



Sustainable Remediation Initiative





- ▶ Collaboration of US Organizations
 - Sustainable Remediation Forum (SURF),
 - Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council (ITRC),
 - API Energy
- ▶ seeking to promote the understanding and implementation of sustainable remediation
- ▶ supports acceptance of the ITRC Green and Sustainable Remediation (GSR) Framework



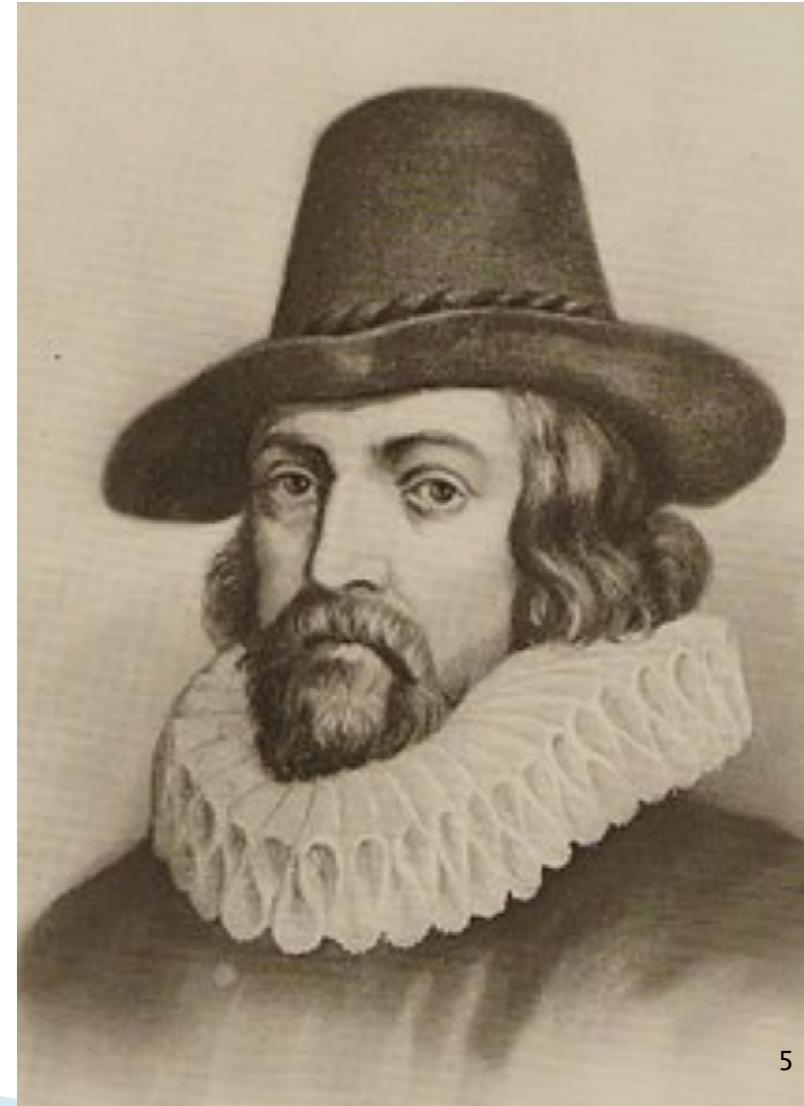
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Could it be that sometimes ... ?

