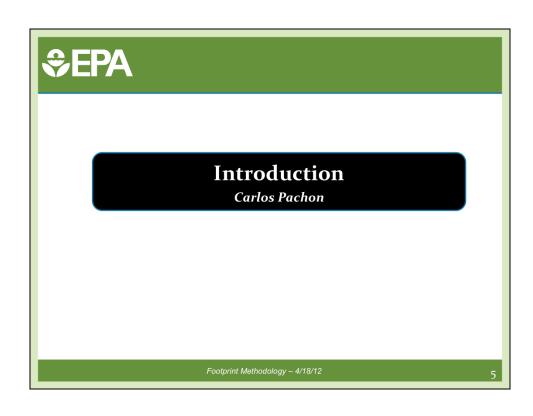
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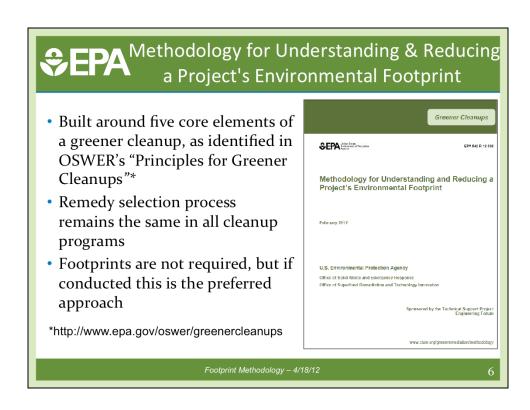
GOAL: Introduce EPA's methodology for environmental footprint analysis of remediation projects

- Introduction
- Methodology Overview
- Application of the Methodology
- Key Considerations for Interpreting the Results
- Interpreting and Using the Results
- Next Steps
- Q&A

Methodology is available at www.cluin.org/ greenremediation

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PEPA Methodology for Understanding & Reducing a Project's Environmental Footprint (2)

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Ecosystems

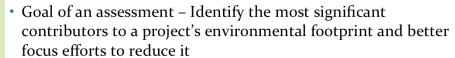
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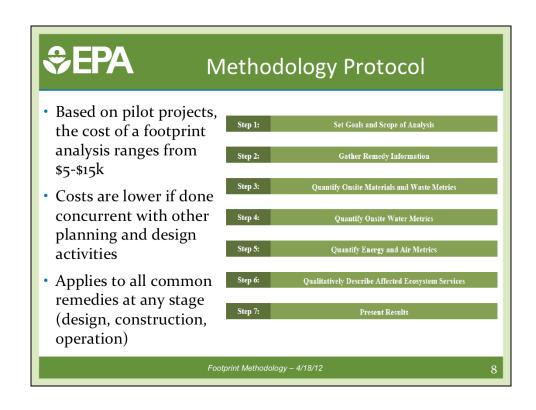
Atmosphere

- Provides common footprint metrics and a process to quantify them
- Designed to be generally compatible with existing "footprinting" tools
- Based on lessons learned from multiple projects



• Includes common conversion factors, contents of materials frequently used for cleanup, and typical energy demands of equipment deployed in the field

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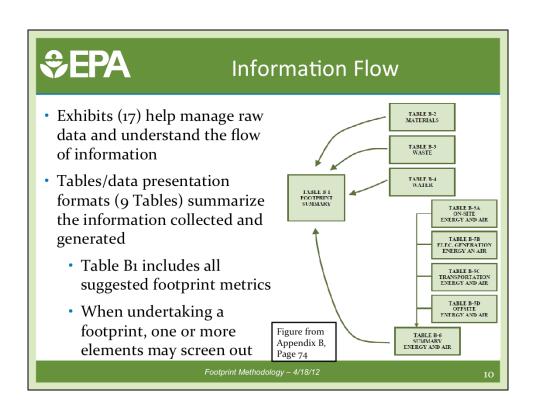


Methodology Document

- Main section: The basics of an environmental footprint
 - Introduction
 - Metrics
 - Footprint methodology
 - Considerations for interpreting the footprint
 - Approaches to reducing the footprint
- Appendices: The "mechanics" of a footprint
 - A. Exhibits
 - B. Tables/data presentation formats
 - C. Footprint reduction scenarios
 - Materials and Waste (3)
 - Water (3)
 - Energy and Air (2)

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Methodology Applicability

Does the methodology call for life-cycle assessment (LCA)?

