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SCRD Official To Address AEHS in 2004

Bob Jurgens, Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Chair of the SCRDR Project Management/Technical Issues Subgroup, will present a paper at the 14th Annual West Coast Conference on Soil, Sediment and Water, March 15-18, 2004, in San Diego, CA. The meeting is sponsored by the Association for Environmental Health and Sciences. The presentation will discuss SCRDR's evaluation of the changing trends of technologies used to assess and remediate drycleaner sites across the country over the past 3 years, based on comparison of surveys conducted in 1999 and updated in 2003. SCRDR also will be an exhibitor at the meeting.

Since the June edition of this newsletter, SCRDR officials also have made presentations at U.S. EPA's "RevTech Conference - Cleaning Up Contaminated Properties for Reuse and Revitalization: Effective Technical Approaches and Tools" in Pittsburgh, PA., the "Annual Conference on Contaminated Soils, Sediments and Water" in Amherst, MA, and "Brownfields 2003" in Portland, OR.

Holds Fall 2003 Meeting

The State Coalition for Remediation of Drycleaners (SCRDR) met November 11-12, 2003 in New Orleans, LA. The meeting featured election of a new SCRDR Chair. He is William Linn, Florida Department of Environmental Protection. A 9-year veteran of the Florida Drycleaning Solvent Cleanup Program and a founding member of SCRDR, Linn will lead SCRDR until Fall 2005. SCRDR is comprised of the 12 state governments that have established formal programs to fund remediation of drycleaner sites.

In addition, SCRDR members welcomed Texas as a member. Legislation authorizing Texas' Dry Cleaner Environmental Response program was signed into law June 20, 2003.

The agenda also included program updates by each SCRDR member and discussion of two major SCRDR products to be released in 2004. One of these products will describe results of a 2003 survey conducted by SCRDR to determine what assessment and remediation technologies are being used throughout the United States to clean up drycleaner sites and evaluating the changing trends of technologies used since SCRDR's last survey in 1999. Also in process is a document that will explore the various approaches and alternatives states have incorporated into drycleaning solvent cleanup programs to assist states anticipating focused drycleaner cleanup efforts.

A complete summary of the November 2003 meeting proceedings, including reports on activities of SCRD's Program Administration, Technical Issues, and Outreach subgroups, will be available on the SCRD web site (<http://www.drycleancoalition.org/members.cfm#meet>) in mid-December.

Format for Inventory of Drycleaner Cleanup Profiles Updated

The format of SCRD's case studies focusing on remediation of drycleaner sites is being updated to make profiles more user-friendly. The database of 70+ case studies, available on the SCRD web site (<http://www.drycleancoalition.org/profiles>), is the most frequently visited part of the site. Since June 2003, new case studies on three Florida drycleaner sites have been added to the database; new case studies from Illinois, Minnesota, Tennessee, and Texas are expected to be posted by the end of the year. These case studies provide users, particularly state officials, with a consistent set of data about cleanup of the various sites that can help them in making more informed decisions related to the remediation of the sites in their own states. The profiles are searchable using key words entered by the user.

States involved in or overseeing drycleaner remediation projects are encouraged to submit case study information, particularly lessons learned, for inclusion in the SCRD database. An online form and simple instructions can be accessed from the SCRD web site at <http://www.drycleancoalition.org/profiles/form.cfm>.

SCRD members are state governments that have established programs to fund remediation of drycleaner sites. Current member states include Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin. Louisiana, considering a formal drycleaner remediation program, is currently a Coalition associate member. California and New York, which do not have formal programs but are active in drycleaner remediation under other authorities, also participate in Coalition activities. SCRD provides a forum for states to share programmatic, technical, and environmental information to improve the remediation of drycleaner sites. SCRD was established in 1998 and receives technical, management, and training support from the U.S. EPA Office Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation (OSRTI) and the National Ground Water Association (NGWA).