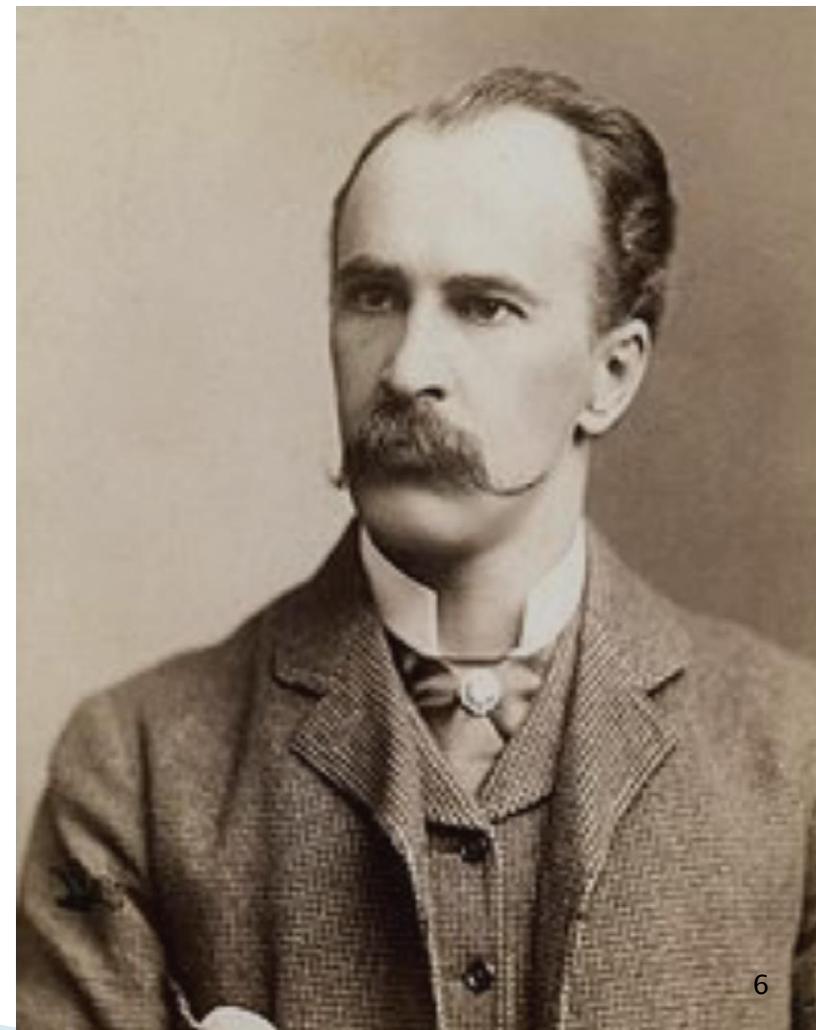
“The remedy is worse than the disease.”

Francis Bacon



Holistic approach ...

