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Environmental Webinar Series

Innovative Environmental Solutions in Our New World



Sustainable Legacies and ESG

Progressing Disclosure of Climate and ESG-related Risks and Opportunities

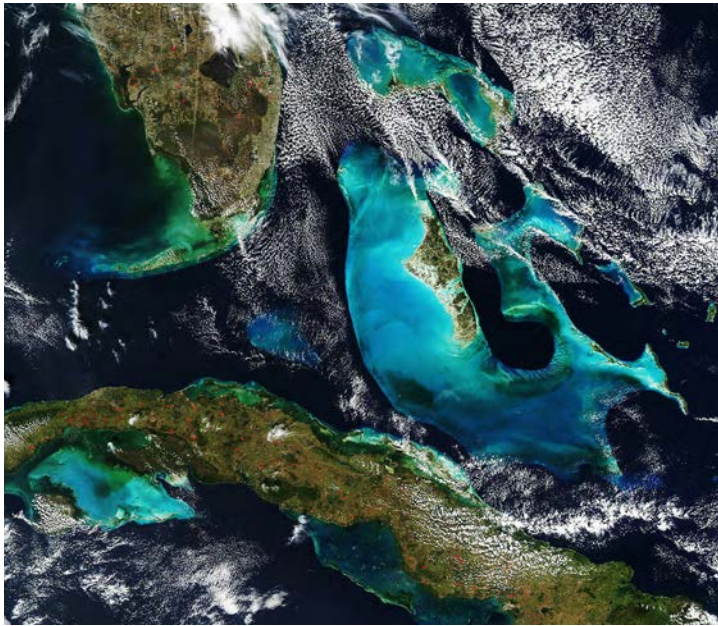


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Organizational exposure to ESG-related risks, as well as the additional specific transition and physical risks stemming from climate change, is now a central and critical topic of interest for regulators, governments, investors and public stakeholders. These risks and opportunities can no longer be viewed in isolation from business processes, functions or reporting channels. This alone presents both new challenges and opportunities for organizations to grapple with. The assessment of both ESG and climate-related risks must consider systemic impact on adoption of technologies, changing regulations, access to capital, sustainment of work force and risk of litigation.

In order to manage a wide variety of stakeholder needs, an organization’s external disclosure strategy becomes a critical component. In this seminar we will provide perspectives on the evolution of ESG and climate-related disclosure.

As part of this session, we will specifically explore the recommendations of the Task Force for Climate-related Financial Disclosure (TCFD) and how their adoption can help drive long-term resiliency of an organization during the global push towards decarbonization.

The Age of Extreme Change: Microgrids and Resilience



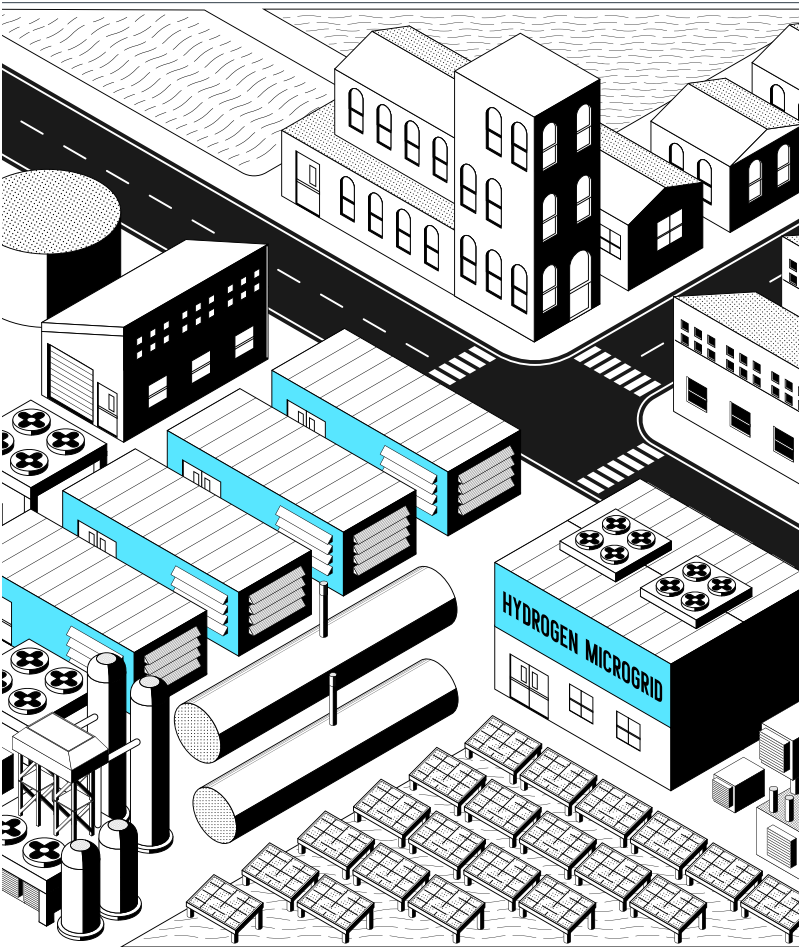
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Learn the truth about what makes a microgrid a viable energy choice for your organization and what’s behind all the microgrid hype! Basic definitions, examples and an examination of the value propositions that should drive your microgrid decision-making process. How to evaluate your specific application to identify the ideal mix of Distributed Energy Resources (DER) necessary to support the buildings and loads at your site. Case studies across multiple markets and geographies and the latest information on federal infrastructure funding for microgrids. Who is this discussion good for? A water treatment plant operator; sustainability director for a chain of national distribution centers; finance director from a municipality; energy manager; or a resource efficiency manager at a DoD facility.



Wind Energy Siting Considerations and Tribal Partnerships



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Despite existing and perceived economic and regulatory barriers, we believe there are more benefits than drawbacks to tribal partnership. But it is complicated; just as any two projects are not the same, any two tribal communities are not the same. To that end, identifying which communities may have concerns, which people are appropriate to talk to about those concerns, and addressing potential issues within constituent communities takes time. Meaningful relationships are imperative for the success of a project in today's social and political climate. While there are several, seemingly well-established best management practices for building meaningful relationships with tribes, the wind energy industry must remain flexible to accommodate new and innovative ways to encourage successful partnerships with tribal communities.

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Carbon Neutrality and Net-Zero GHG Emissions: What Does it All Mean?



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As a response to climate science, the Paris Agreement sets an international goal “to achieve a balance between anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases”. In response to this international goal, the growth in the use of terms such as carbon neutrality, climate neutrality and net-zero have emerged; and this led to confusion amongst stakeholders on how individual entities should respond. This webinar will summarize these issues and discuss paths forward for organizations meet the goals of carbon neutrality.

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Incorporating Diversity, Equity and Inclusion into Environmental Programs: Emerging Issues, Practices and Strategies



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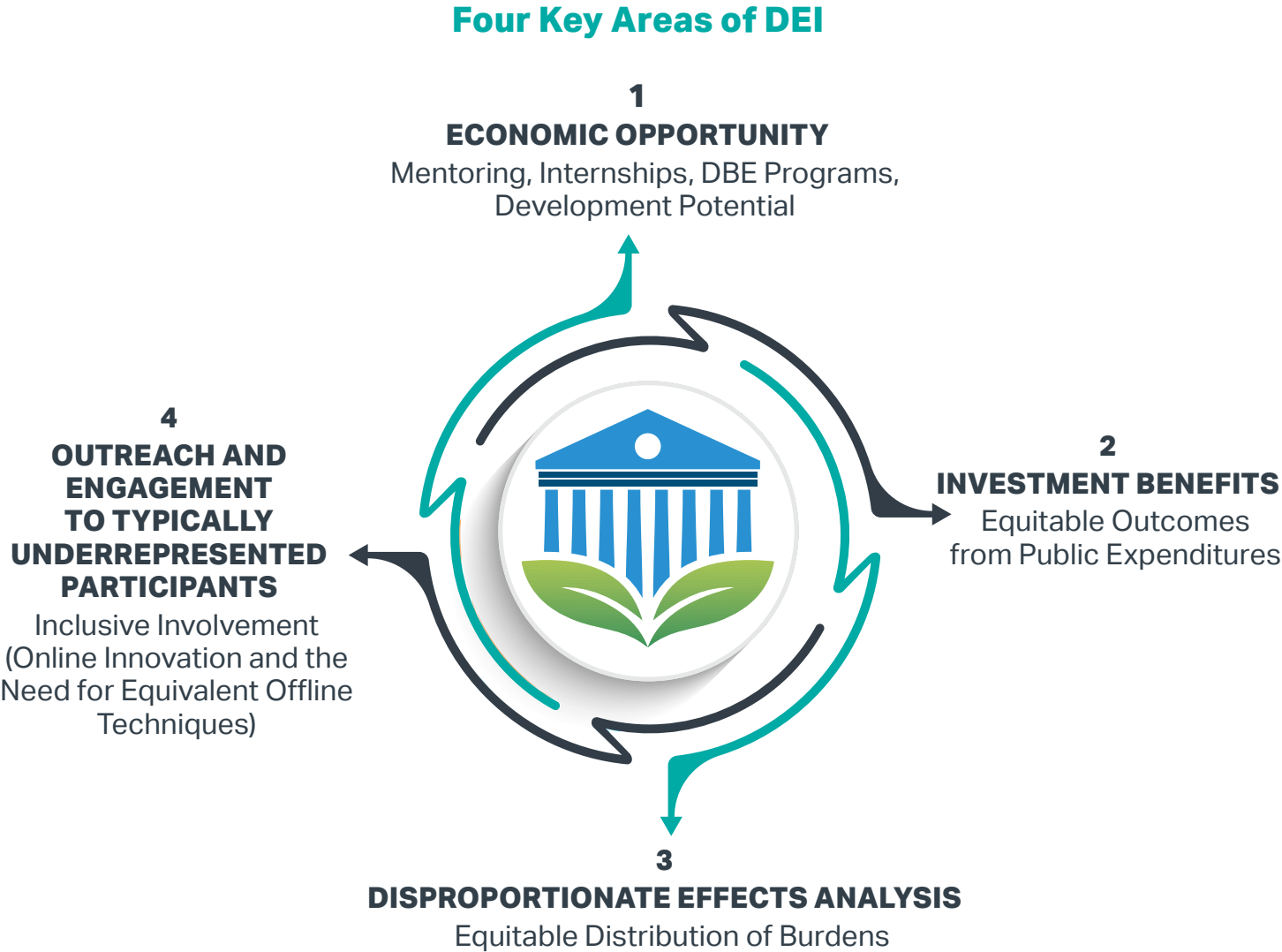
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Public involvement and environmental justice are required aspects of state and federal approval processes such as NEPA and have been critical components of public decision-making for decades. As a result of COVID-19, increased racial tensions and other factors, the terms diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI), and their underlying issues, have brought change and new approaches to the deliberative decision-making process. This webinar highlights changing requirements, expectations and methods for dealing with DEI and ways of optimizing tasks and outcomes through the implementation of Best Management Practices.