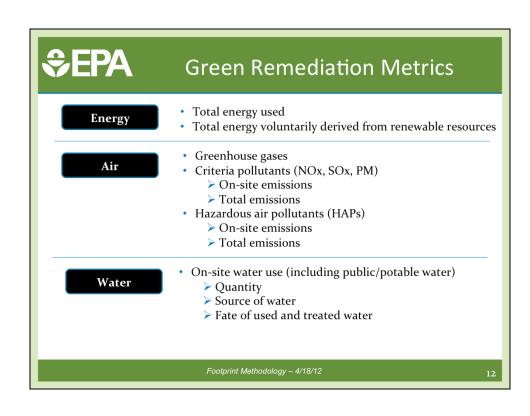
- It calculates the green remediation metrics but does not apply an "impact assessment" as typically needed in a full LCA
- Materials and waste target the on-site use and generation rather than off-site (boundary difference)
- · Energy and emissions have fairly broad system boundaries

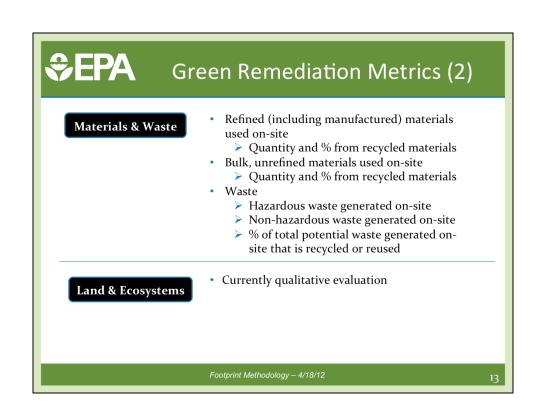
Does the methodology consider social and economic factors?

- The methodology focuses on the environmental footprint of a contaminated site remediation project
- Social and economic factors are addressed in EPA cleanup programs through existing processes such as community involvement requirements and EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Initiative

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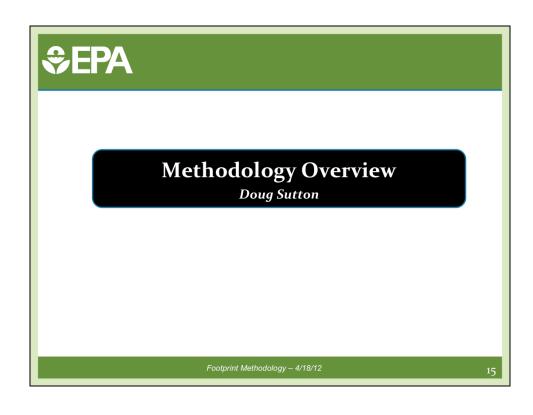
Where and when is the methodology used?

- The methodology process and results are of value . . .
 - > For all types of cleanup projects
 - > For all cleanup programs
 - > Throughout the various phases of a cleanup project

How will EPA use the methodology?

- Train EPA technical staff on ways to understand and reduce the footprint
- Conduct footprint analyses at its own sites when and where appropriate
- Facilitate the evaluation of environmental footprint studies submitted to EPA by outside parties

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Materials & Waste Highlights

- Straightforward accounting of materials used on-site
 - > Refined/manufactured (e.g., steel, chemicals)
 - Unrefined/minor processing (e.g., soil, sand, gravel)
- Straightforward accounting of waste generated on-site
 - > Hazardous
 - ➤ Non-hazardous
 - > Percentage recycled or reused
- Example tables for organizing input and results

Much of section is rules of thumb or general assistance for creating an inventory of materials and waste

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Water Highlights

- Straightforward accounting of on-site water use, considering sitespecific factors
 - ➤ Source of water used
 - Quantity of water used
 - ➤ Use of water
 - > Fate of water after use

Use of site-specific factors allows for development of site-specific water use metric

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Energy & Emission Highlights

- Three-step process
 - > Inventory remedy materials and services
 - > Calculate electricity and fuel use
 - Convert electricity, fuel, materials, and into energy and air metrics
- Organize calculations into four categories
 - ➤ On-site (similar to Scope 1 in EO 13514)
 - ➤ Electricity generation (Scope 2 in EO 13514)
 - ➤ Transportation (part of Scope 3 in EO 13514)
 - ➤ Other off-site materials and services (part of Scope 3 in EO 13514)
- Provides help estimating and calculating values
- Helps with determining appropriate level of detail
- · Provides referenced footprint conversion factors

