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### **Facilitating Remediation and Redevelopment through Innovative Canadian Solutions**

Vancouver, BC - Federal custodians from across Canada face a number of site issues and challenges when selecting remediation technologies and solutions for use on federal contaminated sites. In the Pacific and Yukon Regions, some of the site issues and technology challenges identified include treatment of select contaminants of concern in soil and groundwater; reducing the environmental footprint of remediation; dealing with difficult terrain, remote locations, contamination of sub-surface soils, and mixed contaminant issues; and new physiological modeling approaches to Risk Assessment/Risk Management. Creating awareness of remediation issues and understanding more about new and innovative Canadian solutions (technologies and applications) will help to overcome these barriers to redevelopment.

#### **Innovative Remediation Solutions Workshop – British Columbia**

Building on successful Innovative Remediation Solutions Workshops in the Atlantic Region and Quebec Regions in 2007, Western and Northern Regions in 2008, and Ontario Region in 2009, OCETA, in collaboration with Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC), will present a unique one-day Workshop in Vancouver on Wednesday October 28, 2009, at the Westin Bayshore (Salon Room C), following the 2009 Canadian Brownfields Conference. The workshop will improve awareness and facilitate collaboration between custodians of contaminated sites in the Pacific and Yukon Region, innovative technology vendors, solution providers, and other stakeholders.

The Pacific and Yukon Region Workshop will identify and showcase innovative Canadian remediation technologies and approaches that have the potential to address contaminated site issues and challenges. Technology vendors will have an opportunity to profile their technologies, discuss site issues faced by custodians and build collaborations. Most importantly, this workshop will facilitate awareness of the availability of innovative Canadian remediation solutions. A special keynote presentation will be made by Mr. Carlos Pachon, Special Assistant to the US EPA Administrator - Technology Integration and Information Branch, with a primary responsibility in the areas of site cleanup, waste, international activities, and compliance and enforcement, with a focus on green remediation.

Technology vendors and suppliers from across Canada may apply to present their innovative technologies and solutions that can address relevant challenges identified by the custodians of federal contaminated sites in the Pacific and Yukon Region. Services, technologies and solutions will also be showcased through exhibits in partnership with the Canadian Brownfields Conference. Innovative technologies and approaches should be both environmentally preferable and more sustainable, which is to say that they should have a lesser or reduced impact on the environment over the life cycle of the technology or contaminated site cleanup.

Workshop participants will network face-to-face with industry and government stakeholders who select and provide technologies and solutions for site characterization and remediation of federal contaminated sites, and will be able to provide input on the opportunities and impediments to the use of innovative remediation technologies and approaches at federal contaminated sites. Advance registration is open until October 26, 2009. Space is limited, please register now to reserve your seat.

**For further details visit <http://www.oceta.on.ca/Workshops/IRSWBC/IRSWHome.htm>**



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