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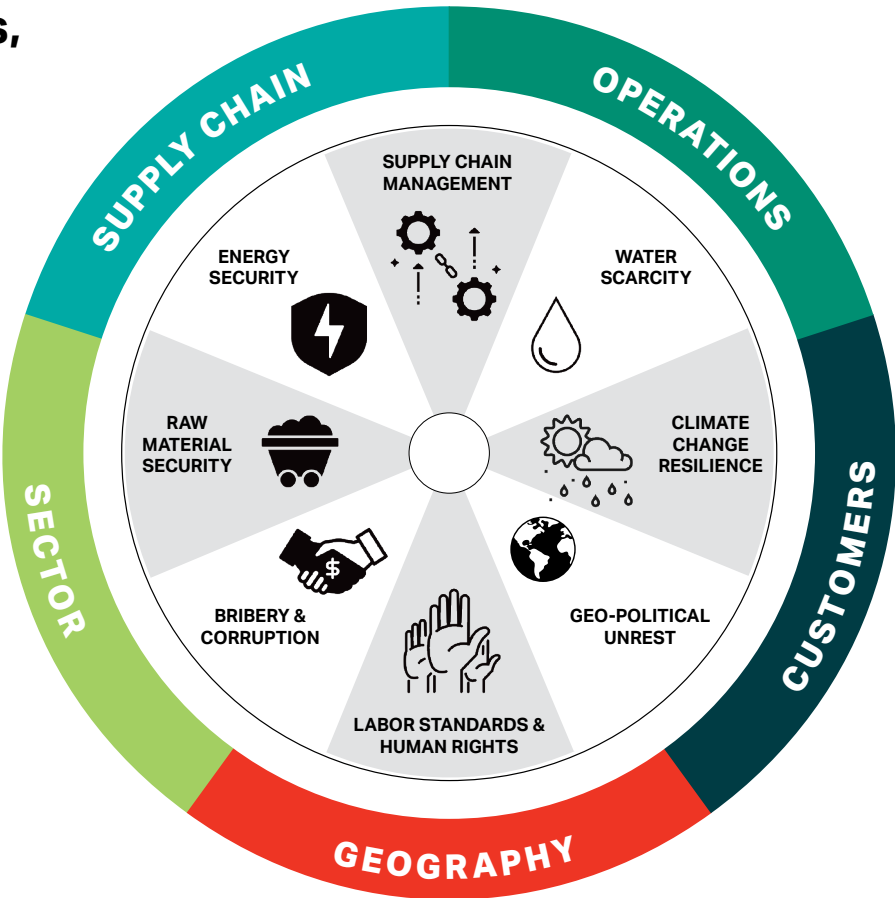
Emerging Trends in ESG: Drivers, Guidance and Practices



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This presentation discusses the environmental, social, and governance (ESG) trends that have emerged and/or started to become more established in 2020. The webinar includes discourse about changing drivers, evolving guidance and developments in practices.

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HIGH RISK GEOGRAPHIES

- Water scarcity
- Geopolitical issues
- Labor standards
- Extreme weather events, etc.

HIGH RISK SECTORS

- Energy/water intensive
- Raw materials
- Resource extraction
- Health & safety issues
- Product stewardship

Social Strategies for Enhanced ESG Outcomes

Across Canada and the U.S., many large infrastructure project teams rightly consider public and Indigenous concerns, but if not done well, it can sometimes lengthen the overall project timeline. AECOM's Social Strategy process is designed to help stakeholders and clients understand the balance between social, environmental and economic considerations, thereby clarifying choices and leading to enhanced social consent.

The growing push for businesses to demonstrate their commitment to environment, social, and governance (ESG) principles increases the importance of achieving social consent. Our experts discuss how a successful ESG process increases the certainty of project implementation, improves relationships with regulators and affected communities, and leads to reduced cost and risk.

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The ESG World is Evolving — Are You Following the Trends?



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Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) is experiencing a period of rapidly increasing awareness and emphasis across the public, private, and financial sectors. This is approximately coinciding with the rise in concern about climate change and social upheaval. While the concepts underpinning environmental sustainability have been around for some time, over the last several years, several trends in both regulatory and technical spaces are driving new awareness of how ESG and systems thinking can drive real value creation.

This webinar will offer a high-level overview of key ESG trends and dive a bit deeper into two key areas: 1) the role ecosystems and natural capital can play for both large and small organizations, and 2) recognition of the critical importance social value and environmental justice carry across our world.

Join our experts in their discussion during our Q&A period, to explore the lively intersection of business and society.

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RACC PWR: Resilient Energy Networks & Utilities Solutions



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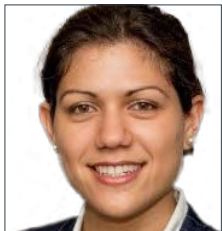
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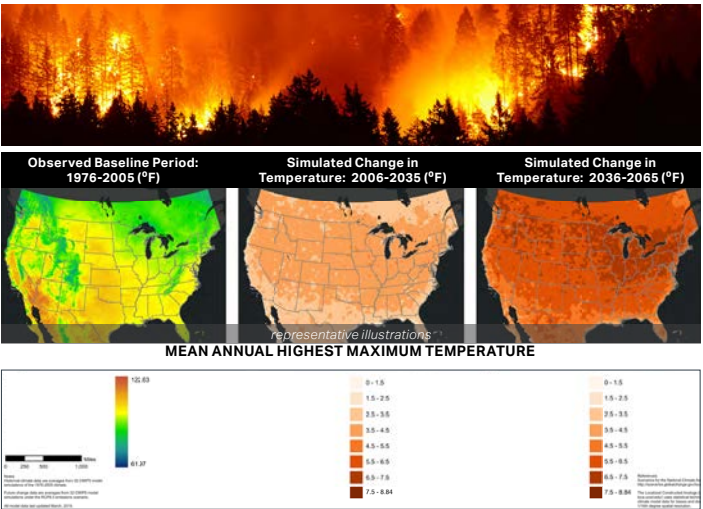


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Harsh and extreme climate is increasingly destabilizing our communities and placing pressure on infrastructure, particularly power assets that are struggling to cope or already at capacity. The presentation will provide an overall view of the impacts of climate hazards on energy networks and utility operations and highlight the necessity to include future climate change scenario modelling in risk assessments and resilience planning. It will outline the economic and socio-economic value proposition of resilience assessments for clients and how they are leveraged to set up success. Case studies will demonstrate how companies use climate risk assessments to develop adaptation responses and management practices to ensure continued reliable service to customers and reduce economic impact of extreme climate events and climate trends leading to resource and infrastructure stresses.



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Connected Communities

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“Connected Communities” and “Smart Cities” integrate intelligent technologies with the natural and built environments, including infrastructure, to improve the social, economic, and environmental well-being of those who live, work, or travel within them. Hear from AECOM’s energy experts about driving connected communities - from visioning, concept development and design integration, to delivery, maintenance and monitoring. Learn about practical and effective solutions for cities, utilities, and community residents that improve community livability while addressing economic, environmental, and social issues.

Carbon Capture: Fitting into the New World Economy



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Because many countries and cities are setting significant CO₂ reduction targets to meet Paris Climate Agreement targets, carbon capture is becoming a topic of significant interest across the world. This presentation will cover how CO₂ capture fits into the overall worldwide energy picture as the global economy begins transitioning to net-zero carbon emissions. The presentation includes discussion of the potential shift towards hydrogen as a fuel supply as another method to decarbonize processes where carbon capture may not be the most cost-effective solution. Further discussion will include the motivations for considering carbon capture, which range from big picture carbon neutrality goals to site-specific concerns, such as tax incentives or local regulations. Technologies that capture carbon range from proven commercial applications to promising research and development programs and will be discussed.



Hydrogen: The Future Fuel



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We are turning to clean fuels of the future, and AECOM leads in developing infrastructure to support the transition to clean fuels for transportation, electricity generation, heat, and GREEN HYDROGEN. Bonnie Carr, AECOM's Chief Process Engineer and Hazen Burford, AECOM's Director of Future Fuels for North America discuss unique opportunities this ubiquitous molecule, Hydrogen (H2) enables for our future.

TOPICS:

- How does Hydrogen become Green?
- Hydrogen use in transportation (wheeled, trains and ports), electricity generation and more!
- Green Hydrogen projects, globally and in North America – and what AECOM is doing go support them
- Hydrogen-related technologies: AD, Electrolysis, Fuel Cells, and reformation
- Recent news from the "Biden Infrastructure Bill"
- Recent news from around the world
- And a few H2 jokes, too! "Why did the H2 cross the street?"

Planning and Modeling Tools for an Electrified Future



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Transportation electrification and decarbonization is driving the convergence of two previously discrete infrastructure systems – the energy system and the transportation system. This convergence is creating opportunities and challenges for cities, planning agencies, fleet owners and operators, and utilities. With effective electrification planning and modeling opportunities, co-benefits are effectively realized, while challenges are mitigated. Join our team of experts to learn about best practices for transportation electrification and how AECOM is supporting this exciting and important transition.