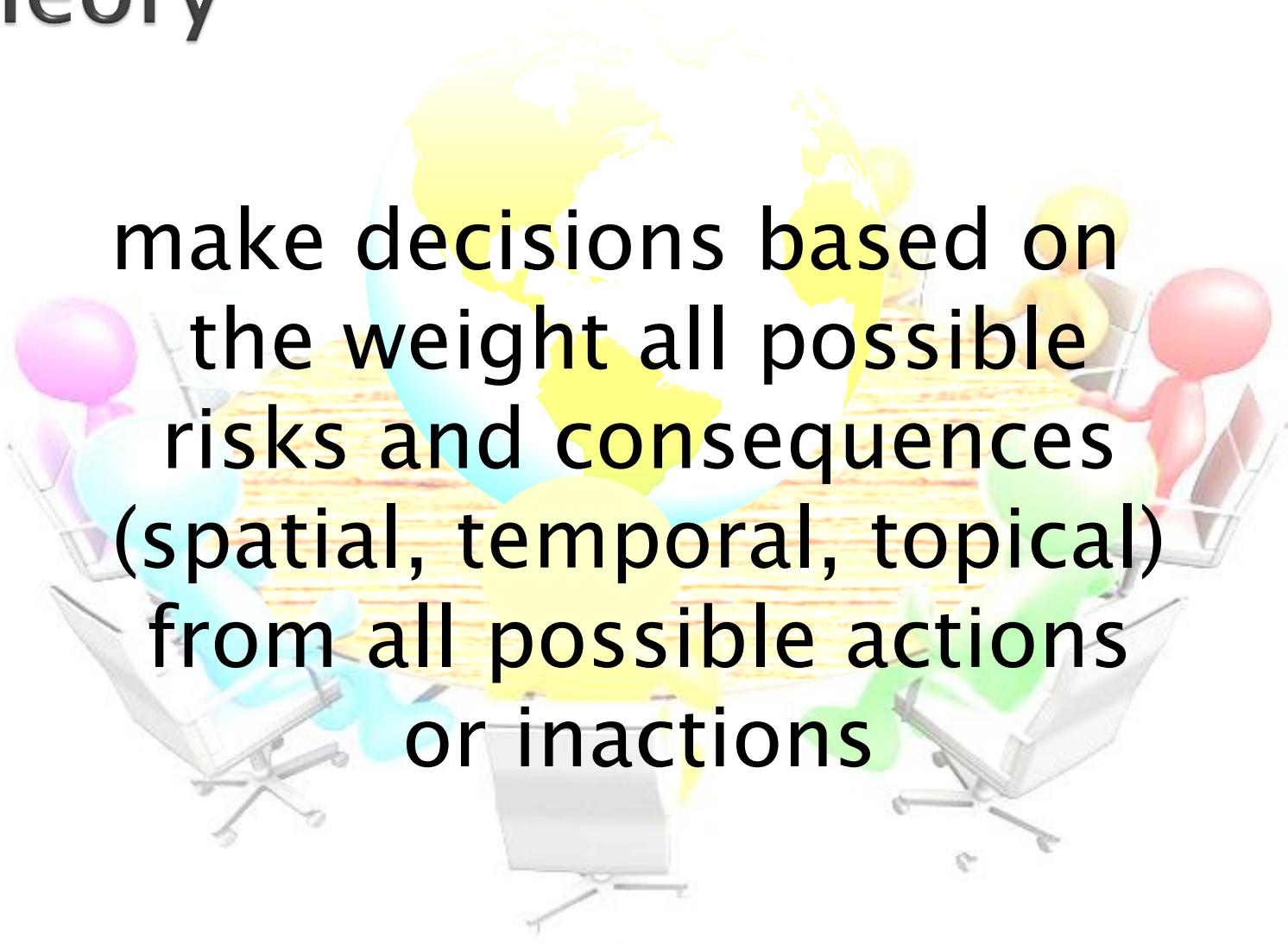
- ▶ “The good physician treats the disease, the great physician treats the patient who has the disease.”
 - William Osler



Theory



Theory



make decisions based on
the weight all possible
risks and consequences
(spatial, temporal, topical)
from all possible actions
or inactions

Practice



Practice



stakeholders prioritize
issues and determine:
boundaries, metrics, tools,
weighting, solutions





US Frameworks: ASTM, SURF, ITRC

- ▶ SURF (2009)
 - “White Paper” Remediation Journal 2009
 - “Guidance Documents” Remediation Journal 2011
 - Framework, Metrics, Footprint and LCA
- ▶ ITRC (2011)
 - GSR-1 Green and Sustainable Remediation: State of the Science and Practice
 - GSR-2 Green and Sustainable Remediation: A Practical Framework
- ▶ ASTM (2013)
 - ASTM E2876-13 Standard Guide for Incorporating Sustainable Objectives Into Cleanup
 - ASTM WK35161 – New Practice for Greener Site Assessment and Cleanup



Common SR Process Elements

1. Select appropriate stakeholder team
 - process to reach general consensus
2. Define current project status:
 - evaluate/update conceptual site model in SR terms: social, environmental, economic
3. Choose project goals, metrics, and tools:
 - prioritize key issues, select boundaries, determine appropriate evaluation level
4. Evaluate options for project:
 - develop options fit for future use of property and evaluate with weighted costs and benefits
5. Implement most appropriate option
 - document, monitor, optimize



