# **Estimating Environmental Footprints Using SEFA**

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## **SEFA**

**S**preadsheets *for* 

**E**nvironmental

**F**ootprint

**A**nalysis

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## **Purpose of SEFA Webinar**

- ightarrow This is an introduction to SEFA
- → Methodology published in February 2012 by EPA
- → Find the Footprint Methodology and SEFA at http://clu-in.org/greenremediation/methodology/index.cfm
- → Green Remediation: The practice of considering all environmental effects of remedy implementation and incorporating options to minimize the environmental footprints of cleanup actions
- → Goal of Footprint Analysis: Identify the most significant contributors to a project's environmental footprint and better focus efforts to reduce it

SEFA

Spreadsheets for Environmental Footprint Analysis

SEFA is a companion tool to the footprint methodology

> EPA's May 2013 webinar discussed the methodology in greater detail

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Spreadsheets for Environmental Footprint Analysis

# **SEFA Basics**

Will show the basic organization of SEFA using a tutorial-style footprint analysis at a hypothetical site

- ightarrow Graphics to explain organization of SEFA
- → Followed by screenshots showing features of the data entry sheets
- ightarrow Specifics of data entry will be demonstrated in the following section

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## **Description of SEFA**



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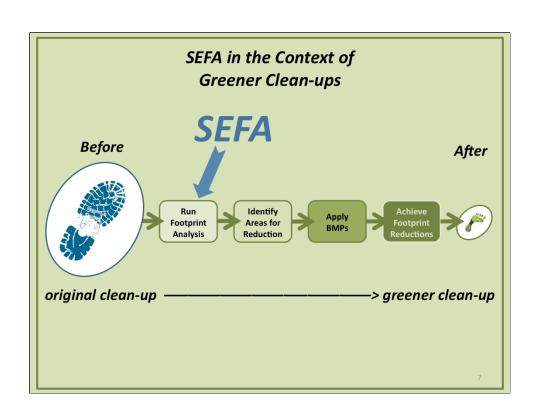
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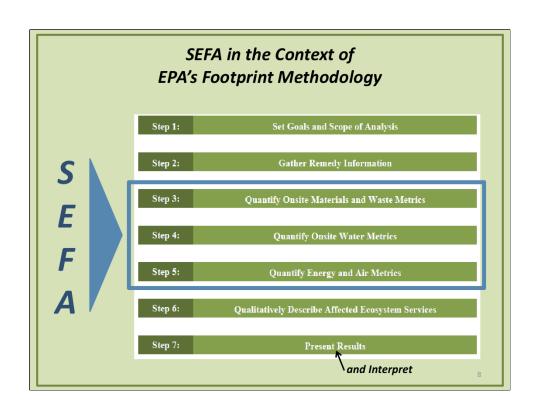
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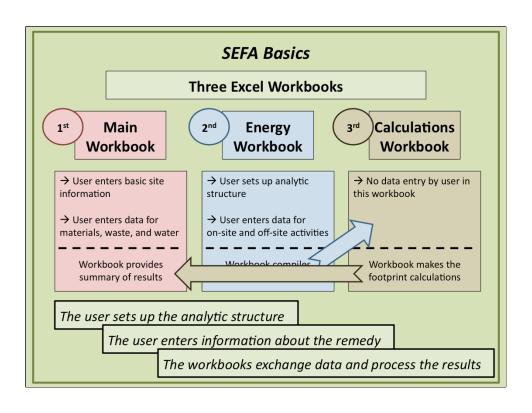
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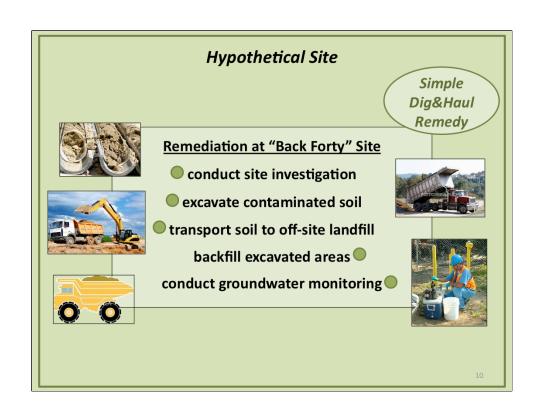
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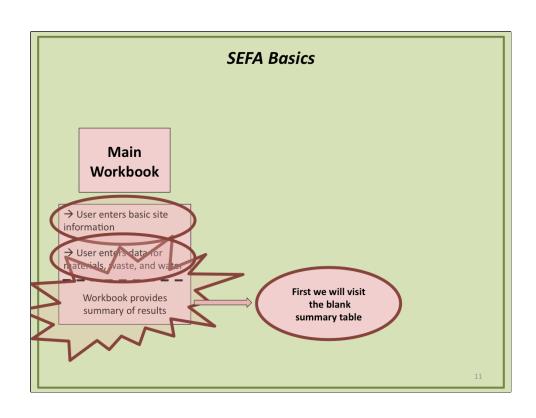
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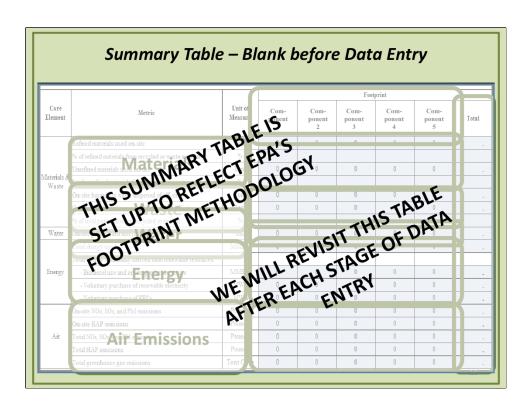