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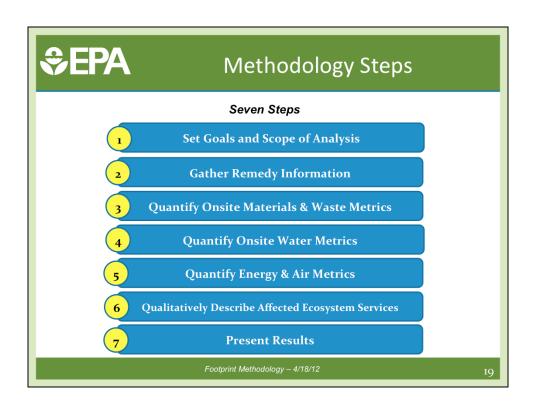
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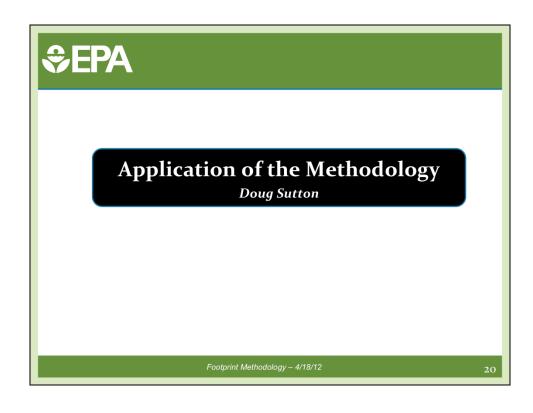
Uses some info from

Materials & Waste

and from Water

Sections







Example Application

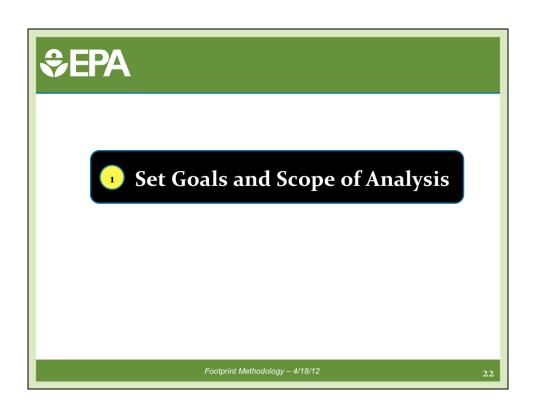
Application at a hypothetical P&T system

- P&T system designed to treat arsenic
- System expected to operate for 30 years
- Treatment plant removes arsenic through co-precipitation
 - ➤ Intensive chemical usage
 - Substantial waste generation
- Discharge treated water to the nearby creek
- Local electricity generation mix similar that of California
- · Remedy is in design stage
- Results used to help identify green remediation practices to be included in system design



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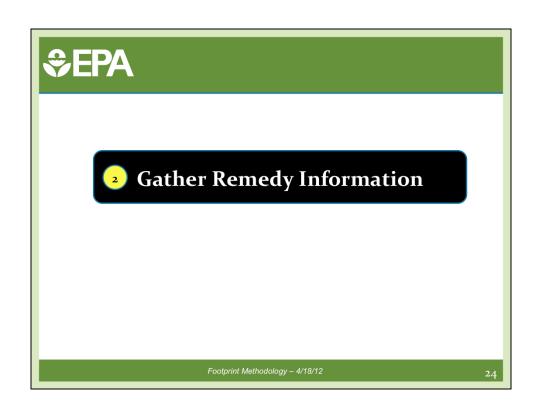




- · Scope of analysis
 - > System construction, O&M, and performance monitoring
 - > Focus on groundwater remedy only
 - > Assume system is used for other purposes at conclusion of remedy
- Study boundary is established by EPA methodology
- Functional unit of analysis
 - > Remedy life-cycle from construction through operation
 - ➤ Substantial waste generation

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Gather Remedy Information

Remedy Item/Activity	Quantity/Information
Number, depth, and design of extraction wells	6-inch wells, 600 ft total
Length, size, and type of piping	3,000 ft of 6-inch HDPE
Extraction rate	700 gpm
Treatment plant construction	80 ft x 100 ft x 30 ft
Information for estimating utility use	Pumps, mixers, HVAC, lighting
Information for estimating waste generation	Influent loading
Information for estimating chemical use	Influent loading
Monitoring program (frequency, locations, parameters)	Annual, 100 wells, arsenic
Transportation distances	Various

Typical information from Feasibility Study, Design, Implementation/O&M, and Optimization





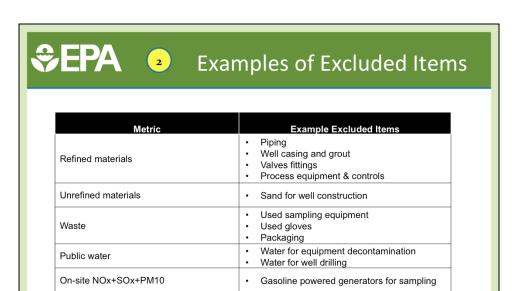
Screening Limits

- Screening limits to refine input information
 - > Exclude items with estimated footprint contribution smaller than 1% of largest footprint contribution
 - > Exclude items with estimate footprint smaller than a specified magnitude