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AECOM Energy Data Analytics – Make Buildings Better



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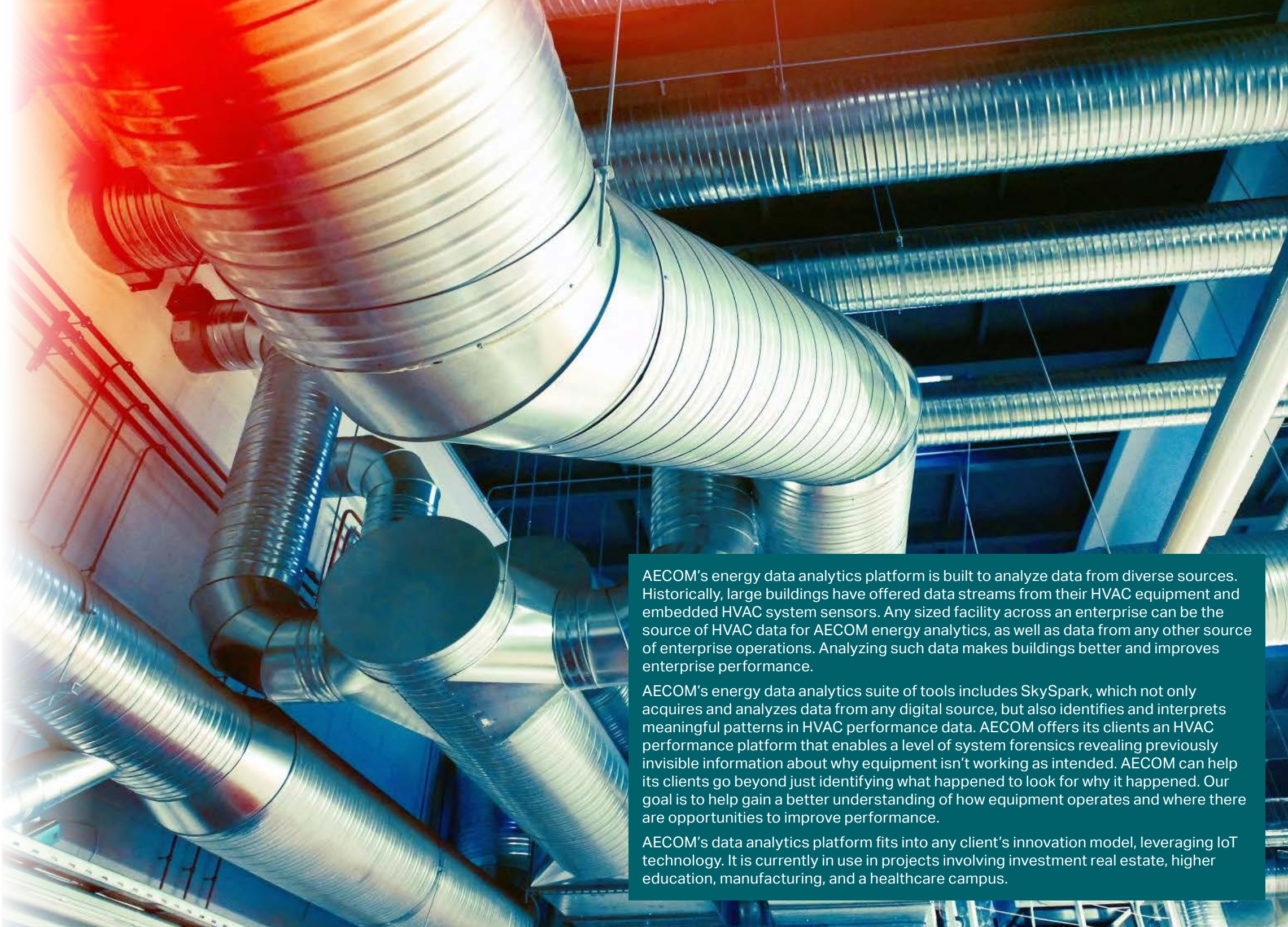


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AECOM's energy data analytics platform is built to analyze data from diverse sources. Historically, large buildings have offered data streams from their HVAC equipment and embedded HVAC system sensors. Any sized facility across an enterprise can be the source of HVAC data for AECOM energy analytics, as well as data from any other source of enterprise operations. Analyzing such data makes buildings better and improves enterprise performance.

AECOM's energy data analytics suite of tools includes SkySpark, which not only acquires and analyzes data from any digital source, but also identifies and interprets meaningful patterns in HVAC performance data. AECOM offers its clients an HVAC performance platform that enables a level of system forensics revealing previously invisible information about why equipment isn't working as intended. AECOM can help its clients go beyond just identifying what happened to look for why it happened. Our goal is to help gain a better understanding of how equipment operates and where there are opportunities to improve performance.

AECOM's data analytics platform fits into any client's innovation model, leveraging IoT technology. It is currently in use in projects involving investment real estate, higher education, manufacturing, and a healthcare campus.

Nuclear Power and the Green Economy



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AECOM's IAP business line has been supporting nuclear power initiatives for more than 15 years. Our recent and current efforts include preparing environmental assessment documents for the second relicensing of existing nuclear power plants, extending the operating license to 80 years, as well as several works involving nuclear reactors that are designed to test new materials, advanced reactor technology, and new nuclear fuels. In this presentation, we'll discuss the scope of our current projects and our combined experience associated with the advancement of nuclear power and nuclear waste management in the U.S. and Canada.



Impact Assessment & Permitting

Project Planning Tools for Streamlined Environmental and Social (Equity) Impact Analysis & Engagement



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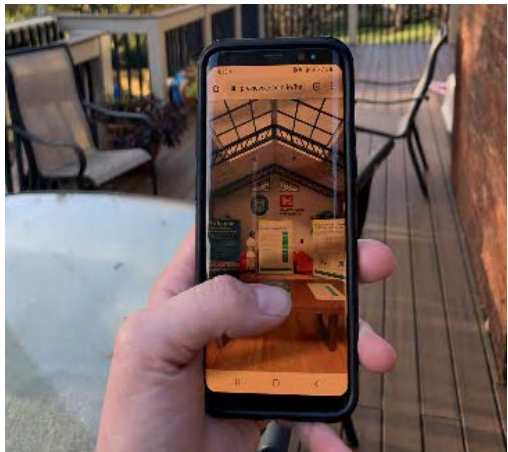
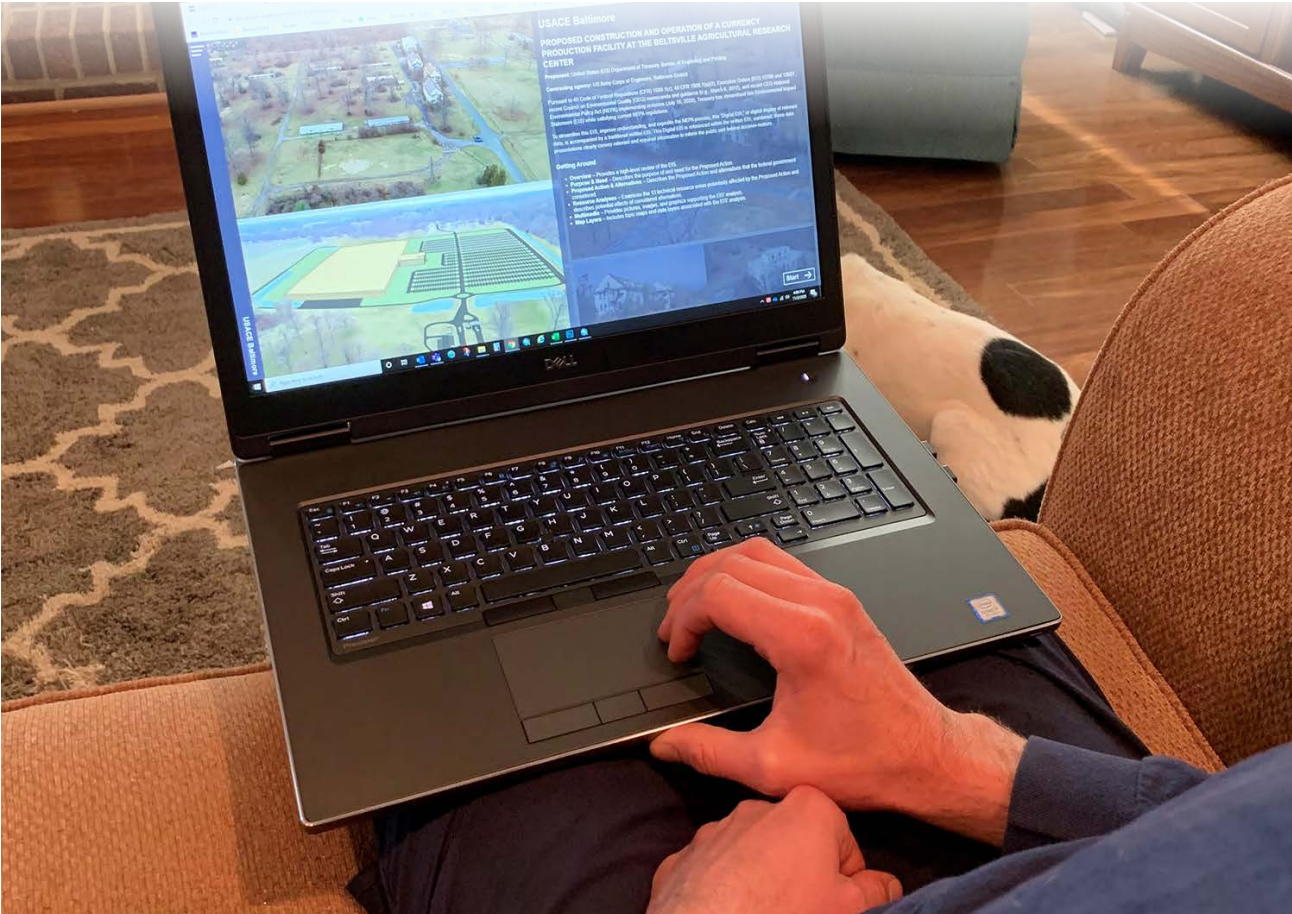


