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Summary
Introduction

• GSR considers non-traditional impacts
• Incorporate GSR into cleanup within the NCP framework
• Remain focused on cleanup goals, budget, and RIP/RC dates
• Navy Policy requires optimization at the remedy selection, design, and RA-O phases and being updated to include GSR
• Navy Optimization Workgroup currently developing GSR Guidance
• Updated Optimization Policy and GSR guidance document expected to be finalized Spring 2011
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- Incorporating GSR Strategies Into Navy Response Actions
  - Optimization Framework
  - Overview of GSR Related Updates to Navy Policy
  - GSR Guidance Document

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Summary
Optimization Objectives:

• **Select appropriate remedies/technologies**
  – Technologies that fail to meet established performance objectives and remedies are not sustainable

• **Optimize the remedy**
  – An optimized remedy is a green and sustainable remedy

• **Understand the footprint of the remedy**
  – *Remedy footprint* is meant to include adverse impacts on environmental media and society that are a direct or indirect consequence of performing the remedial action.
Overview of GSR Related Updates to Optimization Policy

• Navy Policy expanded to include:
  
  – Optimization includes GSR: Evaluate opportunities during all ER Program phases
  
  – Conduct a remedy footprint analysis using the SiteWise tool
  
  – GSR metrics shall be incorporated into the review of the CERCLA Nine-Criteria
  
  – Optimization Tracking to include GSR Metrics
Incorporating GSR Strategies Into Navy Response:
GSR Guidance Document 2011

- GSR Metrics (Section 2.0)
- Metric Calculation Methods and Tools (Section 3.0)
- GSR during Site Characterization (Section 4.0)
- GSR during Remedy Selection (Section 5.0)
- GSR during Remedial Design and Construction (Section 6.0)
- GSR during Remedial Action – Operation and Long Term Monitoring (Section 7.0)
- General Footprint Reduction Methods (Section 8.0)
Incorporating GSR Strategies Into Navy Response: Remedial Process

Applying GSR Throughout the Remedial Process

- PA/SI
- RI Work Plan
- RI
- FS
- RD
- ROD
- RA Construction
- RIP
- RA Operation
- RC
- SC
- Long-Term Management

Evaluate and Select Footprint Reduction BMPs
Perform GSR Analysis and Use Results to Reduce Footprint
Target Phase for Footprint Reduction
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Incorporating GSR Strategies Into Navy Response

- Tools & Tracking
  - SiteWise™
  - NORM
  - GSR Portal

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Tools & Tracking: SiteWise™

• A collaborative effort developed by Navy, USACE and Battelle to produce a GSR tool to calculate the environmental footprint of remediation in terms of sustainability metrics.

• Free for public use

• A user-friendly streamlined life-cycle analysis (LCA) tool that can be applied to any phase of the remedial action
  - Considers life-cycle impacts such as emissions due to manufacturing of materials consumed during remedial action

• Transparent calculations to facilitate review by stakeholders/regulators
• Other tools are also available and can be applied in cases where equipment, materials or metrics are not included in SiteWise™

• SiteWise™ was developed to quantify the effects of remedial actions
Tools & Tracking: NORM Optimization module to include tracking of GSR metrics

Three elements for GSR tracking

1. Identify Green & Sustainable Remediation metrics relevant for environmental footprint of the remedy at this site

2. Briefly describe actions taken to reduce environmental footprint of the remedy

3. Provide estimated % reduction for the following metrics

- GHG
- Energy
- Air Pollutants
- Water Usage
- Waste Generation
Resources such as:

- Guidance documents and standards available on green and sustainable remediation
- GSR Fact Sheet
- Case Studies
- Drivers
- Tools
- Links Federal, State & other organizations related to GSR.

