

Workshop on Nanotechnology for Site Remediation

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Outline

- Workshop description
- Recommendations
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Purpose of Workshop

- Present latest research results
- Conduct breakout sessions to discuss issues and develop recommendations
- Stimulate increased collaboration

Description of Workshop

- Location/Date
 - Washington, DC
 - October 20-21, 2005
- Participants
 - Approximately 180 registrants from academia, industry, and government
 - US and international participants

Sponsors and Organizers

- Commerce
- DoD
- DOE
- EPA
- FRTR
- NASA
- National Council for Science & the Environment
- National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
- NSF

Presentations

- State of the science of the use of nanoscale zero-valent iron for DNAPL-contaminated ground water
- Research on other nanomaterials
- Fate and transport
- Case studies, including:
 - Navy sites
 - NASA site
- Potential toxicity
- Public perception

Breakout Sessions: Recommendations

- Increase research on
 - Fate and transport of nanomaterials
 - Detection methods
 - Contaminant destruction process using nanotechnology
 - Treatment trains that include nanotechnology
 - Toxicity of nanoparticles
 - Applied research and field implementation

Breakout Sessions: Recommendations, Cont.

- Technology Transfer and Validation
 - Develop simplified information to compare technologies using cost/benefits
 - Develop incentives for technology developers to contribute to risk understanding

Breakout Sessions: Recommendations, Cont.

- Information/Public Perception
 - Increase outreach to States and to public
 - Adapt current community relations protocol for nanotechnology
 - Develop a "Citizen's Guide" to nanotechnology for site remediation
 - Data needed on exposure and toxicity to assure public

Next Steps

- Publish proceedings and presentations on www.frtr.gov
- Develop cost and performance case studies
- Discuss potential collaborations