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AECOM's Environmental Engagement (EE) platform provides fully customized and interactive digital environmental and social impact assessment and compliance reporting capabilities. The tool's adaptability makes it an innovative solution to streamline the environmental review process, saving time and money, while presenting data in a more user-friendly manner for all stakeholders. Designed for hosting project data, the platform synchronizes interactive maps with technical assessments and is more engaging than traditional static environmental reports. The platform works seamlessly with AECOM's virtual stakeholder engagement room where stakeholders can comment, ask questions, and engage in project development and decision-making. As a cloud-based platform centralizing GIS maps, technical data, and reporting, EE allows project delivery within a single platform where project teams and clients collaborate. Integration of AECOM's innovative digital equity impact analytical tools further strengthens the platform and enables projects to optimize their triple bottom line. This webinar presents an overview of these technologies.

eMAP – Future-Forward Data Collection, Reporting & Analysis



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eMAP (Environmental Mobile Applications for Projects) is not just a suite of well-programmed software(s); it’s a scalable solution of process controls and best practices. Field users have access to large sets of GIS and other datasets for GPS data collection. This allows them to make informed decisions as well as generate digital forms with photos in the field without relying on internet connectivity. Those datasets are synchronized and shared via web applications, dashboards for compliance tracking, and through automated reporting that match regulatory report templates.

AECOM’s current build of eMAP is a future-forward system for ArcGIS Online, but deployed and managed separately than our internal company resources by AGOL. This is to ensure quality and efficiency for field deployments and inspection activities. eMAP can be configured to allow for seamless transfer of data into the client approved integrated geodatabase schema.

Better, Faster Stakeholder Engagement in the Modern Age – Going Virtual



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In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing requirements, AECOM developed and is widely implementing a Virtual Consultation Meeting tool for many of our clients using proprietary, purpose-built software. The software creates a virtual meeting room, identical to a traditional stakeholder meeting space, where information is displayed and shared. The software accommodates both general public meetings as well as stakeholder-specific meetings in a website-based space. The platform is simple, easy to use, highly navigable, capable of comment acceptance and webinar (or land line) stakeholder involvement, has a chat function, and can include posters, videos, documents, fact sheets, fillable comment cards, recordation of the public meeting, tracking website visits, and other functionalities relevant to the public review. The platform is infinitely scalable, mutable, and adaptable to project-specific requirements, and is housed on a controlled website to manage accessibility. This presentation will demonstrate this technology, including examples of practical, real-world applications across an array of market sectors. To date, AECOM has seen significant positive stakeholder and client response to this new technology.

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AECOM Innovations in Routing and Siting Analysis

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AECOM has successfully applied innovative GIS solutions to routing and siting projects for greater efficiency in the selection of sound, defensible, and constructible T&D sites and routes. AECOM developed OptiSite and RouteAnalyst, a specialized framework of GIS tools and methodologies that apply a comprehensive, multi-tiered decision support model to assess existing constraints and aid planners and developers in efficiently identifying and analyzing optimum candidate sites and routes. This approach integrates a user-defined spatial assessment to identify environmental, cultural, infrastructure, and engineering considerations, identify minimum impact areas, and identify sites and routes best-suited for a specific type of energy development. The results are key elements that aid our clients in making informed decisions about complex siting considerations. Most critically, these tools offer the flexibility to be used as standalone processes or to augment existing siting methodologies.

This webinar will introduce attendees to AECOM's latest innovations in routing and siting analysis, which offer a number of advantages in comparison to more traditional siting and routing methods, including:

- Lower cost due to systematic, logical and efficient approach
- More rapid and flexible analysis via extensive use of GIS methods
- Ease of scenario evaluation and iteration with computer-based tools
- Open process conducive to client input and public participation
- Use of decision analysis tools at every step to optimize performance

The Coming Digital Disruption of the NEPA Process



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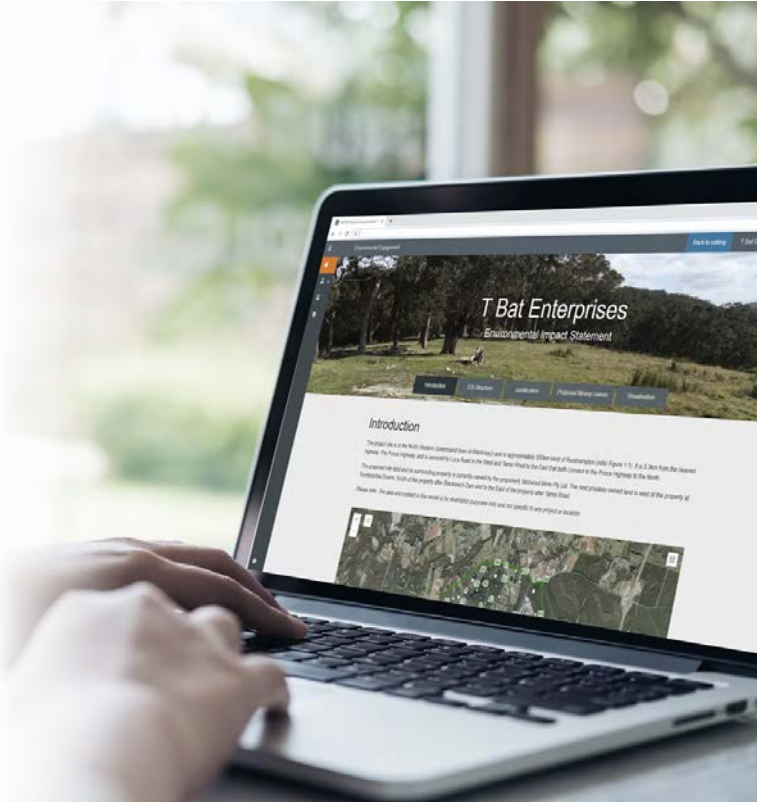
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The stage is being set for rapid industry transformation. The ongoing wave of pre- and post-pandemic innovation, the bi-partisan support for better, faster and less expensive environmental processes, and the potential for a substantial increase in infrastructure spending are drivers of the change. Better engagement practices, more understandable and accessible reports, increased collaboration and partnering, and faster and less costly delivery are in demand. Digital reporting and other online tools and combined offline engagement methods will change the way industry leaders deliver NEPA and related services. Our panel of four experts from AECOM and the Arizona Department of Transportation explore Plan. Engage, a new tool that transforms the way NEPA documents (EISs, EAs) and other reports are being developed. The panel will clarify how innovative digital reporting and related tools are already being used and will eventually revolutionize project delivery.



CEQ NEPA Implementing Regulation Revisions



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On July 15, 2020, the President’s Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) published in the Federal Register its final rule modernizing its National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) implementing regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508 et. seq), which took effect on September 14, 2020 (<https://ceq.doe.gov/laws-regulations/regulations.html>). For the first time in 42 years, the CEQ fundamentally renovated and modernized these regulations. For those involved in NEPA, this is a big thing - a really big thing. Goaled on streamlining what some consider a complex process in the last 50 years, the regulations themselves shrunk from 30 to 20 pages. Many agree that the regulations are now better organized, more concise, and provide better clarity overall.

During this webinar, AECOM NEPA experts will review the key changes in the revised regulation and what they mean to Federal agencies, stakeholders, and NEPA practitioners. The pending change in U.S. administration and ongoing litigation concerning the revisions, we likely will see further discussion in the days ahead. Ultimately, the spirit and intent of NEPA – to include environmental considerations into each Federal agency’s decision-making process, engage the public in that process, and strive to implement projects that minimize environmental damage – remain.

eDNA Solutions: Non-Invasive Wildlife Sampling to Expedite Permitting



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Applying innovative tools during the planning, permitting, and implementation phases of projects can provide a competitive edge. With the employment of non-invasive environmental DNA (eDNA) sampling, AECOM is pioneering new pathways to augment or replace traditional cost-and time-intensive protocol-level surveys with cutting-edge science. How? Animals may shed DNA in the form of hair, fur, skin, waste, or eggs. This DNA can be collected from the natural environment in situ through soil and water samples and analyzed in a laboratory setting to determine its originator by comparing the samples to known “barcodes” (primers) through an eDNA assay. The characterization of eDNA allows biologists to infer the presence or absence of species at a specific site without the need to trap, handle, and identify individuals.