ITRC Evaluation Levels



ex: Level 1 - List of BMPs

Best Management Practice	Possible benefit(s) arising		
	Environment	Social	Economic
1. Generic BMPs			
Work safely - avoid drilling in the highway or busy areas where possible		✓	✓
Minimize vehicle miles - combine jobs where possible	✓	✓	✓
Minimize waste sent to landfill	✓	✓	✓
Re-use excavated soils or secondary aggregates where fit-for-purpose	✓		✓
Minimize consumptive use of water	✓	✓	✓
Avoid creating new pollution impacts - don't drill through confining layers without appropriate protection	✓		✓
Store fuels and recovered fluids in structurally sound, stable and bunded containers	✓		✓
Avoid multiple mobilizations	✓	✓	✓
Combine remediation works with other earthworks and site development	✓	✓	✓
Adopt a sustainable procurement policy	✓	✓	✓
Hold project meetings by telephone or video conference	✓	✓	✓
Don't allow plant or equipment to run on 'idle'	✓	✓	✓
Direct vehicle movements away from residential areas		✓	
Minimise noise, vibration, dust (etc.) and limit use of such equipment to normal office hours		✓	
Inform neighbours about potentially noisy activity before it happens		✓	
Incorporate natural attenuation into remedial strategy, either as the main approach or in a 'treatment train'	✓	✓	✓
Use bailers or low-flow samplers where monitoring data will be fit-for purpose	✓	✓	✓

ex: Level 2 – Simple Matrix

Metric	Excavation	Bioremediation	Soil Vapor Extraction
Greenhouse gases	😐	😊	😢
Solid waste	😢	😊	😊
Sensitive species	😢	😊	😐
Community disturbance	😢	😊	😊
Community acceptance	😊	😊	😐
Cost	😊	😐	😐

