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25 years Soil Remediation in NL

- Different perspectives
 - Authorities
 - Consultants
 - Citizens
- Future developments

The Authorities

• 1980

- Engaged people, we want to clean NL;
- No regulation at all, strong believe in rules;
- Policy makes rules, society acts, industry pays;

• 2005

- Environment means rules; Society is sick of rules;
- Parliament: why do we still bother soil contamination?
- Competition from other policy fields

The Consultants

• 1980

- Engaged people; environment means status;
- Advisors are environmental trained people;
- Soil remediation will become big business: only in NL
 50 billion Euro;

• 2005

- A strong infrastructure;
- All "soil advisors" are merged with larger companies;
- The annual NL market is 400 million Euro, but the profit is only 4 - 5 %
- Environment is not popular for students

The Citizens

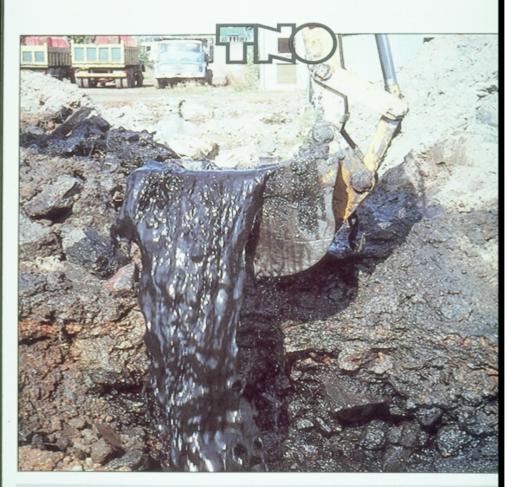
• 1980

- Soil pollution is a threat to health;
- Policy will protect us;
- Technology can solve all problems;

• 2005

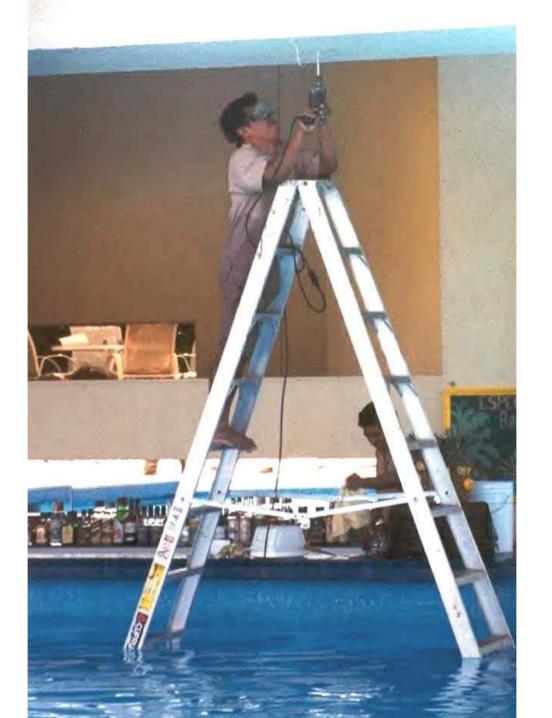
- Soil pollution is no issue only in the price of real estate;
- Radiation (telephone) and air quality are new threats;
- Politicians are cheating us don't trust them;

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The Netherlands in 2005

- NL is densely populated 400/km2;
- NL is stressed by many perceived threats;
- Citizens fear europisation and globalisation;
 - 62 % no votes to constitution;
- Politicians have no vision on future NL;
- Health more important than Wealth



The Future (Only EU counts not NL)

- Europe will not be the most competitive economy in the world;
- Europe could be the most sustainable society in the world eg:
 - Energy consumption is average;
 - Environmental protection is well developed
- Europe should be proud on the diversity and small scale
- In this concept soil is an essential part of environment.

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