eDNA and Acoustic Telemetry: The New Eyes and Ears of Sediment Site Assessments



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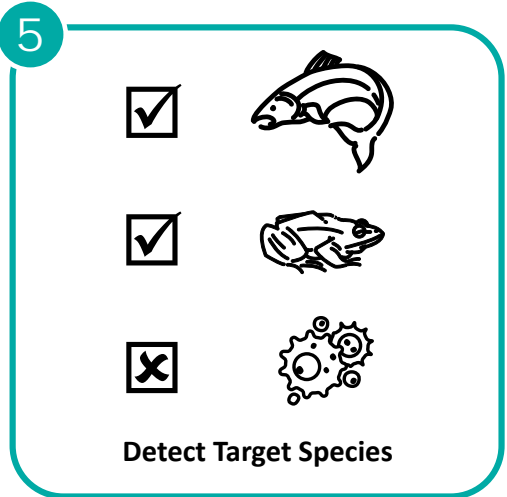
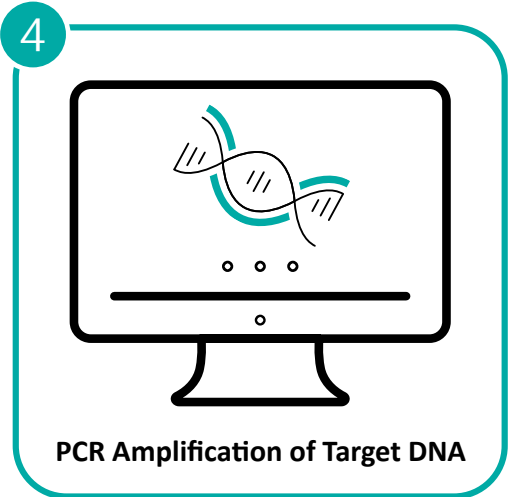
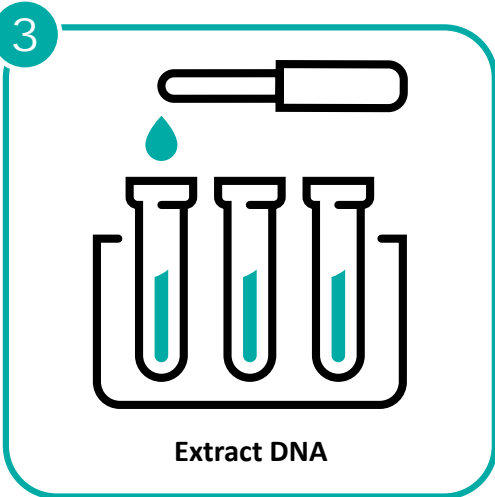
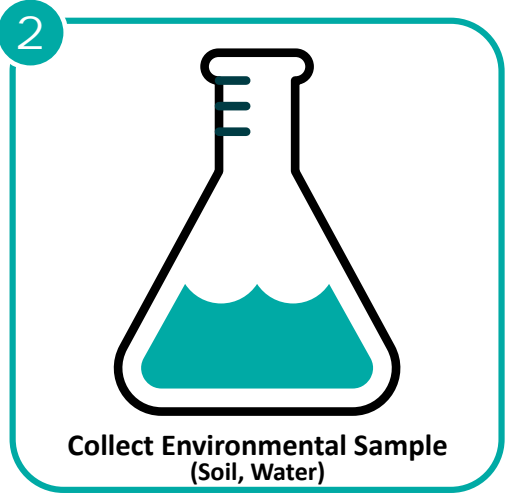
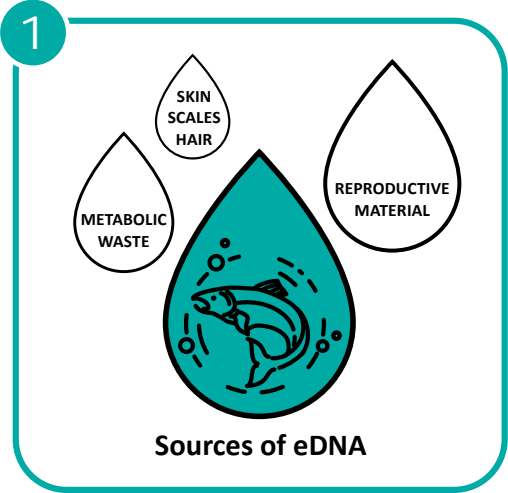
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The application of innovative tools can give projects a competitive edge during the planning, permitting, and implementation phases. AECOM is pioneering new pathways to augment or replace traditional costly and time-intensive surveys with cutting-edge science. Animals may shed DNA as hair, fur, skin, waste, or eggs. Such DNA can be collected from the natural environment in situ through soil and water samples and analyzed in a laboratory setting to determine its originator by comparing the samples to known “barcodes” (primers) through an eDNA assay. The characterization of eDNA allows biologists to infer the presence or absence of species at a specific site without the need to trap, handle, and identify individuals. Acoustic telemetry represents another tool for understanding both

the presence/absence and detailed movement patterns of aquatic animals. By tracking acoustically tagged fish, their presence and movement in relation to areas of interest, such as contaminated sediments, can be characterized over time. The improved understanding of the spatial ecology of the fish species can inform conceptual site model development and reduce uncertainty in site remedial decision-making.

The key objectives of this webinar are to provide an overview of the science behind eDNA sampling and acoustic telemetry, explore the advantages and limitations of the science, and examine case studies to demonstrate how these technologies can be applied to improve project planning and implementation.



Evolving Environmental Impact Analysis and Permitting through Innovation



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Join AECOM for a discussion of forward-looking, innovative tools that can be implemented on projects with varying scopes of work and project complexities. We will present useful tools, including: our eMAP system that streamlines large field data collection and manages

data; use of drones and the depth of their capabilities; and virtual open house platforms for public engagement, as well as virtual digital EIS documents for public review and comments, as required through the NEPA process.



Air Quality

Trichloroethylene in Indoor Air: New Tools to Rapidly Evaluate Potential Exposures



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In vapor intrusion (VI) studies, trichloroethylene (TCE) often gets special attention because of concerns about its toxicity, resulting from even relatively short-term exposure. Therefore, there is interest in finding and addressing preferential pathways and indoor sources of TCE as quickly as possible. We will describe recent work that included performing real-time TCE measurements at multiple facilities using a field GC, a HAPSITE GC/MS, and a FROG portable GC. Data are presented and discussed related to the analytical sensitivity of the various analyzers, correlations found during side-by-side measurements, measurement frequency and turnaround time, and ease of use.

Fenceline Air Monitoring Programs for Remediation Sites



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AECOM continues to perform extensive design, installation and operation of perimeter ambient air quality and meteorological programs during this time, including those involving: remediation of hazardous waste; former MGP sites; building demolition; and dredging and sediment processing areas. Topics include: key design elements and challenges within remediation projects; choices around performance indicators and delivering timely feedback to site decision makers; how to use air monitoring to address community concerns and to keep regulators informed; and the role of air monitoring and emission controls in keeping remediation projects on schedule. Examples of how projects might be designed will be included.



Innovative Modeling Approaches for Air Permit and Regulatory Applications



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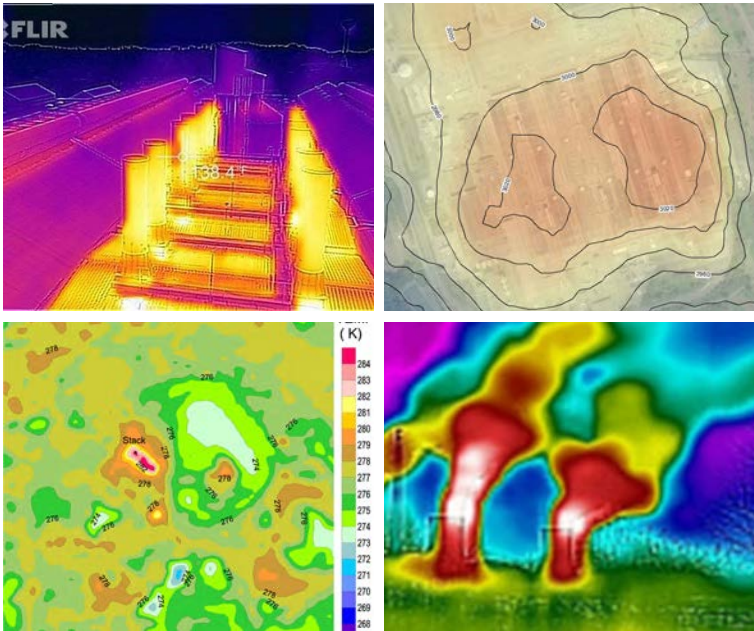
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Dispersion modeling is a key element in the characterization of air quality impacts of proposed or existing emission sources. In the United States and other countries, regulatory agencies prescribe methods for using approved dispersion models for this purpose. However, regulators, as well as affected stakeholders, continue to assess refinements to dispersion models to improve the accuracy of their performance. AECOM is at the cutting edge of this process and continues to be a leader in designing, testing, and applying dispersion modeling approaches, now for decades. We'll provide an overview of current, innovative approaches in several areas of interest relevant to current and future regulatory applications. We'll explore how AECOM's approaches to innovative dispersion modeling techniques can improve the success of current and future air quality regulatory applications.

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Remediation

We hope you find this three-part webinar series on Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) informative. Our leaders in the field have managed hundreds of PFAS-related projects for clients around the world and at more than 200 PFAS sites in North America.

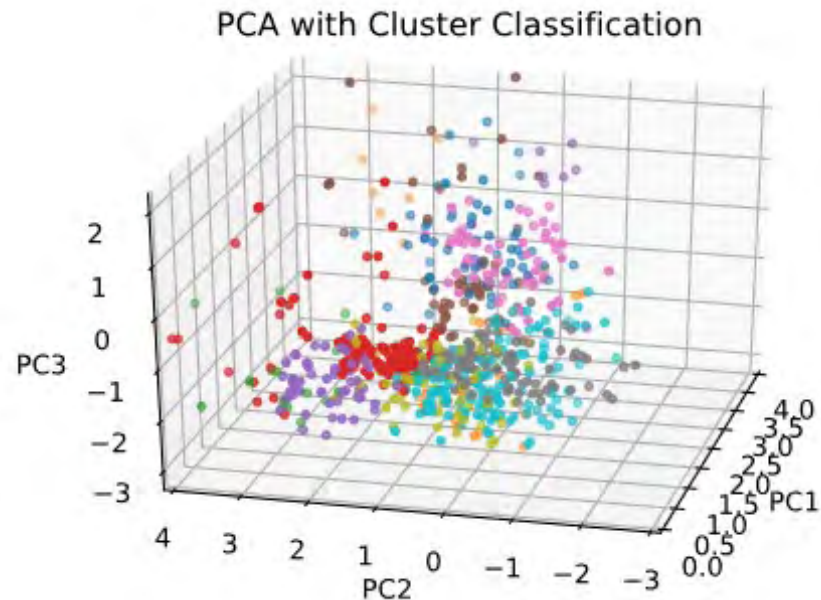


PFAS Chemometrics
as a Forensic Tool

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Mr. Neigh presents robust methods of exploratory data analysis and classification applied to PFAS chemical analytical results from environmental media for forensic evaluation. Chemometric pattern recognition can be used successfully as a forensic tool to identify PFAS source signatures and provide insight into environmental fate and transport behavior.