Red = low performance

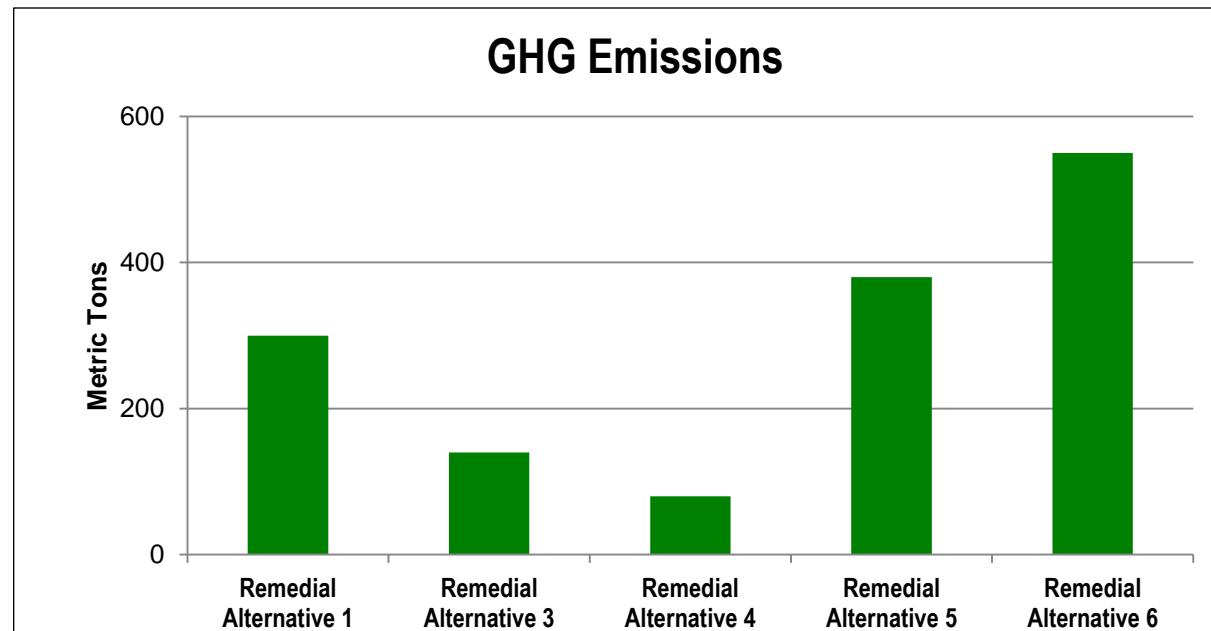
Yellow = average performance

Green = good performance

ex: Level 3 – SiteWise™ Results

Remedial Alternative	Energy (MMBTU)	Emissions (Metric Tons)			Accident Risk Injury
		GHGs	NO _x	SO _x	
Alternative 1	3.05	300	0	0	0
Alternative 3	3.05	140	0	0	0
Alternative 4	3.05	80	0	0	0
Alternative 5	0.22	380	6.0E-05	1.0E-06	3.14E-06
Alternative 6	0.22	550	6.0E-05	1.0E-06	3.14E-06