Metric	Units	Largest Contributor	Largest Contribution	1% of Largest Contribution	Magnitude Limit	Screening Limit
Refined materials	ton	NaOH	3,072	31	1	31
Unrefined materials	ton	Aggregate	1,150	12	1	12
Waste	ton	Sludge	7,800	78	1	78
Public water	gal	Poly blending	360,000,000	3,600,000	5,000	3,600,000
On-site NOx+SOx+PM10	lb	Nat. gas	7,100	71	100	100
On-site HAPs	lb	Nat. gas	5	0.05	10	10
Total energy use	SU	Electricity	39,000,000	390,000	1,000	390,000

Based on professional judgment, exclude items with a footprint smaller than the "screening limits"

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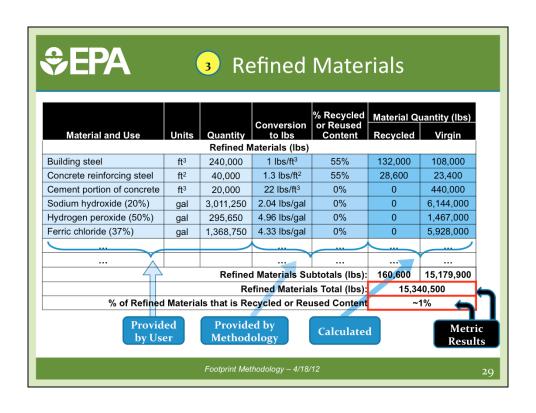
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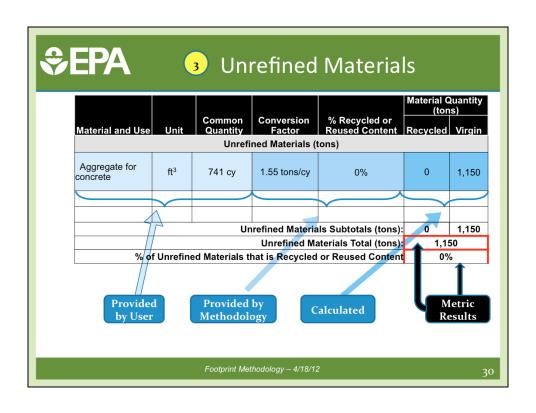
Personnel transport
Heavy equipment transport

On-site HAPs

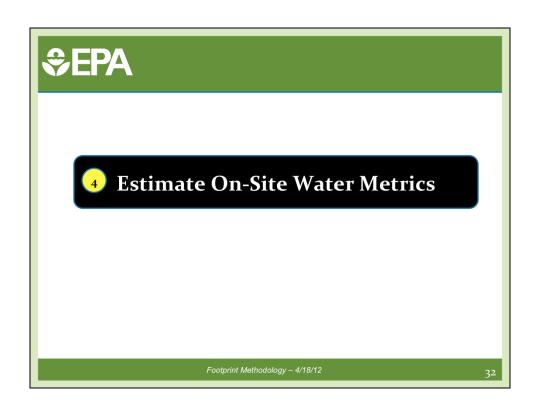
Total energy use















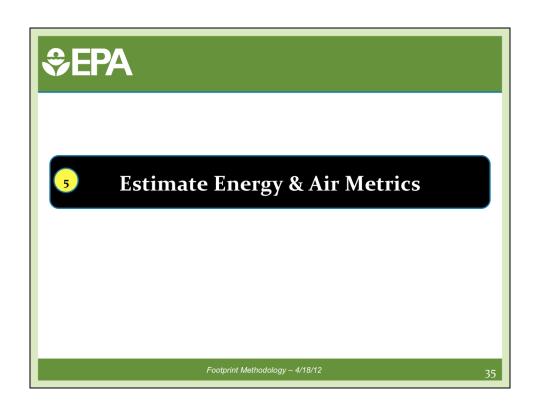
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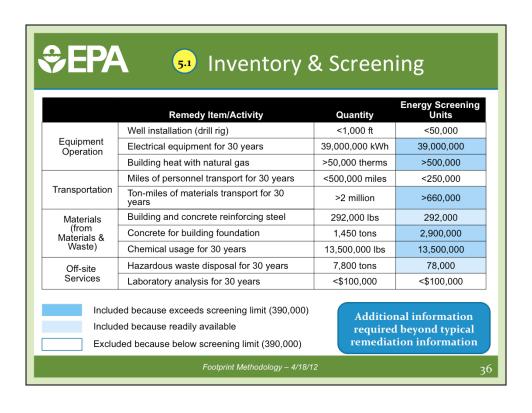
Water Resource	Description of Quality of Water Used	Volume Used (1000's gallons)	Uses	Fate of Used Water
Public water supply	Potable	360,000	Blending polymer	Creek
Extracted groundwater Aquifer: "Shallow"	Marginal quality	11,000,000	Treatment	Creek
Surface water Intake Location: None	None			
Reclaimed water Source: None	None			
Collected/diverted storm water	None			
Other water resource	None			