Fate & Transport in
Groundwater



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Dr. Shayan discusses the challenges in developing fate and transport models for PFAS contaminated sites because of the complexity and range of behaviors across the class of contaminants. Improved fate and transport knowledge will aid in apportioning mass removal processes that control PFAS distribution based on site-specific conditions.

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DE-FLUORO™ PFAS
Destruction Technology



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Members of our DE-FLUORO™ Technical Development Team present information on this proprietary PFAS destruction technology. They will focus on the DE-FLUORO™ technology evolution, results of bench and pilot testing, progress on field demonstration, and the application scenarios of the technology.

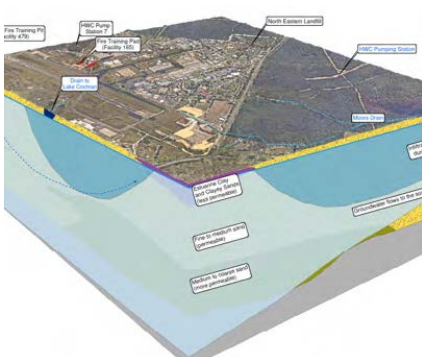


PFAS - Large
Scale Remediation
Progress



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Mr. McCabe's presentation summarizes progress in one of Australia's largest and most complex PFAS remediation projects with multiple management and remediation elements. We also present evidence of significant reduction of a groundwater PFAS plume following a combination of soil removal and pump & treat remediation at a key source area.



Human Health and
Ecological Risks



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Dr. Thakali shares the current trends and a look to the future in assessing the human health and ecological risks of PFAS. This will include current regulatory drivers, the significance of conceptual site models, exposure pathways, and trends in health and ecological risk assessments.

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Drinking Water Strategies and Life-cycle Management Considerations



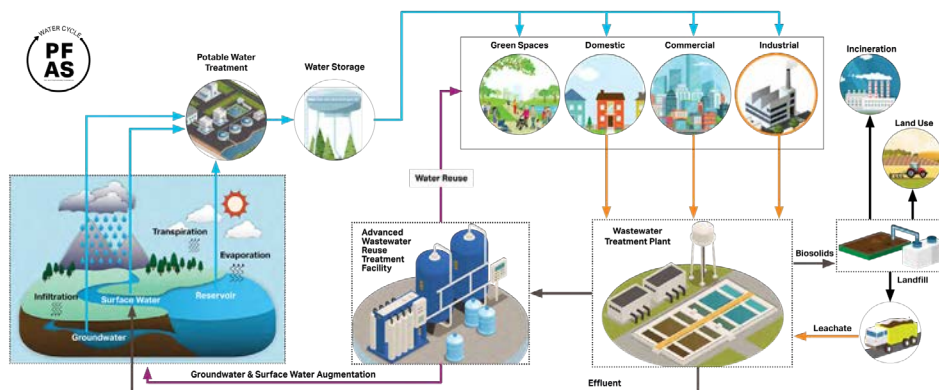
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Mr. Curran and Mr. Clunie share case studies that provide insight on how to optimize treatment approaches and use emerging technologies to evaluate source water quality, PFAS characteristics, waste management and overall water system dynamics help to position water purveyors with the most sustainable approach. We also review utility management challenges including implementation and funding strategies.



Fate of PFAS through Wastewater Facilities and Planning for Regulatory Impacts



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Dr. Bogdan shares the current state of knowledge on PFAS impacts and the fate within wastewater treatment plants through the review of the largest statewide PFAS study. Mr. Goss reviews the current state of the practice regarding biosolids management and processes and discusses potential treatment options being promoted for PFAS laden biosolids. Dr. Sundaram shares information on removal of PFAS compounds during tertiary filtration, wastewater disinfection, and other advanced treatment processes. This includes considerations for wastewater reuse applications.



Industrial Source Control, Wastewater Pretreatment



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Ms. Pugh explores the challenges of managing PFAS in an industrial setting, including source identification and wastewater management strategies.

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Process Modeling of PFAS



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Dr. Andalib presents a mathematical model as an extended matrix to Barker-Dold Activated Sludge model (BioWin), to simulate the fate of PFAS and PFAS precursors in a wastewater treatment process. In this model, five new state variables and six reactions are defined to incorporate adsorption, degradation and conversions of different PFAS components in a wastewater process.

Keeping Up With Coal Ash



As a means to connect and engage with you on the many developments in the dynamic CCR marketplace, AECOM hosted a microburst of presentations through a 9-Part “Keeping Up With Coal Ash” Webinar Series. We assembled a group of great speakers on various topics of current interest to the CCR community from AECOM and others.

**Stop the Insanity!
Changes in the CCR
Regulatory Framework
and What it Means for You**



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**Seeing is Believing! Using
Environmental Visualization
Systems (EVS) to Maximize
Value on CbR/Beneficial Use
Closures**



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**Good Enough to Drink!?!
– Creative Remedial
Approaches That Can Benefit
You!**



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**Now You See it...Now You
Don't! Creative Marketplace
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Ash to Beneficial Use**



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**Open up the Aperture and
see THE project – Integrated
Facility Closure**



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**The Best Defense is a Strong
Offense! What's New in the
CCR Legal World?... and
Why I Need to Know What's
Coming!**



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**Straight talk with Steven
Cook: Answers on CCR Rules
from the U.S. EPA**



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**Getting the Dirt Out of
Creative Closure Solutions:
A Closure Turf Case Study**



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No Longer in the Dark - Using Business Intelligence to Inform and Shape Strategy in a Dynamic World



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Do I Really Get Captain America's Shield? Explaining a Permit Shield and What It REALLY Means for You



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Freeing Yourself from those Pesky Pond Closure Nightmares – Engineering Best Practices for Safety (Design through Post-Closure)



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Worth the Wait: Presenting the ELG and CCR Rules in a Way that Makes Sense



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What you Need to Know to Convert your CCR Closure to a Solar Asset



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Pivot to Groundwater: Positioning for GW Remediation From Site Conceptual Models to Corrective Actions



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The End of Social Distancing - Tricks of the Trade for Effective Stakeholder Engagement



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More Straight Talk from the U.S. EPA



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Polishing Your Crystal Ball: Energy and Environmental Policy Outlook in an Ever-Shifting Political Landscape



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Rising from the Ash - The Market Potential for Converting your Closures into Solar Generation



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Remedial Process Optimization - Higher Efficiency and Lower Cost



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REMEDIAL PROCESS OPTIMIZATION: AN OVERVIEW OF APPROACHES AND RESULTS

Remedial Process Optimization is the systematic evaluation and enhancement of site remediation processes to ensure that human health and the environment are being protected over the long term at minimum risk and cost. During this presentation, Mr. Luty will present an overview of approaches to RPO and summarize several examples of results where cost, risk and/or project schedule were minimized.

REMEDIAL SYSTEM OPTIMIZATION AT AIR FORCE PLANT 44 IN TUCSON, ARIZONA

Since 2012, Dr. Sadeghi has been involved with RPO activities at Air Force Plant 44 (AFP44), part of the Tucson International Airport Area Superfund Site. The groundwater at AFP44 is contaminated with a mix of chlorinated VOCs, as well as the emerging contaminant, 1,4-dioxane. A groundwater treatment system using advanced oxidation process has been operating at the site since 2009, and AECOM took over site environmental and RPO activities in 2012. RPO measures implemented include *in situ* bioremediation at source areas and optimization of the groundwater treatment system, including the injection and extraction well network and system infrastructure. These RPO measures have expedited achievement of the remedial action objectives for the site.



Selection of a Dredge Material Dewatering Strategy

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Selection of an efficacious dewatering strategy for dredge material (sediment and/or other residuals) can be a daunting task. Dewatering can be conducted by various conventional techniques, mechanical methods (e.g., filter press, centrifuge), gravity methods (e.g., CDFs, geotextile tubes), and/or addition of solidification/stabilization reagents as well as innovative approaches (e.g., pasting, dewatering boxes, Genesis Water™ RDS and other hybrid systems). In this presentation, we will discuss dewatering strategy selection and use of cost/benefit analysis to compare the various techniques. Dewatering strategy selection is initially driven by the requirements (physical and chemical) for final disposition of the material as well as the availability of time and space for dewatering to occur.

Full-scale dewatering objectives for a dredge project typically include:

- 1. Cost-effective removal of water with the goal of meeting DOT requirements for shipping material off-site
- 2. Understanding dewatering efficacy such that the selected process matches the land available for siting the processing facilities;
- 3. Comparing the costs of off-site disposal for the resulting filter cake(s)
- 4. Expanding incorporation of sustainable or ESG practices

Secondary selection criteria may include but is not limited to:

- 1. Operational parameters (e.g., chemical conditioning, production rate, utilities, O&M)
- 2. Filter cake properties for assessing post-dewatering conditioning needs
- 3. Filtrate quality and quantity for assessing treatment and discharge needs

1,4-Dioxane *In Situ* Remediation: Conventional and Innovative Solutions



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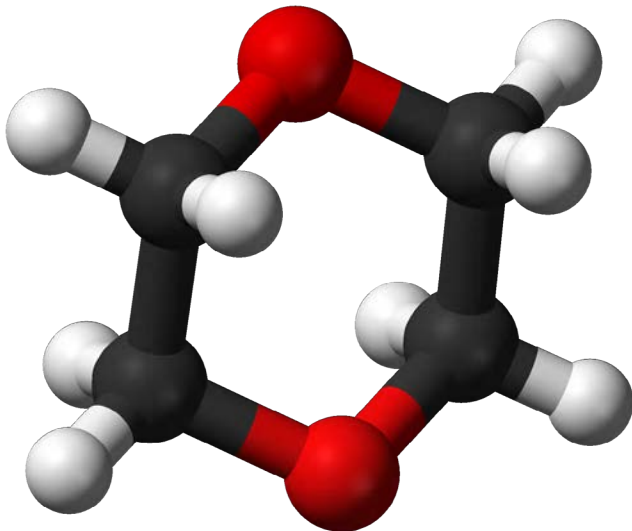
Enhanced *In Situ* Biodegradation of 1,4-Dioxane

1,4-Dioxane is a probable human carcinogen and an emerging contaminant in groundwater at many military and industrial sites. Numerous studies provide evidence that 1,4-dioxane can be biodegraded aerobically and several cases have documented both metabolic and cometabolic 1,4-dioxane biodegradation since the early 1990s. However, enhanced *in situ* biodegradation efforts have been limited by inconsistent microbial performance in the field. *Pseudonocardia dioxanivorans* CB1190 (CB1190) is a monooxygenase-expressing microorganism that has been shown to metabolically degrade 1,4-dioxane as a source of carbon and energy in bench-scale and pilot-scale *ex situ* reactors. This technology field demonstration project evaluated bioaugmentation with CB1190 as a means to enhance *in situ* biodegradation of 1,4-dioxane at Air Force Plant 3, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The field demonstration was performed using an emerging technology referred to as an *in situ* bioreactor. Detailed results from the 6-month ISBR demonstration will be shared during the webinar.