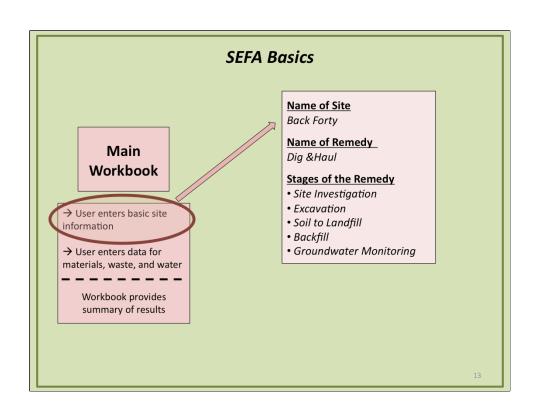


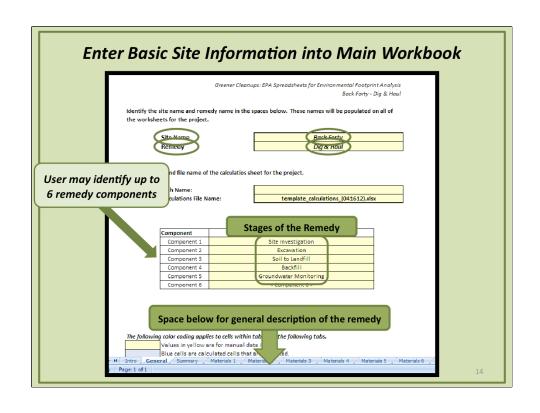


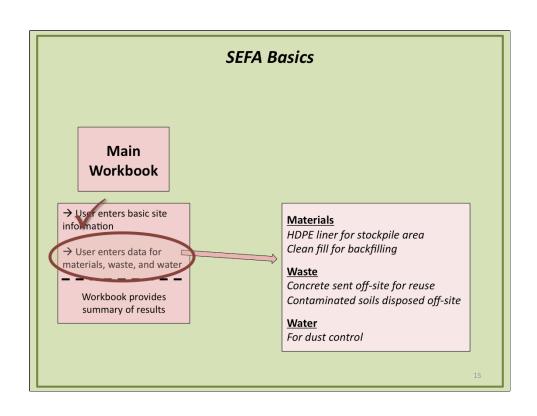


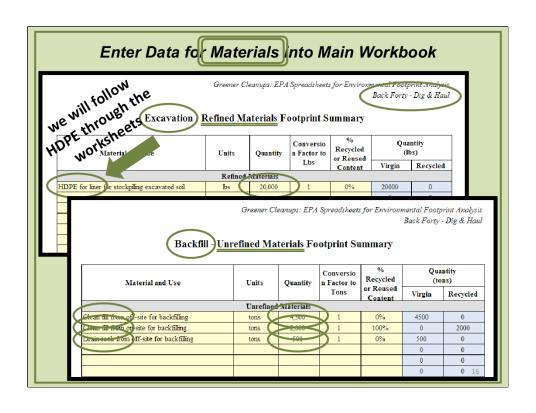


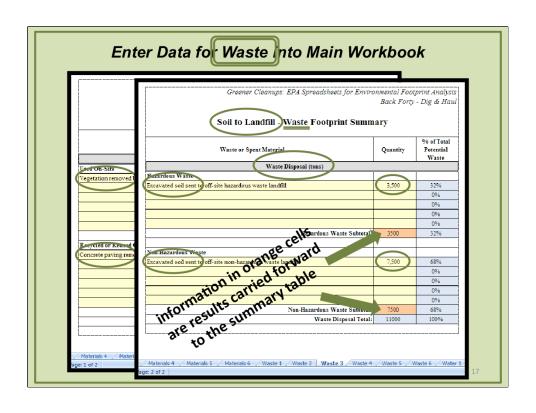


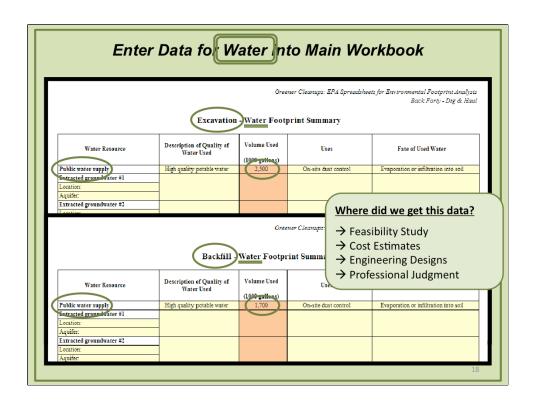


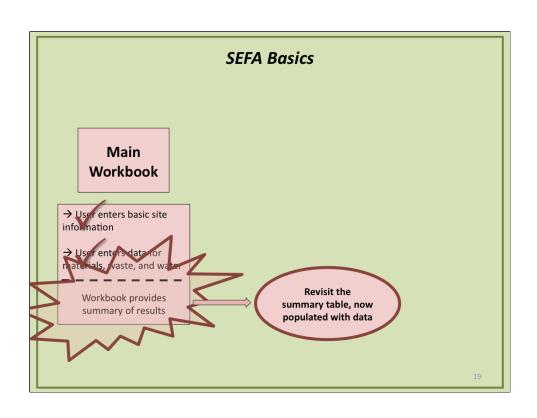


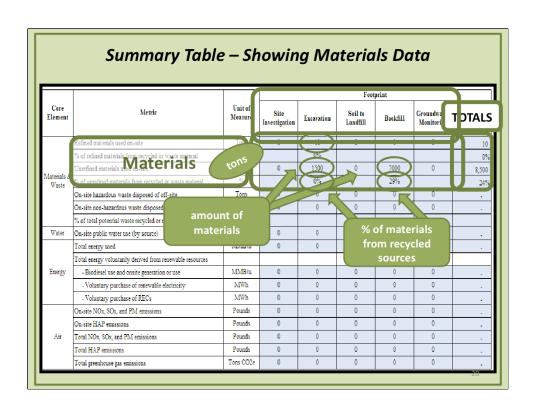


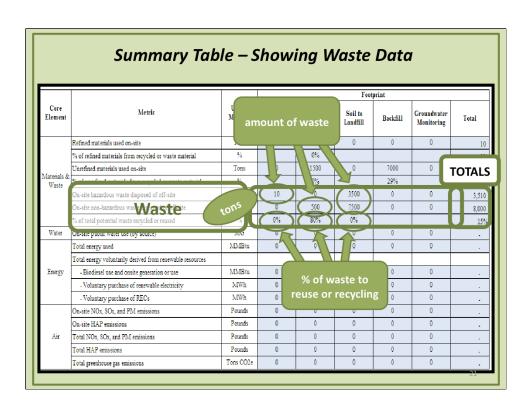