Comparative graph generated for each metric

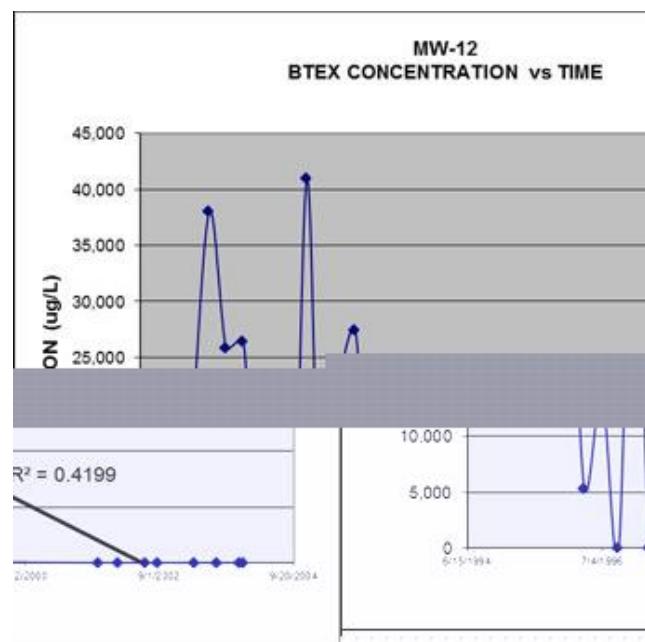




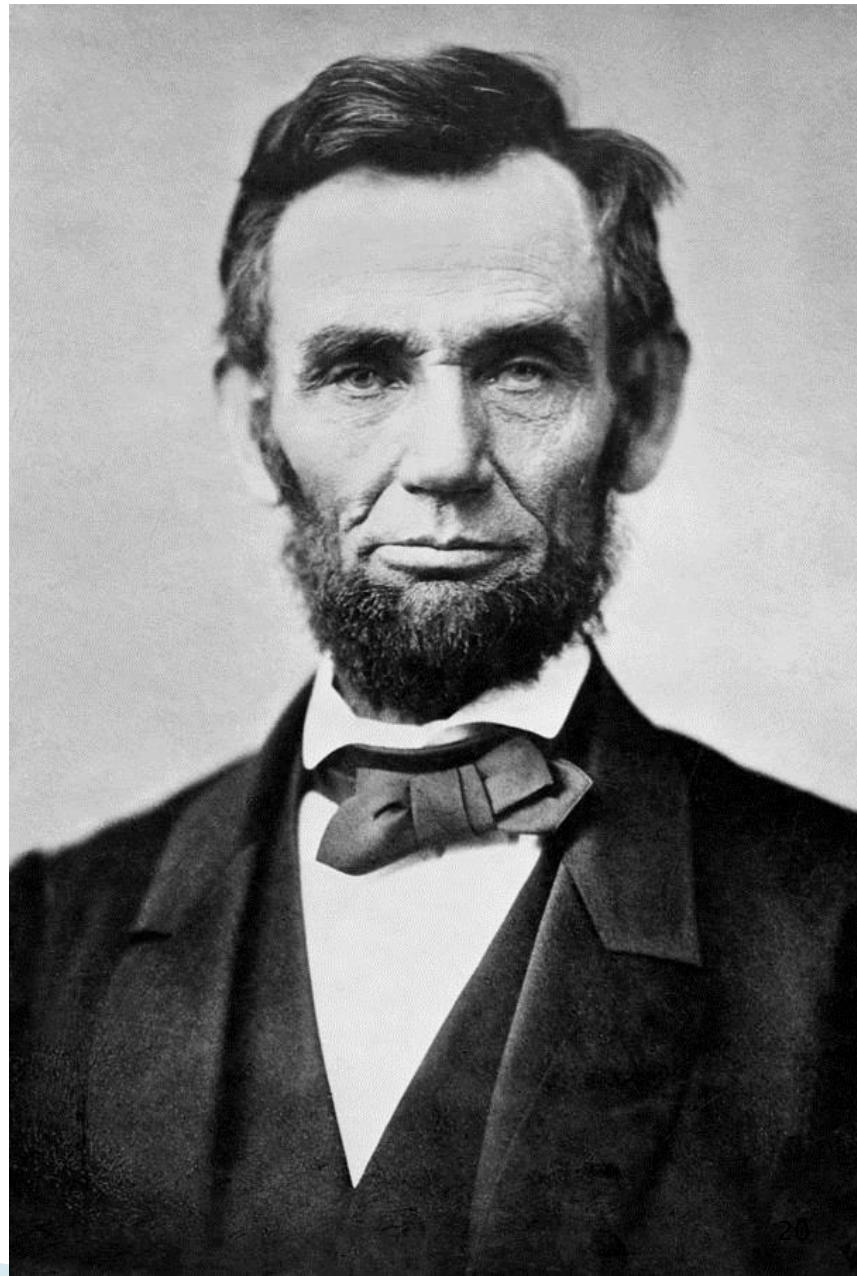
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“It is not ‘can any of us imagine better?’ but ‘can we all do better?’ The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. As our case is new, so we must think anew, and act anew.”



TEAR

DOWN

WALL

WAV



Sustainable Remediation Initiative



Sustainable Remediation is ...

- ▶ NOT
 - “Technology”
 - New
 - Excuse
- ▶ Flexible
- ▶ Scalable
- ▶ Stakeholders
- ▶ Simple
- ▶ Holistic
- ▶ Process
- ▶ Concept
- ▶ The Best!