1,4-Dioxane Treatment Using ISCO

1,4-Dioxane has emerged as a contaminant of concern for numerous sites. It is most commonly found at sites co-mingled with chlorinated solvents and their daughter products. *In situ* chemical oxidation (ISCO) using activated potassium persulfate can generate both oxidative and reductive-free radical species that can expedite the destruction of 1,4-dioxane and chlorinated solvents. ISCO was evaluated for use at a site contaminated with 1,4-dioxane and chlorinated solvents in groundwater migrating from an industrial area into adjacent wetlands. Due to the sensitivity associated with working in a wetland, the remedial design focused on using permeable reactive barriers to minimize the footprint of injection activities. The remedial strategy was conducted in a stepwise process that included laboratory scale assessment, a field pilot test, and full-scale application. This webinar will provide a discussion of the results from treatability study through full-scale implementation.



PFAS: Global Trends and Perspectives



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This presentation will provide perspective on the current state of play and trends related to the regulation, collaboration and governance, assessment, analytical, research, treatment/remediation and waste management of PFA-related matters across global provinces. We will explore the range of levers influencing the cadence and prioritisation of actions and postures adopted to address PFAS issues across North America, Australia and Europe. What can we learn from jurisdictional commonalities and differences in approach to this global contamination issue?

Implementing Remediation Projects in Uncertain Times: Alternative Delivery and Contracting Strategies



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In these uncertain times, owners of remediation projects are looking for ways to deliver and contract their work quicker using less owner resources and at a lower cost and risk profile. When delivery and contracting options are better understood, they can be leveraged together to accomplish the owner's goals, even in the face of significant technical, regulatory, stakeholder, resource and funding challenges. We'll discuss and define options, provide pros/cons, and offer case studies illustrating real-world applications.



PRISM® (PRedictive Integrated Stratigraphic Modeling)



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Predictive Integrated Stratigraphic Modeling (PRISM®) is an innovative, state-of-the-art methodology that provides a detailed understanding of the subsurface geology to better predict the fate and transport of contaminants at complex sites. Unlike traditional methods of subsurface investigation, which often fail to properly address the subsurface heterogeneity, PRISM® leverages Environmental Sequence Stratigraphy (ESS) and other best practices in geology and geophysics to create detailed cross sections of sediment layering that are consistent with known depositional patterns. These cross sections are then combined with hydrology and chemistry data to build fully integrated, comprehensive CSMs that can be used to develop more effective investigative and remedial strategies.

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Adaptive Management at Sediment Remediation Sites



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Corrective actions at complex sediment sites are often mired in decades long characterization, design, and regulatory review processes that are inefficient, frustrating and delay the implementation of the selected remedy. Establishing an adaptive management remedial framework at a site can often expedite remedy implementation, allow for optimization of the remedial approach, and reduce overall program cost. This webinar will provide a high-level overview of what an adaptive management framework looks like at a sediment site, touch on the regulatory community's interest in adaptive management/early action and present two case studies where it is currently being successfully implemented.



PFAS in Stormwater: Permits, Processes, and Treatment



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Regulations related to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) compounds in environmental media are rapidly evolving. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has recently issued an 'Interim Strategy' for PFAS in Federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. This Interim Strategy outlines phased-in monitoring, best management practices (BMPs), stormwater pollutant control and permitting practices for PFAS. Several States have also enacted and/or proposed various stormwater regulations associated with PFAS monitoring and reporting through State/ local NPDES permitting mechanisms. Achieving compliance with these forthcoming rules will require an understanding of monitoring, transport pathways and treatment options for stormwater impacted with PFAS. Developing this understanding is challenging for stormwater runoff due to its intrinsic diurnal/seasonal variability coupled with PFAS' unique physicochemical properties. This webinar will present an overview of various concepts and case studies related to PFAS in stormwater and thus provide information to practitioners for developing strategies to fulfill forthcoming regulatory requirements.



Adaptive Management at Sediment Remediation Sites



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This presentation will focus on project specific examples where geophysical methods were applied to aid in the characterization of subsurface conditions at environmental project sites. Geophysics can add value to projects by offering a quick and largely unobtrusive means of providing valuable subsurface information to aid in the planning, design, and remediation of project sites.

Topics discussed will include descriptions and project examples of the following methods as they pertain to environmental engineering/remediation efforts:

- Electromagnetics (EM)
- Magnetics (Mag)
- Electrical methods (ERI, SP, IP)
- Seismic methods (MASW, Refraction, Reflection, VSP, Crosshole)
- Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)
- Gravity
- Borehole Geophysics
- Utility Designation Surveying (SUE)
- Marine Surveys
- Unmanned Surveys



Best Practices of Remediation and Reclamation in Indigenous Communities



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This presentation provides an overview of best practices of remediation and reclamation in indigenous communities. We explore the importance of building and maintaining collaborative relationships with Indigenous Communities from the implementation of an indigenous contractor and procurement strategy and capacity building to maintaining a close connection to field project activities. A remediation and reclamation program must include meaningful dialogue and inclusion of the larger indigenous community; we take the time to share why it is essential to maintain connections through community engagement with Elders and knowledge keepers on the sharing of traditional knowledge. We share the importance of continual support for inclusion of an indigenous lens throughout the program.

Surface Water and Groundwater as One: Towards a Holistic Quantitative Assessment of the Hydrological Cycle



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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Fundamentals of the hydrological cycle in the context of surface water and groundwater.
- Anthropogenic change and impact to hydrology and ecosystems.
- Overview of quantitative modelling tools for assessment of the hydrological cycle at varied scales.
- Case studies to demonstrate use of quantitative modelling tools.

Surface water and groundwater have traditionally been studied and managed independently when, in reality, they are intimately linked components in the hydrological cycle. Changes to one regime may have consequences for the other and therefore a comprehensive, holistic approach is often necessary for development of effective water resource management strategies in water resources, mining, agricultural, forestry, and contaminated sites sectors. This presentation discusses the need for a holistic approach to studying the dynamics of surface water and groundwater systems, explores common approaches that can be used by environmental practitioners, and shares case studies recently conducted by AECOM that focus on assessment of the hydrological cycle. Quantitative modelling tools in particular can assist with assessment and prediction and will be a focus of this webinar.



EHS Management

Workforce of the Future – How Changing Demographics Should Affect Your Safety Program

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As the twenty first century continues to unfurl, we know one thing is for certain, change is inevitable. The workforce that we strive to empower and protect looks very different from the work force of even 20 years ago. Understanding the past and present will help us anticipate future trends, allowing us to proactively prepare for the next challenge. In addition to age, we will discuss how cultural barriers impact the implementation of our safety programs. We will review best practices for building people-centered safety programs focused on protecting a diverse workforce.

Effective Stormwater BMP Operation and Maintenance for Permit Compliance

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NPDES Permits often require Stormwater Control Measures (or BMPs) for treating post-construction stormwater runoff from urban development sites. Permittees include both public and private entities. BMP construction often requires a significant capital investment on the part of the owner. If not inspected and maintained properly, these devices can cease functioning, resulting in significant rehabilitation and restoration costs to bring devices back into compliance. With growing emphasis on urban stormwater management, regulatory agencies are requiring permittees to properly inspect and maintain their stormwater treatment devices as well as comprehensively document the associated activities and process. The AECOM team has assisted private industry, Federal Government, State Departments of Transportation, and municipalities with effective program development, inspection, operation, and maintenance of these critical stormwater assets.



Going Beyond the TRIR: Renew Focus on High-Consequence Risks



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Although many companies only focus on lagging indicators such as OSHA recordable injuries, an emphasis on unsafe behavior/ acts and using leading indicators is recognized by many safety professionals as a better way to improve safety in the workplace. Our webinar will help our clients renew their focus on high-consequence risks.



Grounded! Conducting Virtual EHS Audits and Due Diligence Assessments - Tips and Lessons Learned



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In this webinar, we educate our clients on how to conduct EHS audits in a virtual way, present current tools, and expand on EHS auditing and due diligence during Covid-19.