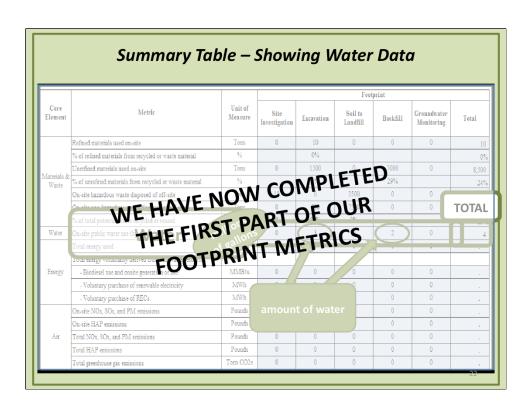


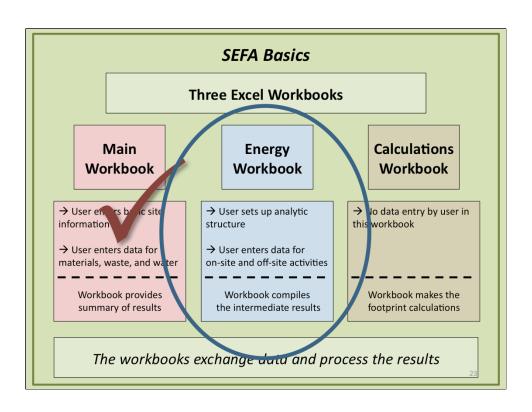


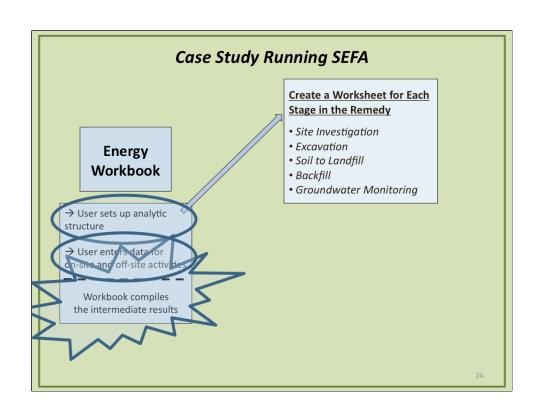


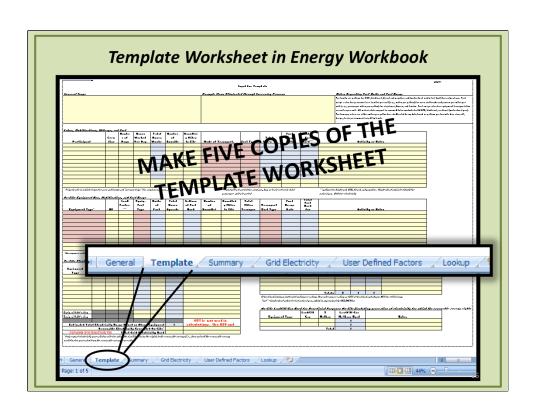


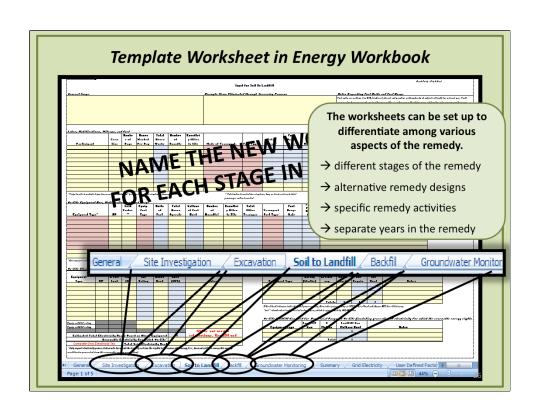


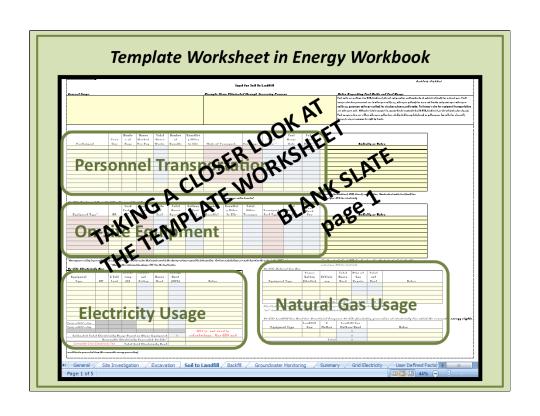


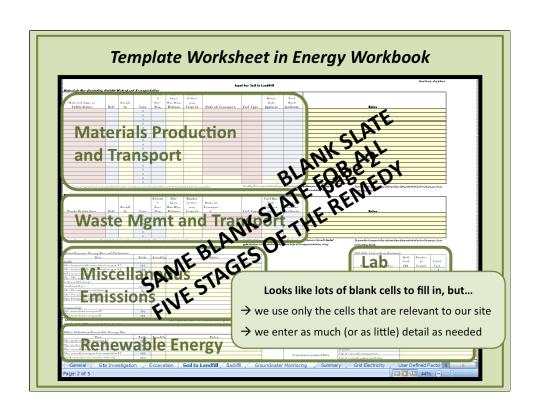


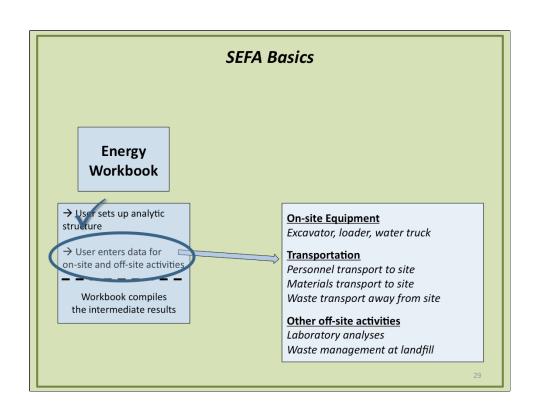


