

Alan J. (Al) Durand – Bio

A. J. (Al) Durand has worked for a major Canadian integrated oil company for 35 years primarily in the Marketing engineering, environmental and contaminated site remediation areas. This involvement included the development and implementation of environmental corporate policies and procedures, network planning, budgets, financial liability provisions and programs related to all aspects of the management of contaminated sites within a large corporation.

Key areas of environmental involvement included: development and implementation nationally of corporate environmental site assessment protocols, emergency response managing system and procedures, retail facility environmental standards, service station capital program site redevelopment practices, property transaction related practices, regulatory advocacy and compliance programs, environmental auditing and ongoing site remediation procedures including providing direct support to in house site remediation practitioners.

During the early corporate “environmental enlightenment” period of the 1980’s and 90’s, Al was heavily involved with the Canadian Petroleum Products Institute (CPPI) on various environmental related committees engaged in the establishment of best industry practices and providing input to the development of environmental standards and regulations, based on sound science, in Canada. This included introduction of risk management approaches such as Risk Based Corrective Action (RBCA), participation in the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) environmental site assessment standards development and ongoing inputs nationally into the development of brownfield redevelopment related standards and regulations.

Al continues to provide both independent voluntary and contractual consulting support to various brownfield related initiatives. Currently Al is working with the Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE) Centre for Earth and Environmental Technologies (CEET) involved in their brownfields redevelopment initiative in support of sustainable communities. OCE is funded by the Ontario government and drives the commercialization of cutting-edge research to build the sustainable economy of tomorrow. OCE fosters the training and development of next generation innovators and entrepreneurs partnering with Ontario industry, universities, colleges and government. CEET promotes the development and application of ideas and technology that make Ontario communities more environmentally-sustainable and economically –prosperous. These aspects are fundamental components and challenges involved in brownfield redevelopment projects.