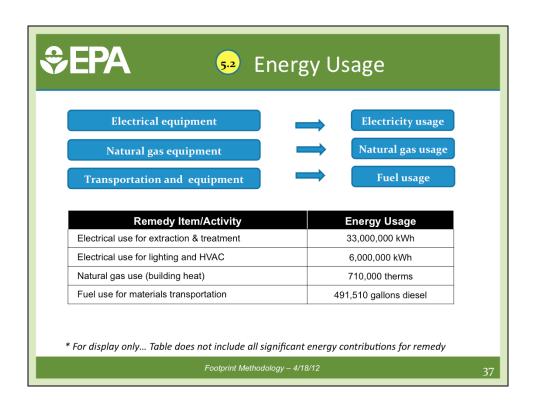


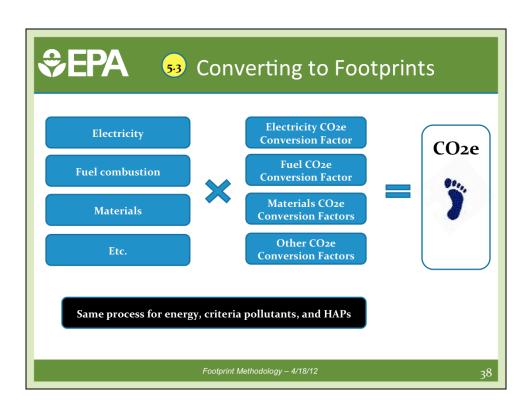
Water Resource	Description of Quality of Water Used	Volume Used (1000's gallons)	Uses	Fate of Used Water
Public water supply	Potable	360,000	Blending polymer	Creek
Extracted groundwater Aquifer: "Ogallala"	Vital Aquifer	11,000,000	Treatment	Creek
Surface water Intake Location: None		None		
Reclaimed water Source: None	None			
Collected/diverted storm water	None			
Other water resource	None			

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SEPA 53 Converting to Footprints

	Inventory Component	Quantity	Energy Footprint (MMBtus)	CO2e Footprint* (tons)
On-site	On-site elec. use Natural gas use Equipment use	39,000,000 kWh 710,000 therms 1,010 gals fuel	133,000 73,000 134	0 4,650 11
Elec. Gen.	Electricity gen.	39,000,000 kWh	269,000	16,497
Transportation	Diesel	491,510 gallons	68,000	5,530
Off-site	Materials Waste disposal Electricity trans. Public water Other	17,500,000 lbs 7800 tons 39,000,000 kWh 360,000,000 gals Other	310,000	19,022
Total			853,000	45,710

^{*} Only energy and CO2e footprints shown for example. Criteria pollutants, and HAPs not shown.

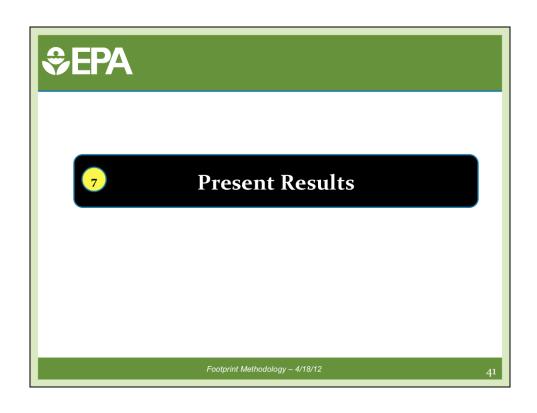


Qualitatively Describe Effects on Ecosystem Services

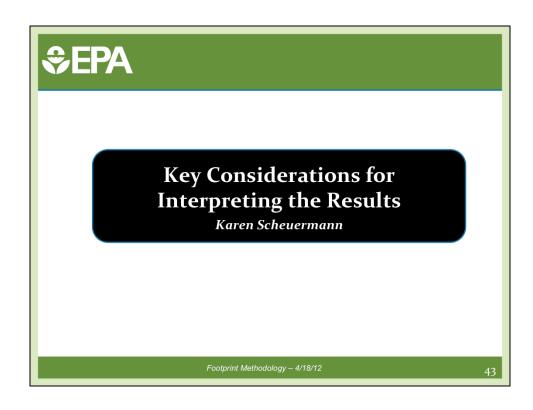
In its current form, the methodology suggests the use of qualitative descriptions of the effects of a remedy on land and ecosystem services such as nutrient uptake and erosion control. Concepts related to ecosystem services are available online from EPA's Ecosystem Services Research Program at

http://www.epa.gov/ecology.