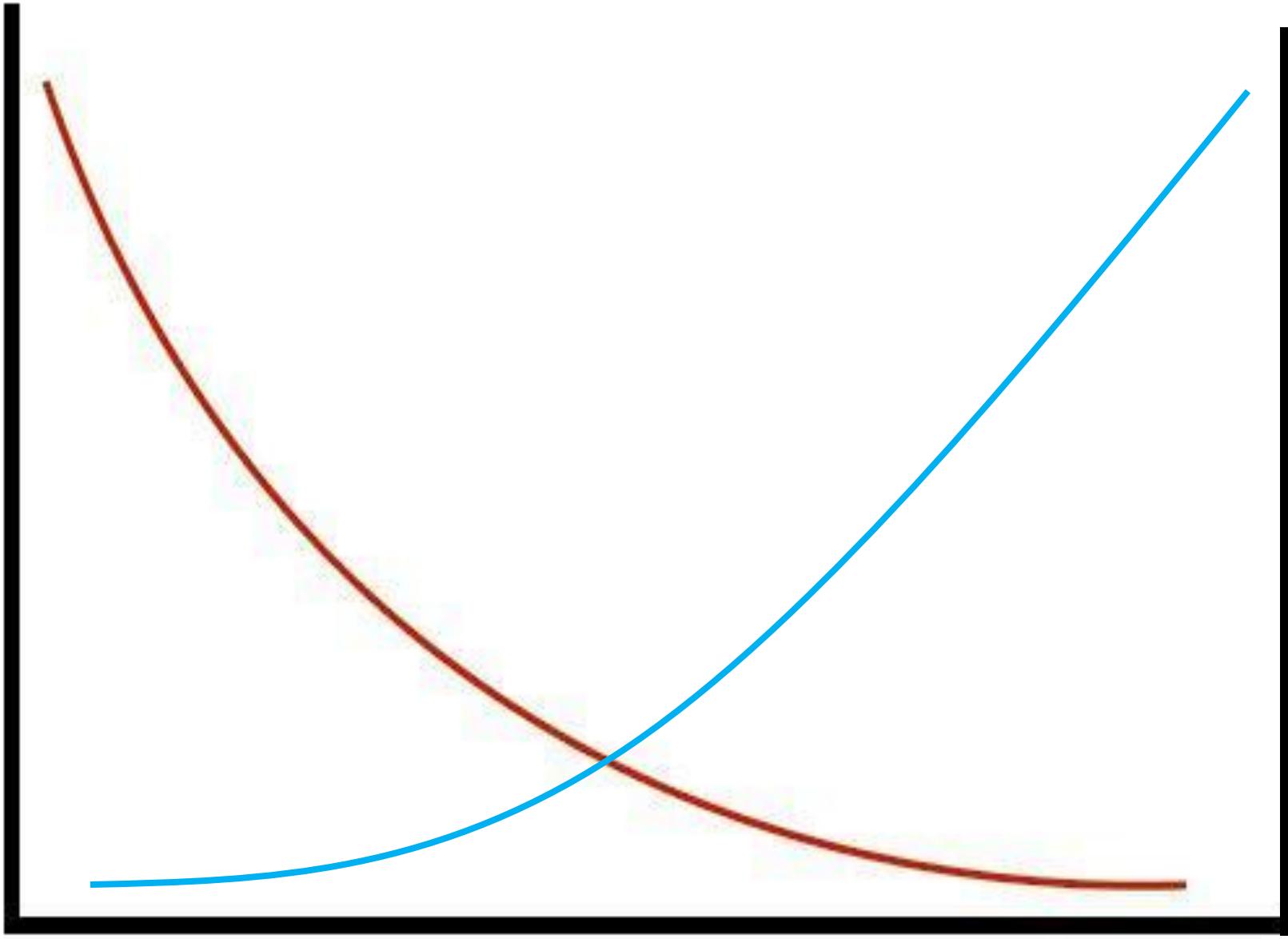
SR Benefits

- ▶ Stakeholder buy-in
- ▶ Better solutions
- ▶ Long term planning
- ▶ Maximizes utility
- ▶ Easy to implement:
 - Regulations
 - Policy
- ▶ do it!



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Cost: Environmental, Social, Economic

ASTM Guides

- ▶ Two Guides
 - Green Remediation (WK35161)
 - Standard Guide for Integrating Sustainable Objectives into Cleanup (E2876-13)



SURF SR Framework

“Framework for Integrating Sustainability into Remediation Projects”, SURF Summer 2011

- Process-Based Versus Goal-Based
- Plan for Future Use of Property
- Tiered Sustainability Evaluation
 - Tier 1: standardized, non-project-specific **qualitative** evaluation.
 - Tier 2: project and non-project specific **semi quantitative** approach.
 - Tier 3: detailed project-specific **quantitative** evaluation.
- Whole system considerations
- Stakeholder Involvement
- Most relevant sustainability parameters

