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The *Real* Obstacle to Site Completion: Credible Post-Remediation Sustainable Protection at Contaminated Sites with Residual Waste

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Introduction

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Sustainability: What Does it Mean?



The challenge of sustainability is to determine which of these Sustainability Rings is needed for a safety net at a site to go with the right remedy



And then try to make sure that the selected elements, shaped to the specific needs are not independent circles, but are like gears of a protective system



Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary Elements of a Sustainability Protective System







Three fundamental questions will frame the workshop:

Are the timeframes which flow from the several regulatory regimes reconcilable and/or adequate to properly shaping the task of sustained protection? If not, could they be?

What are the key factors in both creating – and building the perception – that a series of protective mechanisms will, in fact, be sustained. Is the separation of remediation and stewardship inherent even in this workshop itself a mistaken view of the proper relationship between remedial choice and post-construction stewardship systems?

What are the prospects for improving the coherence and integration of the several systems built to assure sustainable protection when more than a single federal agency is involved/has regulator responsibilities?

We will succeed if the workshop provides significant clarification about these three questions for the participants – and takes steps to see where, and with whom, such a dialogue should next proceed.



Changes in the Way Regulations Relate or are Implemented Together

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