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	Parameter	Footprint
	Total Energy	853,000 MMBtu
	% from Renewable Energy	0%
	GHG Emissions	45,710 tons
hat s this san?	Total Criteria Pollutant emissions	637,000 lbs
	On-site Criteria Pollutant emissions	7,800 lbs
	Total HAP emissions	4,100 lbs
	On-site HAP emissions	6 lbs
	Public water use	360,000,000 gallons
at do with t?	Other on-site water use	Marginal impact
	Refined materials use (% from recycled material)	15.3 million lbs (1%
	Unrefined materials use (% from recycled material)	1,150 tons (0%)
	Hazardous waste	7,800 tons
	Non-hazardous waste	0 tons
	% of total on-site waste recycled or reused	0%



**EPA Keep in Mind during the Analysis ... What activities/materials are being omitted? • Materials used in small amounts • Infrequent activities Document the

What are the greatest sources of error or uncertainty?

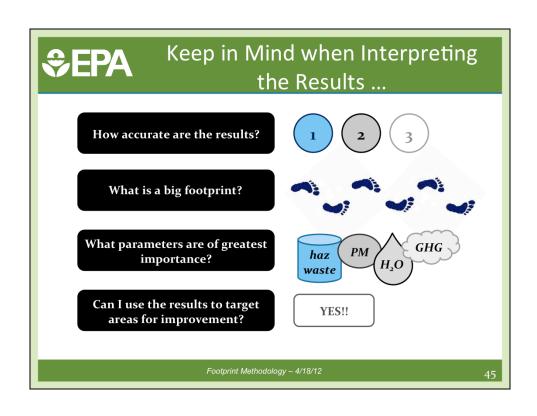
- · Undetermined aspects of remedy design
- Remedy timeframes
- Footprint conversions factors

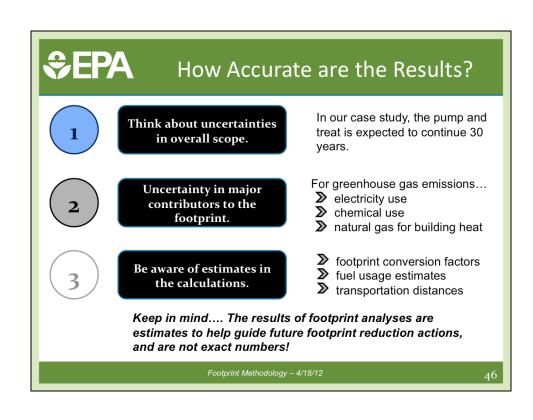
How can the analysis address these uncertainties?

- Evaluate alternative designs
- Perform sensitivity analyses
- · Conduct additional research

sources of error and uncertainty and how they are addressed

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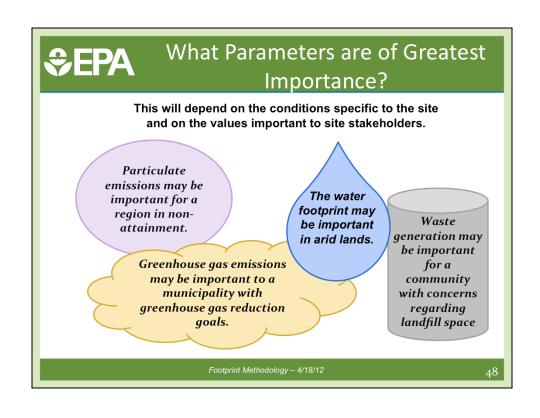


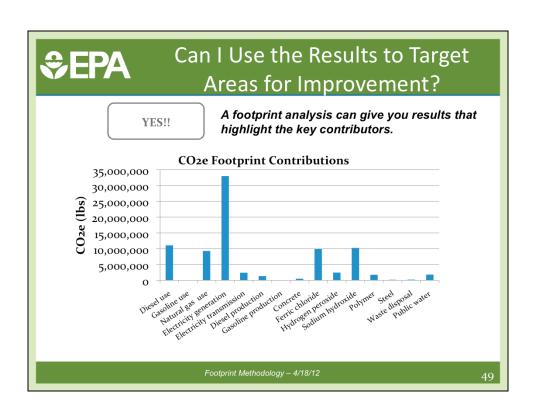
What is a Big Footprint?

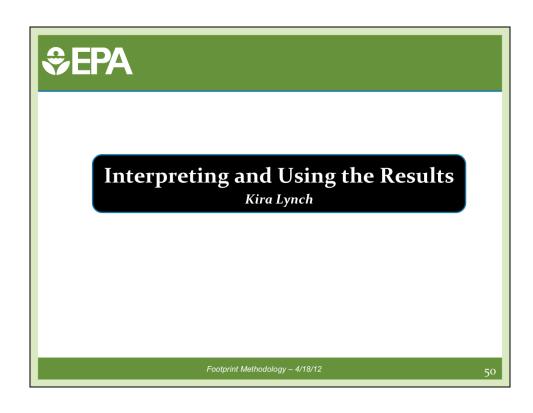
- What is the right benchmark for comparison?
-) How does the footprint for a particular remedy compare to...
 - footprints of similar remedies in your organization's portfolio?
 - your organization's overall footprint?
 - footprints of other similar remedies?
- Are there goals that you or your organization set for...
 - magnitude of footprint reductions
 - percentage footprint reduction
- Are there footprint reduction goals that have been recommended for your organization by another party?