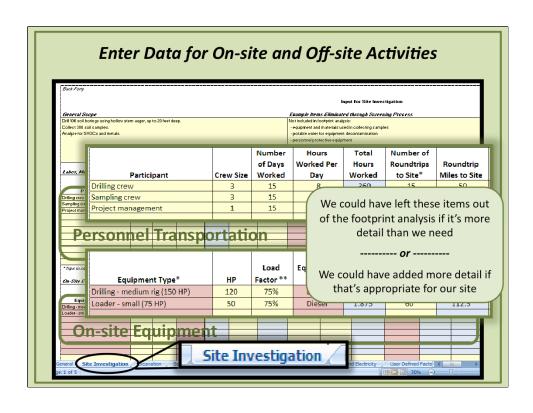


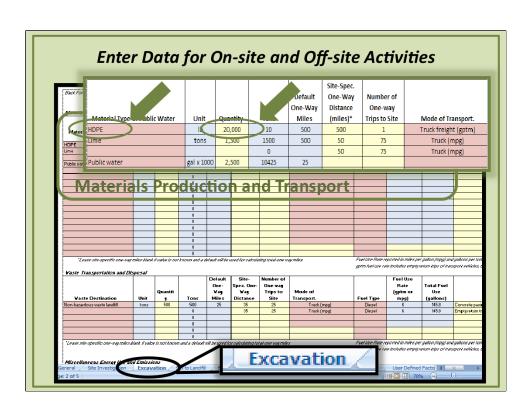


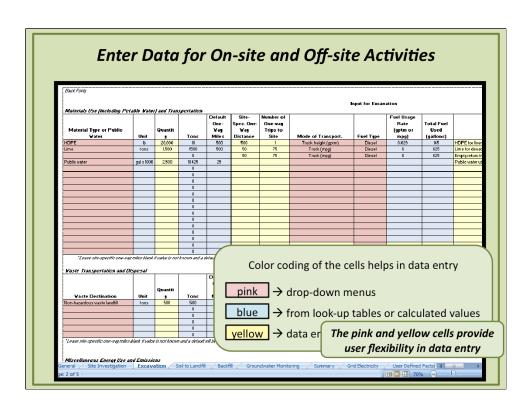


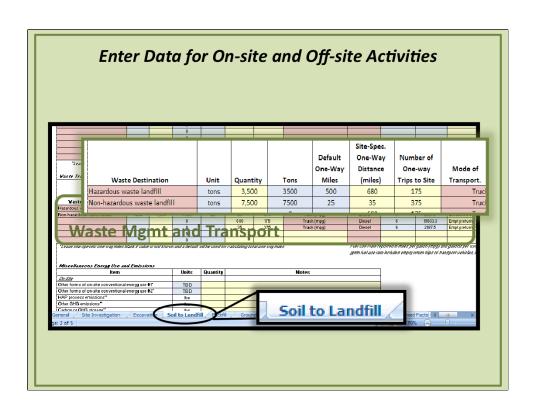


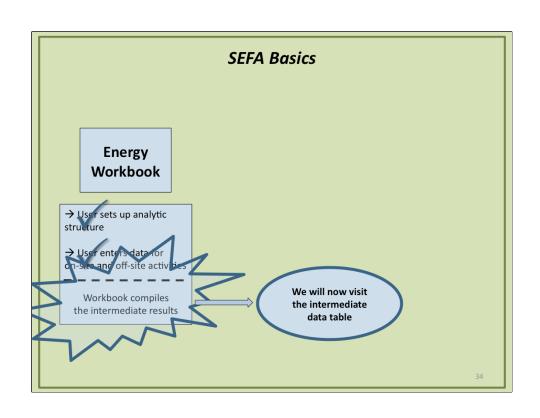


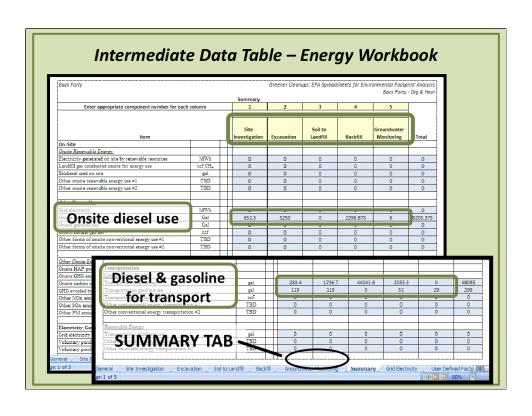


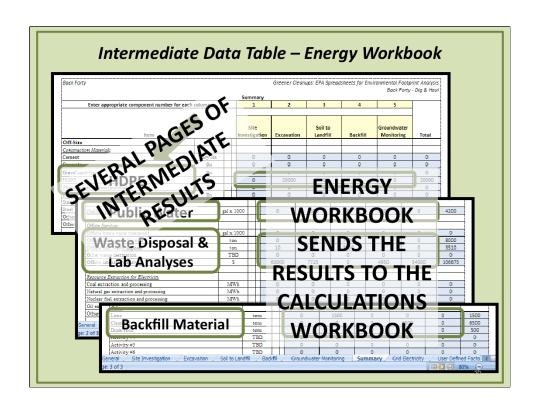


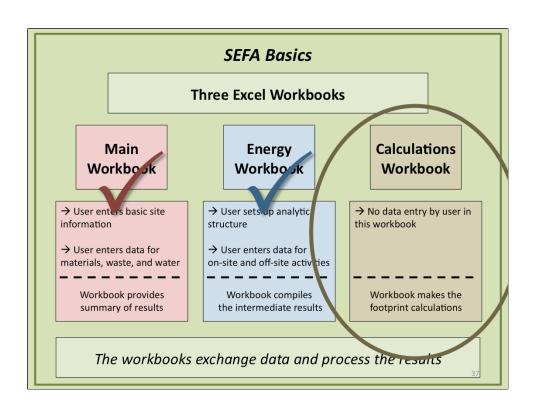


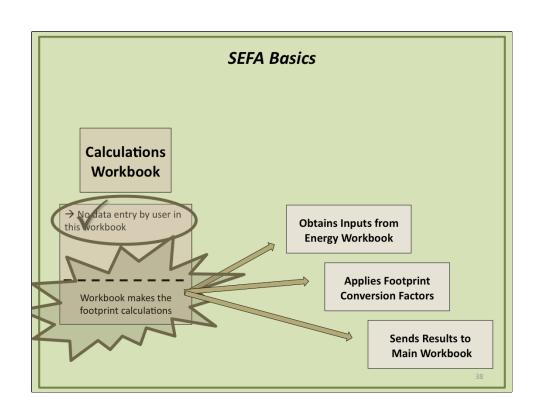


