

### RCRA Project Manager's Forum

#### Facilitating Reuse at RCRA Sites: Innovative Technologies for Groundwater Characterization & Cleanup

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## **Introduction - Revitalization**

- Revitalization of Contaminated Lands is a Priority
- One of Marianne Horinko's Priorities for OSWER
- Focus of Corrective Action Reforms of 2001
- We are working with EPA Regions and States to encourage productive reuse of RCRA facilities



#### **RCRA & Revitalization**

- RCRA Brownfields Prevention Initiative created in 1997
  - Joint effort of OBCR and OSW
- Major Themes
  - Learning by doing Pilots, Targeted Site Efforts
  - Outreach is vital
  - Policy development
  - Need for flexible approach

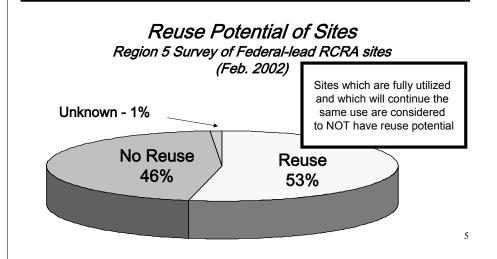


#### RCRA Brownfields Vision

- Cleanups that encourage and facilitate reuse, while remaining protective of human health and the environment
- Development and use of innovative approaches and tools to achieve cleanups
- Outreach and communication about approaches, case studies and success stories.



# **Many RCRA Sites Have Reuse Potential**





#### Today's Seminar

- Learn about innovative technologies for groundwater characterization and cleanup that can facilitate site cleanup and reuse.
- Hear from the experts in EPA's Technology Innovation Program and from a RCRA site manager who has employed these technologies.



#### RCRA Corrective Action Groundwater Goals

- Short-Term: Control risks to humans and prevent continued spreading of contaminant plumes
- Long-Term: Return groundwater to its maximum beneficial use, whenever practicable, and within reasonable timeframe
  - recognizing various uses and routes of exposure
- Intermediate: Identify and pursue achievable milestones designed to promote progress toward final cleanup goals



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