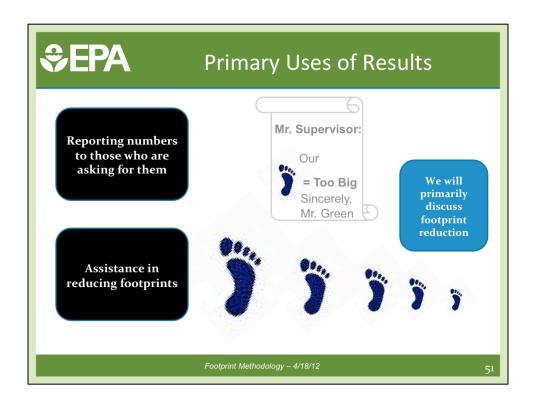
A small percentage reduction of a large footprint can be a large magnitude reduction

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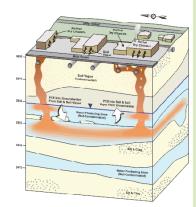


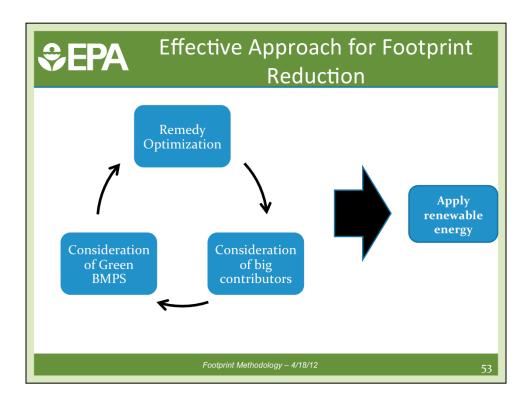


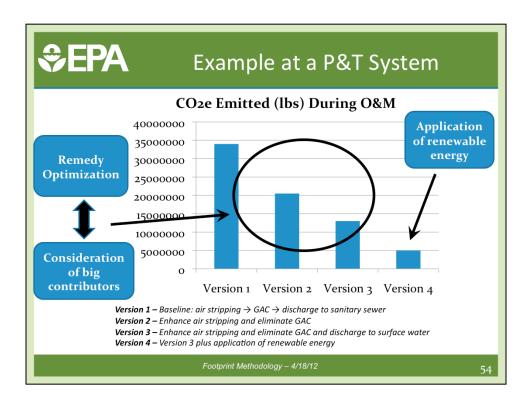
EPA Approaches to Footprint Reduction

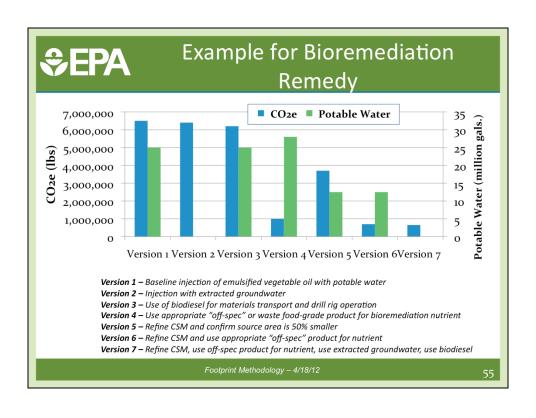
Small environmental footprints are consistent with good science and engineering

- · Minimizing footprints and large footprint reductions come from...
 - > An accurate conceptual site model (CSM)
 - > Well-characterized source areas and contaminant plumes
 - ➤ Appropriate remedy selection
 - Sound engineering
 - > Streamlined performance monitoring







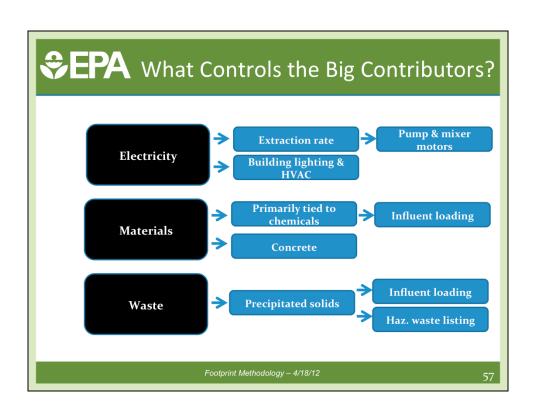




SEPA Back to Our Example P&T System

What are the big contributors?