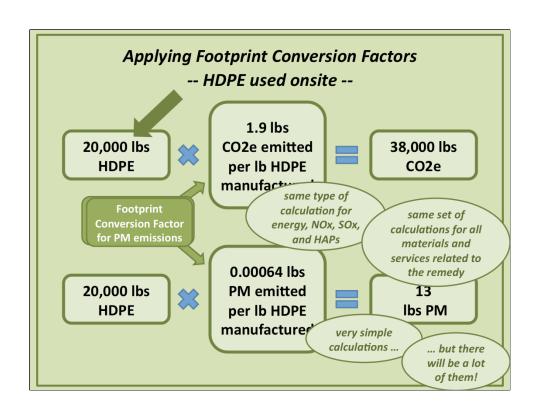


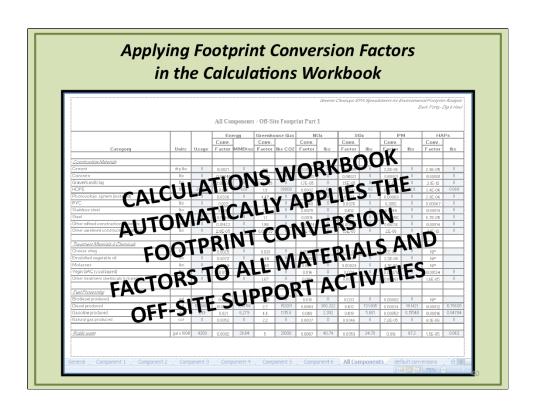


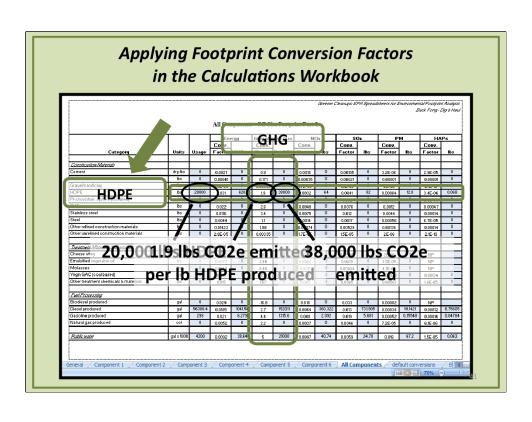


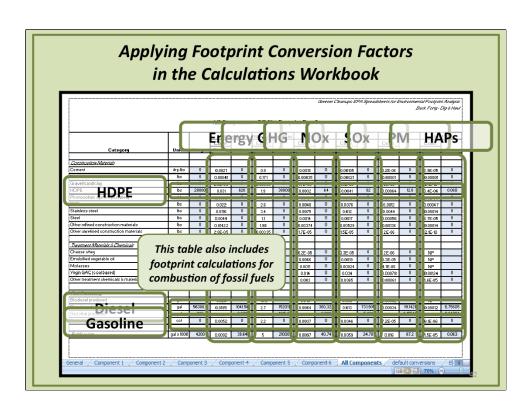


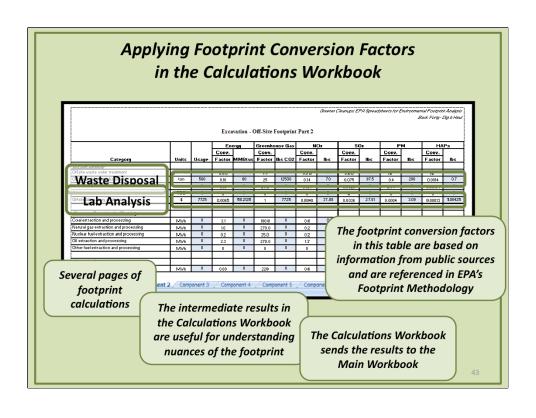


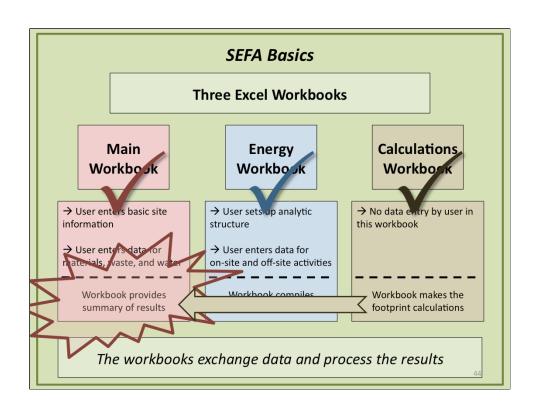


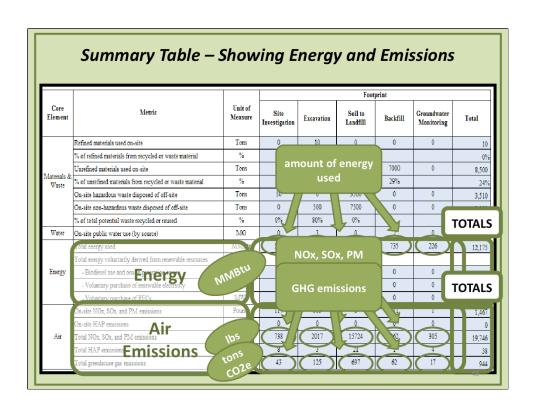


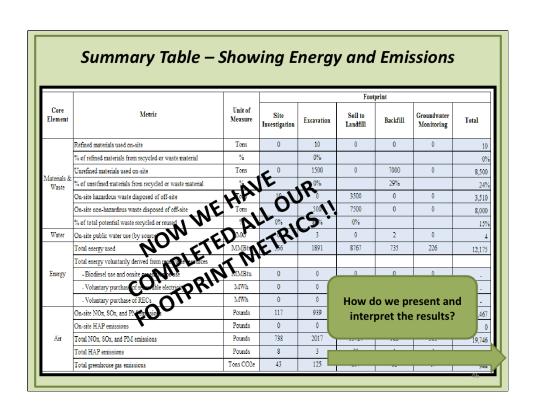


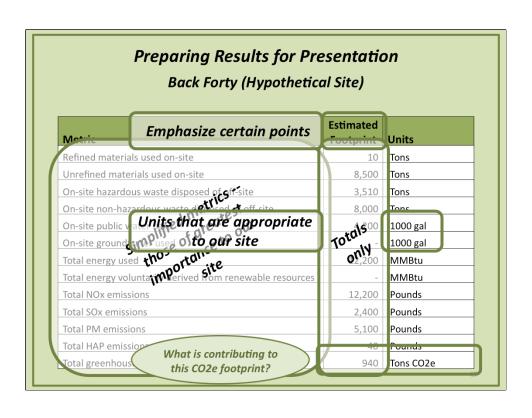