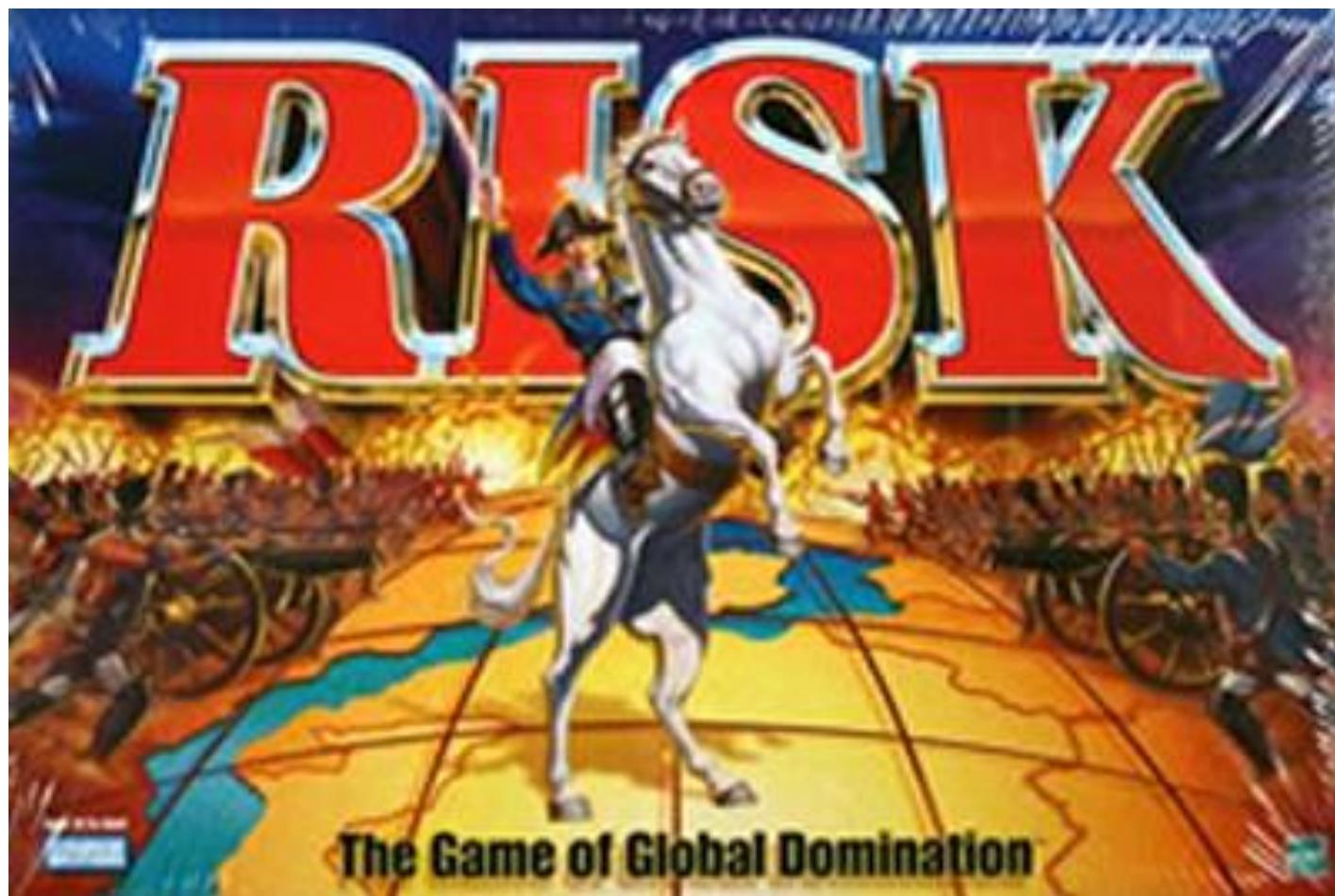


ITRC GSR Framework

“Green and Sustainable Remediation: A Practical Framework” ITRC November 2011

- Process-Based Versus Goal-Based
- Plan to incorporate GSR into any project phase
- GSR conceptual site model
- Stakeholder Involvement
- Boundaries, Goals, Metrics, Tools
- GSR Evaluation Levels
 - Level 1: Best Management Practices (BMPs)
 - Level 2: BMPs + simple evaluation
 - Level 3: BMPs + advanced evaluation
- Flexible and Scalable
- By States for States





Eliminate vs manage

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- ▶ Flexible
- ▶ Scalable
- ▶ Holistic
- ▶ Stakeholder
- ▶ At worse: compromise
- ▶ At best: synergy