Access from: www.ert2.org
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Incorporating GSR Strategies into Navy Response

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- Examples of GSR at Navy Installations
  - NAS Alameda
  - NAWS China Lake, Ca
  - Yorktown Defense Fuel Supply Point

Summary
Case Study: NAS Alameda Case Study: Background

- Naval Air Station closed in 1997, now called Alameda Point
- Navy’s BRAC PMO San Diego is responsible for remediation of all the sites / OUs.
- Sustainability evaluation - remediation alternatives for soil and groundwater at OU 2-C
- Battelle conducted the evaluation using SiteWise™
Parameters:
- GHG Emissions: CO$_2$, CH$_4$, and N$_2$O as CO$_2$e
- Energy Usage – Electricity and Fuels
- Air Emissions - NO$_x$, SO$_x$, PM10
- Collateral Risk – Fatality and injury from on site remedial activity and off site actions (transportation)
- Resources Consumption
- Water Usage

Soil Remediation Alternatives Technologies:
- S2: 4700 cu yd soil excavation & off site disposal, engineered cap, ICs, &
- S3: 23,000 cu yd soil excavation & off site disposal only, ICs, & monitoring
- S4: 11,000 cu yd soil excavation & off site disposal, SVE, ICs, & monitoring
CASE Study: NAS Alameda Case Study: Evaluation Results

**GHG Emissions**
- Largest contribution to GHG emissions is CO₂ from fuel consumption for equipment use, and transportation of materials
- Alternative S3 has the highest soil excavation volume and GHG emissions ~ 1700 tons

**Collateral Risk**
- S3 has highest injury risk $25 \times 10^{-2}$
- S3 has highest fatality risk $1.1 \times 10^{-3}$

**Energy usage**
- Mostly from transportation fuels
- S3 has the highest energy usage due to transport of large quantity of soil

**Air emissions**
- Mostly from heavy equipment & transportation
- Largest source is diesel fuel use
- S3 has the highest air emissions

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Case Study: Solar-Powered Free Product Recovery, Site 44, NAWS China Lake, CA

• Comparing operation of two types of solar-powered skimmers
• Five wells fitted with Abanaki PetroXtractor, and five wells fitted with Geotech Solar Sipper skimmers
• Vendor estimates that each solar-powered unit saves approximately 0.15 lbs of CO$_2$ per hour of continuous operation compared to electrical powered units
• Both systems have operated effectively for over four months with little maintenance
• The passive skimmer system will result in reduced O&M activities compared to the original mobile product recovery system, resulting in additional remedy footprint reductions
Case Study: Yorktown Defense Fuel Supply Point: GSR Assessment During RA Operation

- **Yorktown Fuel Facility**
  - Activated in 1918 with 8 USTs
  - Used for storage of Navy Special Fuel Oil (NSFO)
  - Original NSFO plume estimated at 3-million gallons

- **Remediation System**
  - Thermally enhanced free product recovery
  - Sub-surface heated with closed loop steam and hot water infiltration
  - Product recovery includes 28 trenches and 120 recovery points with skimmer pumps

- **NSFO Recovery**
  - Approximately 2,150 gallons per month and over 400,000 gallons cumulative
  - Annual operating cost of approximately $950,000
Case Study: Yorktown Defense Fuel Supply Point: GSR Assessment During RA Operation

- GSR Assessment performed as part of optimization review
- Baseline annual footprint determined total footprint for GHGs, energy, criteria pollutants, water consumption and accident risk
- Used results to identify high footprint activities
  - Electrical energy for equipment operations (e.g. compressor and pumps)
  - Fuel for boiler operation
  - Consumables (e.g. chemicals for groundwater treatment)
Case Study: Yorktown Defense Fuel Supply Point:
Next Steps

• Evaluate footprint reduction methods focusing on the high footprint activities identified in baseline assessment
• Integrate footprint reduction methods into optimization recommendations
• Objective to minimize life-cycle cost and footprint while meeting RA Objectives
• Track footprint reduction in Navy’s ER database
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- DON is incorporating GSR throughout the remedial process
- Minimize environmental footprint of site cleanups
- Navy Optimization workgroup developing resources
  - Updating optimization policy
  - Developed GSR guidance and updated optimization guidance
- Remedy selection provides the greatest opportunity to lower the overall remedy footprint
- Promote education and transfer of successful solutions through case studies, tools and tracking
Questions?