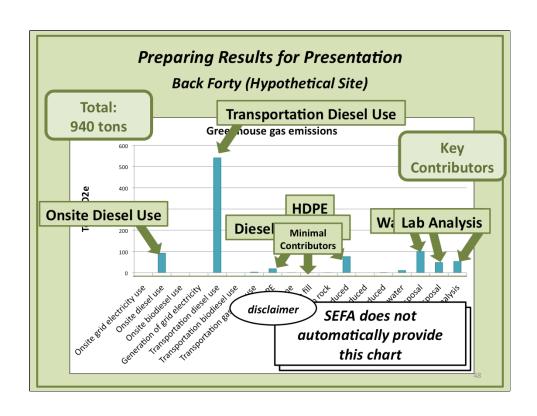


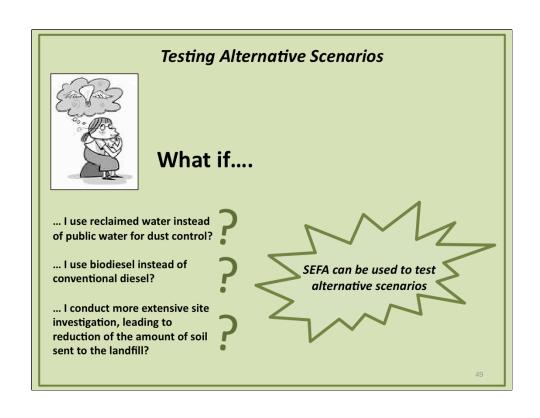












## **Additional Features in SEFA**

**SEFA** has additional features such as:



Tracking renewable energy sources



Specifying local power mix for grid electricity



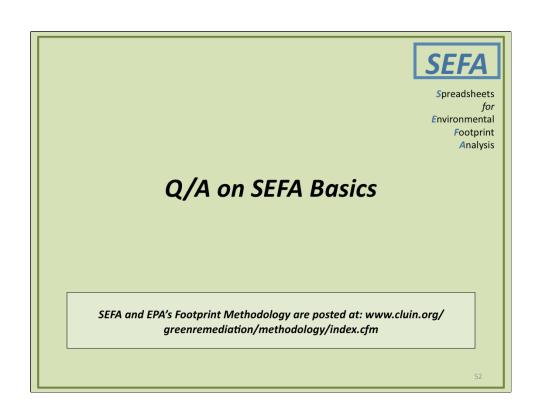
**Establishing unique footprint conversion factors** 