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Controlling Aerosols - Including Those Associated with Disease Transmission



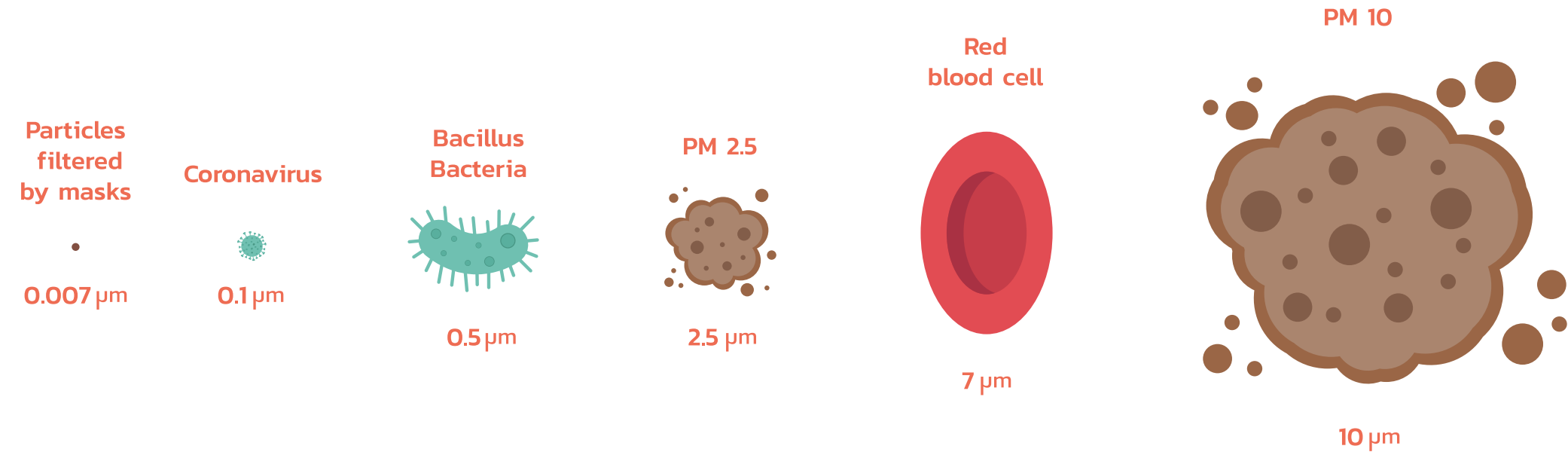
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Aerosols – Addressing Chemical and Biological Risks

Aerosolization is the process of putting solids (particulates, fumes), liquids (vapors, mists), or other gases into an air stream. This familiar process is exemplified by aerosol cans that use pressure differentials to cause their contents to be emitted into the air. The more subtle aerosolization occurs every day, hour, and minute; as our air streams mix. If the new entrained chemicals or biologicals do not trigger our sense of smell or otherwise irritate us; we may be oblivious to the changes in our air. We continue to breath in the air available to us; and may in the process of inhalation, dose our body with contaminants. A knowledge of how aerosolization occurs, and the potential control measures has become increasingly important as we deal with disease, climate, and facility design issues worldwide. We will also

discuss the phenomena of agglomeration, which is the propensity of certain particulates to stick together or to align with a combination of liquid and solid particulate. While such phenomena may aid in filtration controls, the risk is that agglomerated particulate may be more respirable. Relative to total airborne particles, the particle size having 50% penetration for the thoracic and respirable fractions are 10 μm and 4.0 μm (aerodynamic diameter), respectively. Agglomeration of the chemical hazards or virus particulate within the available air stream to humans may be of concern. This webinar will provide real world examples of both the risk and the controls that can be employed to lessen those risks.



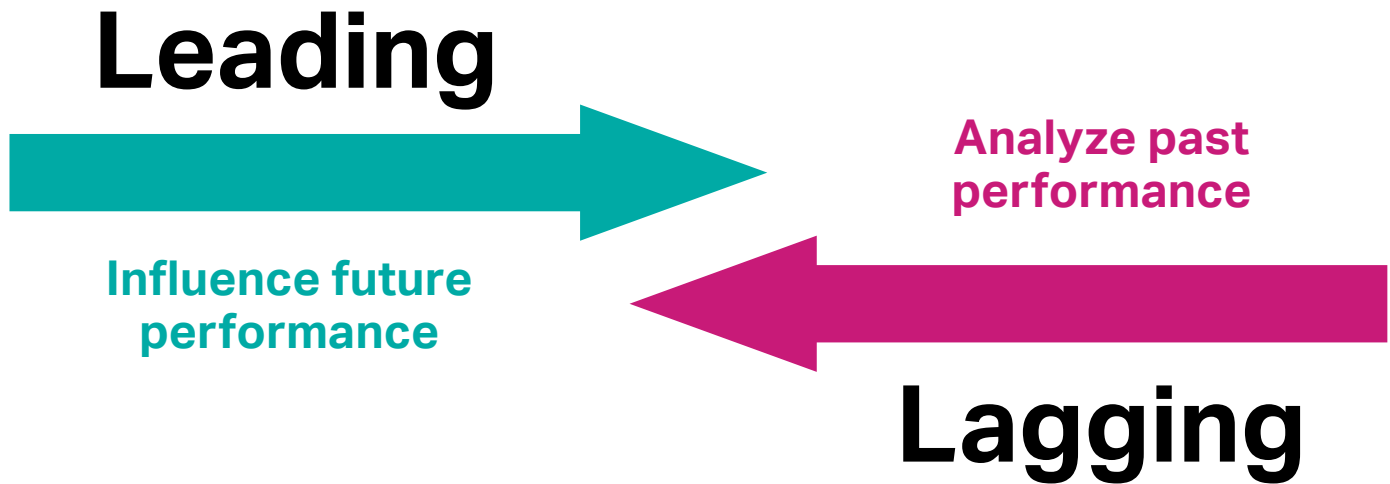
Lead, Don't Lag! Use Leading Indicators to Monitor and Improve EHS Performance



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Monitoring and reporting on lagging performance indicators, such as injury rates, emission exceedances, and regulatory exceptions, are necessary – but not sufficient. Using indicators that are indicative of future performance and require the inclusion of operational management is much more likely to provide several benefits: attainment of a more realistic and balanced view of your EHS programs; an ability to identify future performance and resource needs; and an opportunity to prioritize your EHS activities with an eye towards the future. We'll discuss: relevant indicators; how to measure, normalize, and socialize them; and how to keep them relevant.

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Ammonia Risk Management Planning



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Anhydrous ammonia is frequently used in industrial and agricultural applications, both as a fertilizer as well as a chilling agent. In fact, ammonia accounts for the majority of facilities that register with the EPA for the Risk Management Program (RMP). Anhydrous ammonia systems have some inherent risks and challenges due to the chemical properties of ammonia, but many people are not aware of these risks. Often, the anhydrous ammonia system works in the background, and is assumed to be safe – until something bad happens. Proper precautions need to be taken, and the RMP must be safely and correctly implemented. In this webinar, Dr. Gayle Nicoll, PhD, REP, ASP, CSP, will discuss some of the challenges associated with anhydrous ammonia from a chemical standpoint, the common pitfalls that facilities fall into, and ways to avoid these mistakes.

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Wastewater Monitoring for Early Detection of COVID-19 Infected Populations



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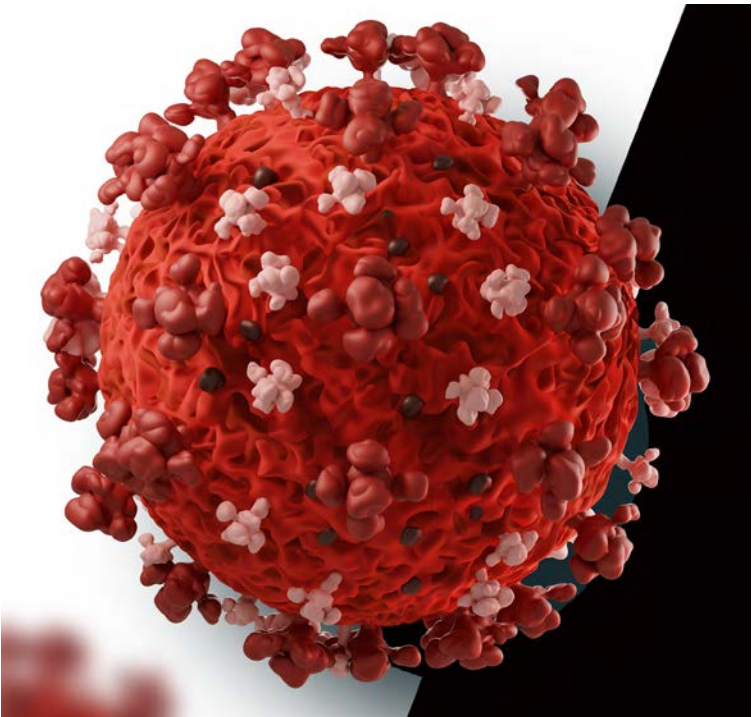
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The detection of COVID-19 infected individuals in populations is critical to manage the pandemic. Although vaccination reduces the health effects of the virus, it does not eliminate the infection completely. The emergence of genetic variants also increases the threat to public health and economic recovery. Infected individuals shed the virus in feces up to 10 days prior to exhibiting symptoms. Automated composite wastewater sampling and RT qPCR genetic laboratory testing detects the presence of virus on a "pooled" basis, examining an entire group of individuals, which is minimally invasive, very accurate and cost-effective.

This webinar discusses various sampling strategies, test procedures and data visualization techniques employed in municipal wastewater plants, correctional institutions, office complexes and manufacturing plants across the US.

During this webinar, attendees will learn about various sampling and testing methods to detect the SARS CoV-2 virus in wastewater, including lessons learned. Data reporting including trend analysis and the use of GIS mapping of sewer sheds for data visualization will be discussed.



Process Safety Management (PSM): Implementing a Flexible Pre-Startup Safety Review



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Please join us for a presentation on a customized, flexible Excel-based Pre-Startup Safety Review developed by Gayle Nicoll, PhD, REP, ASP, CSP for one of our global chemical manufacturers. The Excel tool uses a series of user-friendly, easy-to-answer questions to identify what critical items need to be addressed as part of the safety review, instead of a long, cumbersome and obtuse checklist. The presentation outlines the over-arching approach taken, as well as the net result, which has been improved over the last year into a tool that has helped change the culture of safety and implement a robust Management of Change program.



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