Footprint Parameter	Primary Contributors
Total Energy	Electricity & Materials
GHG Emissions	Electricity & Materials
Criteria Pollutant emissions	Electricity & Materials
HAP emissions	Electricity & Materials
Public water use	Polymer blending
Other on-site water use	GW Extraction
Off-site water use	Electricity & Materials
Refined materials use & % from recycled material	Chemicals
Unrefined materials use & % from recycled material	Aggregate for concrete
Hazardous waste	Influent loading
Non-hazardous waste	N/A





Addressing Big Contributors

CSM Related

- Can we optimize the extraction rate?
- Can source removal/stabilization reduce influent concentration?



Process Optimization

- Are there substitutes for process components that can reduce electricity or chemical use?
- Are motors oversized or throttled back? Are variable frequency drives used where appropriate?



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Addressing Big Contributors (2)

Traditional Energy Efficiency

- Can we adjust building HVAC and lighting operation?
- Can we use more efficient HVAC and lighting technologies?



Managing Waste

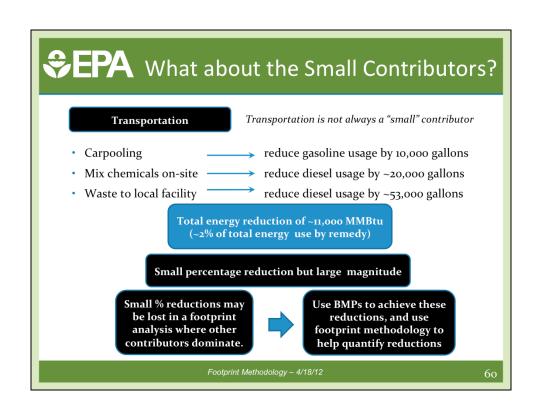
• Are there other chemicals (preferably a waste stream) that we can use?

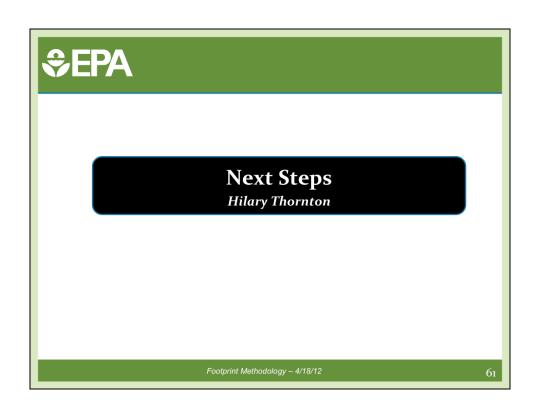
Green BMPs & Renewable Energy

- Can we use renewable or alternative energy?

 - On-site renewable energyPurchased renewable energy
 - **>** Combined heat and power









Training and Tech Transfer



In-house training in 2012 at the

- "Train the Trainer" session at TSP Meeting in Oklahoma City on May 2
- EPA Region 9 on May 16 (Future regional training sessions will be planned as budget & travel permit)
 NARPM in October

Training via internet seminars www.cluin.org





Additional example applications and case studies will be posted

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Tools and Support

EPA

- EPA is releasing footprint spreadsheets it uses that are consistent with the final methodology and made publicly available on <u>www.cluin.org/greenremediation</u>.
 - · Use of these spreadsheets is optional
 - Spreadsheets are fairly self-explanatory, but do not come with a user manual or technical support
- EPA Green Remediation Coordinators and the EPA Engineering Forum will be available to answer questions regarding the methodology.



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Other Tools

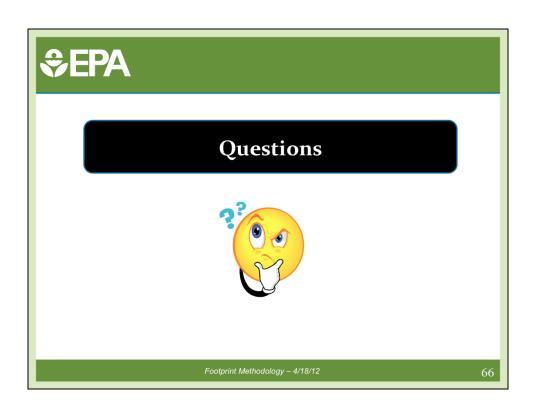
Other Organizations

- Tools have been developed by other organizations, examples
 include iseTM
 Life-cycle assessment tools
- ➤ Sustainable Remediation Tool (SRTTM) ➤ Proprietary consultant tools
- These tools have not been evaluated by EPA, and may have varying degrees of consistency with the methodology

EPA will not endorse individual tools

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