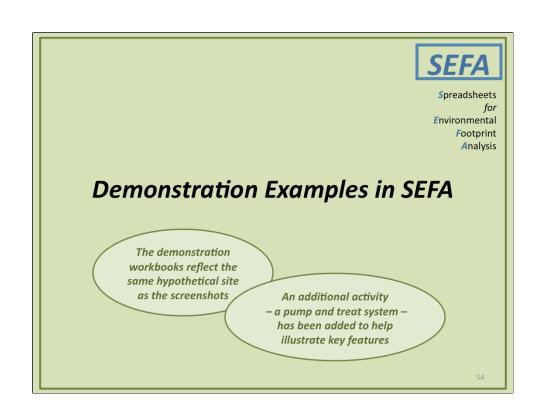
Modeling carbon storage (e.g. from planting trees)

These and other features in SEFA allow flexibility for accurately modeling specific site and remedy conditions.

## SEFA Basics – Recap **S**preadsheets for **E**nvironmental SEFA is... **F**ootprint **A**nalysis $\rightarrow$ a set of Excel workbooks developed by EPA → designed for conducting environmental footprint analyses at clean-up sites ightarrow compatible with EPA's Footprint Methodology → set up in "blank slate" template format ightarrow structured for inputting data, running calculations, and organizing outputs Can be set up to reflect any Automatically remedy design applies footprint conversion Compiles results factors consistent with EPA Methodology







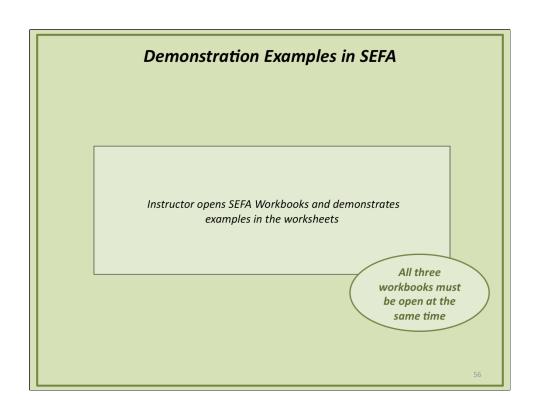
## **Demonstration Examples in SEFA**

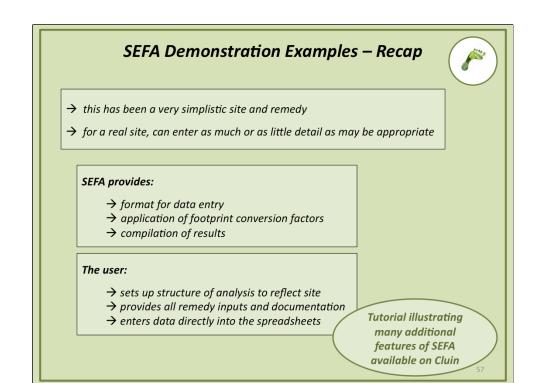
## (A) Brief walk-through of the workbooks

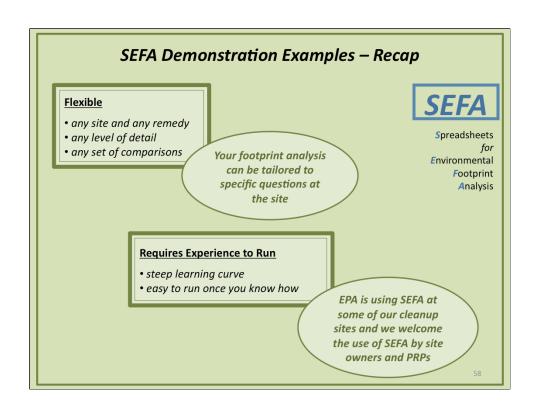
- → Highlight some features that don't show up on screenshots
- → Will not visit every tab in the workbooks

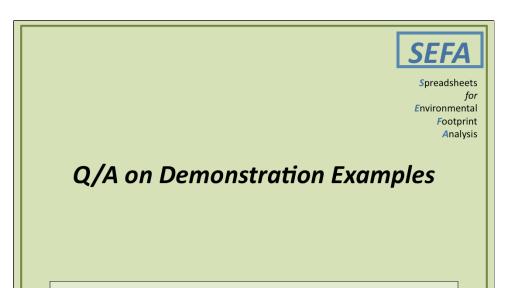
## (B) Demonstrate three of the key features of SEFA

- → Add a new activity to the remedy
- → Provide the fuel mix for grid electricity
- → Add new remedy material with unique footprint conversion factors



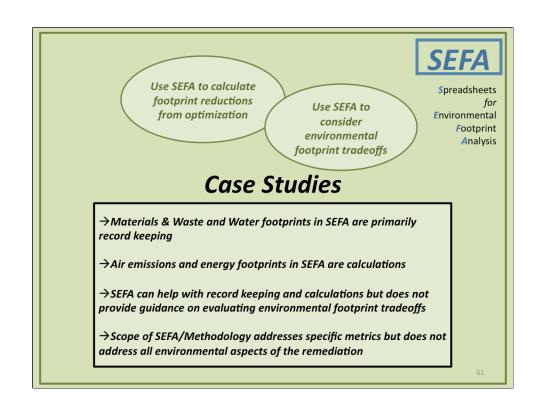






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# Materials & Waste Case Study Optimization of Acid Mine Drainage Treatment Plant in EPA Region 10

Optimization review evaluated potential reuse of precipitated metals from acid mine drainage that are currently stored on site

- 5,000 to 10,000 tons of dry solids generated each year and stored on site
- 200,000 tons of dry solids already in Central Impoundment Area
- 14% of dry solids is manganese

Recommendation: Potential to reuse manganese in manufacturing sector (steel, batteries, chemicals). Contact potentially interested parties.

