NICOLE: Evolving Perspectives in Contaminated Site Management in Europe

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Outline

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• Members of Nicole
• Evolving goals
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  – Projects
  – Communication and interfacing
• Projects and deliverables
• Future development and challenges
Pre-Nicole: triggers for cooperation

- Several major contaminated land issues (eg Volgermeer polder in NL)
- National R&D programs started to tackle contaminated land issues (NL: Nobis-SKB; UK: Claire; Germany: BMBF)
- New techniques and methods came in focus (Risk assessment, Monitored natural attenuation),
- Knowledge and expertise scattered,
- Ad hoc communication between industry, consultants and regulators.
Nicole: Network of industrially contaminated land

1996 Started as a EU funded 4th framework project
Since 2000 self-sustained by membership fee

Enable European industry to identify, assess and manage industrially contaminated land efficiently, cost effectively and within a framework of sustainability.
Nicole organisational set-up

Steering group
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Marjan Euser

ISG
Anja Sinke
Marc van Gijzel
Lida Schelwald

SPG
Johan de Fraye
Bertil Grundfelt
Elze-Lia Visser

University representative
Hans-Peter Koschitsky

members

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Development of membership

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ISG members

BP
Chevron Texaco inc.
Cherokee
Corus group
DOW Benelux BV
DuPont
Dura Vermeer
Dynea ASA
ENI
ERG Petroli SpA
ExxonMobil
Fortum Oil Oy
Gaz de France
JM AB
MMG Montan
   Grundstrucksgesellschaft

Nexia solutions
Philips Electronics Nederland BV
Port of Rotterdam
Repsol YPF
Rhodia
Royal Vopak
Sasol
Secondsite properties
Shell Global Solutions
Solvay S.A.
Syndial
Total
Taylor Woodrow
Umicore

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Evolving goals?

Mission and ambition

- Risk based land management
  - Sound scientific basis
  - Technology development
  - Best practices and evaluation tools
  - Communication
  - Sharing knowledge

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Who formulates ambition and mission?

members

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Nicole communication (internal)

• Nicole workshops (twice a year)
• ISG and SPG meetings (twice a year)
• Steering group meetings (three times a year)
• Nicole newsletter
• Nicole website (http://www.nicole.org)
• Regular email updates by secretary
Workshops and reports
www.nicole.org

REPORT OF THE NICOLE WORKSHOP
State of the art of (Ecological) Risk Assessment
15-16-17 June 2005
Stockholm, Sweden
www.nicole.org

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Last Nicole workshop
Carcasonne, 10-12 May 2006

Data-acquisition for a good conceptual site model

Innovations and practical experiences with in-situ measuring and monitoring

NICOLE network meeting 10-12 May 2006
Venue: City Hall of Carcassonne, France

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Nicole communication (external)

- SG meetings with ‘Brussels’
- Nicole website (http://www.nicole.org)
- Joint statements with other networks
- Participation in steering groups and review panels,
- Lectures for other networks and workshops
- Interfacing with other networks
Interfacing

- Common forum
- CARACAS (CLARINET)
- CEFIC
- CEN-ISO
- Common Forum
- PERF
- Projects in EU 5th & 6th framework:
  - PURE, CABERNET, Sednet
  - Welcome, Eurodemo, EUGRIS
Nicole projects on:
research or best practise or communication or ..

- Members of Industry subgroup involved
- Members of Service providers subgroup involved
- Financed by consortium partners
- Often additional sources (national or EU funds)
- Nicole SG co-finances to maximum of 15 kEuro
- Reporting to Nicole
Examples of projects

• Risk communication (1997)
• Good practise survey (1999)
• MNA (overview guidelines 1999)
• PURE (protection of groundwater at industrially contaminated land, 2003)
• Risk communication (2004)
• MNA (demonstration project, 2005)
Examples of projects (1)
European risk model comparison study

Selected Models

- Belgium: Vlier-Humaan
- Denmark: JAGG
- Germany: UMS
- Italy: ROME
- Netherlands: Risc-Human
- Norway: SFT 99:06
- UK: P20 and CLEA
- Commercial: RISC and RBCA Toolkit
Predicted vs. Actual GW Conc.

TCE concentrations (mg/l) at 57m with biodegradation

Note: Highest model default biodegradation rates used
Examples of projects (2)
Risk communication (2004)

Communication on contaminated land

With thanks to Lida Schelwald-vd Kley & Christer Egelstig
Examples of projects (3)
MNA demonstration project (2005)

Booklet on MNA:
- French
- German
- Dutch
- English
- Italian

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MNA demonstration project

• 9 sites in 6 European countries
• All sites using common strategy
• Each participant invested minimum of 100 kEuro
• Work done by local consultants
• Sharing expertise and knowledge
• Common output format
• Review by independent parties
• Joint final report
MNA demonstration project
reviewers assessment (regulators and scientists)

• Approach with lines of evidence well received,
• No doubt that MNA occurred at most of the sites
• At 70% of the sites MNA good chance as stand alone protective measure
Future development and challenges (internal)

Further strengthening of network,
Improved knowledge sharing within Nicole,
Start of working groups by members,
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Future development and challenges (external)

- EU directives and implementation
- Waste directive
- Water framework directive
- Groundwater daughter directive
- Soil strategy
- EU harmonisation

Goal: Risk based land management
Some generic 'hot' topics:

Demonstration of ‘innovative’ techniques
Technical training and advocacy

How to balance?

Remediation costs
Environmental & societal costs and benefits

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Conclusions

• Confusion on new European directives
• Nicole is well accepted discussion partner in Brussels
• Ad hoc start-up of projects by members
• Support to obtain EU or national research money
• Data and expertise sharing important focus