# Materials & Waste Case Study Optimization of Acid Mine Drainage Treatment Plant in EPA Region 10

How is reuse/ recycling of solids reflected in Materials & Waste footprint?

- Hazardous waste disposed of off-site: 0 tons
- Non-hazardous waste disposed of off-site: 172,000 tons
- % of total potential waste recycled or reused: 14%

What are the environmental footprint tradeoffs?

## **On-site Disposal Option**

- No transportation
- No off-site disposal
- No reuse/recycling

## Recycling/Reuse Option

- Transportation of solids
- Some off-site disposal
- 14% of materials recycled/reused

What are the system boundaries of a Methodology/SEFA analysis?

- Consider transportation of solids to location of reuse/ recycling
- Consider disposal of unused solids
- Defer offset from avoided manganese ore mining to a more detailed study

## Water Case Study Water Footprint of Groundwater Remedy in EPA Region 10

## Groundwater remedy

- 800 gpm of extracted water treated and provided to public water supply
- 135 gpm seep intercepted, treated and discharged to natural receiving surface water body

Water Resource	Description of Quality of Water Used	Volume Used (1000 gallons)	Uses	Fate of Used Water
Public water supply				
Extracted groundwater #1	Drinking water quality	420,000	Treated with air stripping to	
Location: City Wells			adjust pH and remove	Public water supply
Aquifor: Deschutes River Alluv.			VOCs	
Extracted groundwater #2	Surface expression/seep	71,000	Acration to remove VOCs and discharged	Naturally receiving surface water body
Location: Sub drain				
Aquifer: Vashon Drift				

Remedy has essentially no water footprint.

## Air Emissions Case Study Groundwater Remedy in EPA Region 6

Optimization recommendation: streamline proposed treatment system

### **Design Parameters**

- Design influent concentrations: TCE < 50  $\mu$ g/L and cis-1,2-DCE < 70  $\mu$ g/L
- Groundwater reinjection standards: TCE 5  $\mu$ g/L and cis-1,2-DCE 70  $\mu$ g/L
- Expected flow rate: 150 gpm

### **Original Design**

- Air stripping and liquid phase granular activated carbon (LGAC) polishing
- Air stripper off-gas treated with vapor phase GAC (VGAC)
- Dispersive agent likely needed to avoid scaling caused by air stripping

## Streamlined Design

- LGAC without air stripping
- LGAC with changeouts based on TCE (not cis-1,2-DCE) breakthrough
- Benefits:
  - Avoid aeration and scaling
  - Avoid off-gas treatment

## Air Emissions Case Study Groundwater Remedy in EPA Region 6

## Change in Inventory

- Decrease scale inhibitor by 20 drums
- Decrease electricity usage by over 100,000 kWh
- Decrease VGAC use by 25,000 lbs
- LGAC use unchanged

## **Before**



## **SEFA**

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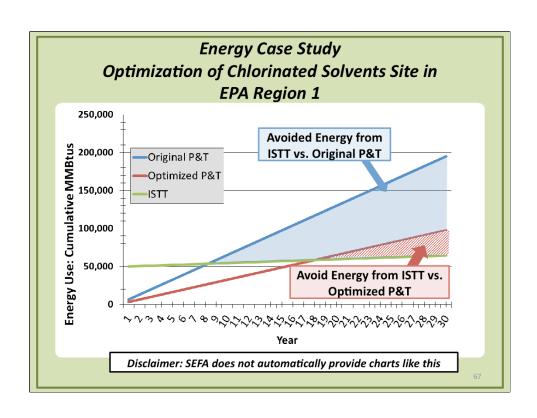
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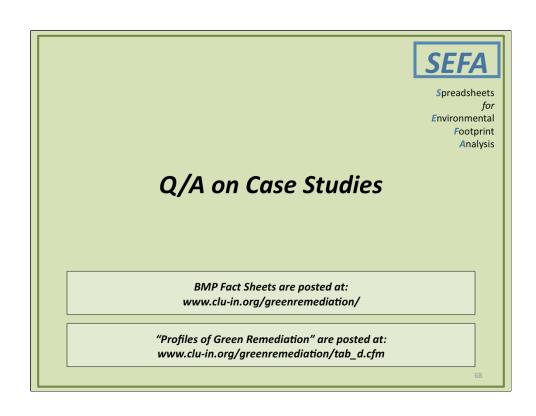
•CO2 – 280,000 lbs per year

- ~78% from electricity reductions
- ~20% from materials reductions
- •NOx + SOx +PM 2,200 lbs per year
- •HAPs 4 lbs per year
- •All air emission reductions are global reductions
- •No appreciable change in on-site air emissions

## After











Spreadsheets for Environmental Footprint Analysis

## Wrap-up/Questions/Discussion

- → SEFA is one part of EPA's Greener Cleanups effort
- ightarrow The SEFA worksheets, along with a tutorial, are available on EPA's Clu-in website
- ightarrow EPA is continuing to use SEFA for our footprint analyses
- → We welcome the use of SEFA by site owners and PRPs

## **Estimating Environmental Footprints Using SEFA**



Thank you for your interest in Greener Cleanups!

#### Resources

<u>EPA's Footprint Methodology</u> www.cluin.org/ greenremediation/methodology/index.cfm

#### **SEFA Worksheets and Tutorial**

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### **BMP Fact Sheets**

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