An aerial photograph of a large, winding lake in a mountainous region. The water is dark and reflects the sky. In the foreground, there is a sandy beach with several buildings, including a large white structure and a smaller red-roofed building. A wooden dock extends into the water. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a cloudy sky.

# **Presentation of the Federal Government SD Analysis Tool Remediation Module – Phase 3**

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### Introduction

- ❑ Mains Objectives of the SD Tool
  - ❑ Integrate the three dimensions of SD in the Remedial Technologies Evaluation Process;
  - ❑ Allow the Evaluation Process using Readily Available Data (ESA Phase I and II);
  - ❑ Simplefy Communications of the Evaluation Process to the Different Parties Involved;
  - ❑ Better Understand Advantages and Limitations of Potential Applicable Remedial Technologies with Respect to SD Principles





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2007

2008 - 2009

2009 - 2010

2010 - 2011

## GoldSET©

integrate SD principles into engineering projects with regards to the SD aspects:

- Environmental
- Social
- Economic

• Used commercially since 2007 worldwide

## First Generation

A literature review supporting the selection of indicators and SD aspects

The adaptation of the GoldSET© remediation module to comply with the Federal Government's requirements

The development of the tool to compare five technologies:

- Pump and treat
- *In situ* bioremediation
- *In situ* chemical oxidation
- Excavation and disposal
- Multiphase extraction

A simplified Life Cycle Analysis to quantify indicators:

- Water Consumption
- GHG Emissions
- Energy Consumption
- Solid Waste

## Second Generation

The analytical process is simplified based on qualitative indicators only (except for costs)

Eight technologies are added to the tool:

- Phytoremediation
- Excav. and soil washing
- Excav. and *ex situ* thermal desorption
- Permeable reactive barrier
- Excav. and *ex situ* chemical oxidation
- Natural attenuation
- Excav. and landfarming
- Excav. and biopiles

The creation of a weighing module

## Third Generation

Introduction of the treatment train concept

More flexibility for remedial scenarios development

Four technologies are added to the tool:

- Solidification/stabilization
- *In situ* bioventing
- *In situ* thermal desorption
- Excavation and on site biopile treatment

Introduction of risk-based management approaches:

- Institutional controls
- Light works
- Hydraulic containment



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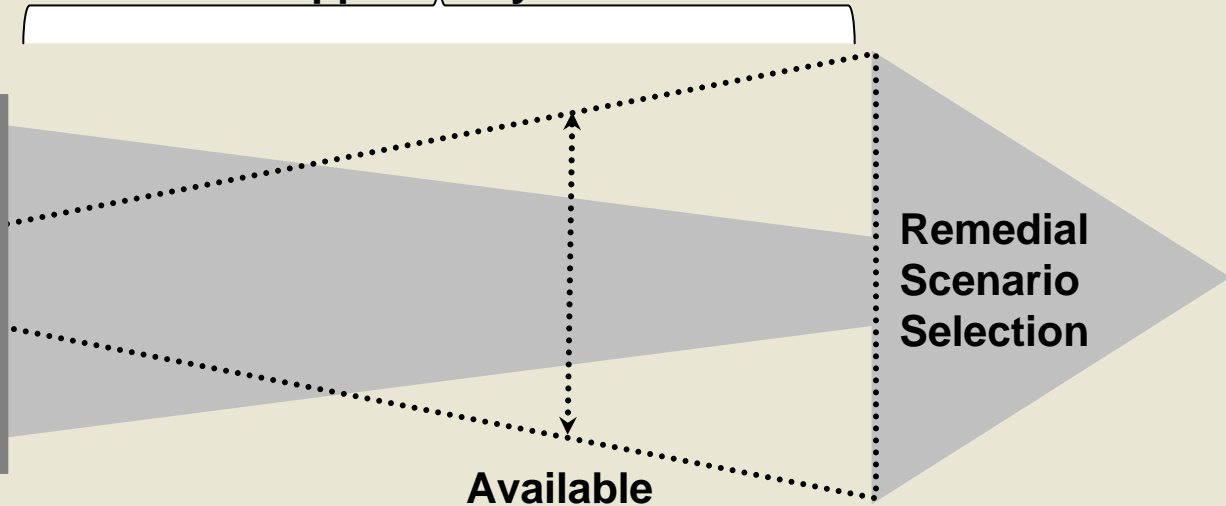
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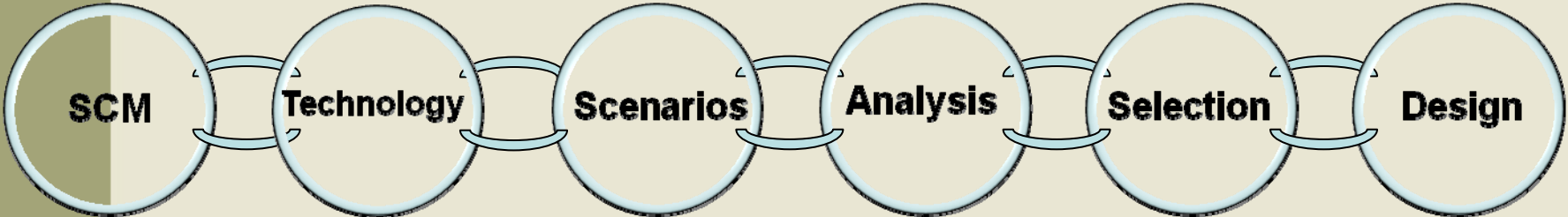
## When to Use it

Sustainable Evaluation Tool  
Applicability Domain



Remedial  
Scenario  
Selection

Available  
Data





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### Type of Indicators

Type	Evaluation Scheme	Description	# of Indicators
Quantitative	Normalized	When quantitative values are known, they are compared the other options in order to obtain a value between 0 and 100 (100 being the best option).	1
Qualitative	Generic	Generic indicators receive a score of 0, 33, 66, or 100, depending on the technology's efficiency, but independently of site-specific characteristics. The scores of the generic indicators are found in the <i>Reference (1)</i> tab.	18
	Semi-generic	Based on site-specific characteristics specified in the <i>Site Description</i> tab, semi-generic indicators receive a score of 0, 50, or 100, depending on the technology's efficiency. The scores of the semi-generic indicators are found in the <i>Reference (2)</i> tab.	4
	Custom	The custom scoring scheme is indicator-specific and is used to incorporate some indicators in the assessment. A good understanding of the technology, the project and its context is required to choose the appropriate score.	10





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Environmental (15)	Social (9)	Economical (9)
Soil Quality	Public and Worker's Safety	Technology Cost
Soil Vapour Intrusion	Project Duration	Litigation Potential
Groundwater Quality	Quality of Life (During the project)	Nuisance to Normal Operations
Free Product	Public Benefits	Property Reuse
Surface Water Quality	Cultural Heritage	Environmental Liability
Impact on Drinking Water Supply	Federal Government's Image	Local Economic Benefits
Off-site Migration	Traffic	Technical Reliability (Maintenance & Repair)
Quality of Physical Environment	Impact on Landscape	Logistics
Impacts on Terrestrial Life (Fauna & Flora)	Innovation	Technological Uncertainty
Impacts on Aquatic Life (Fauna & Flora)		
Greenhouse Gas Emissions		
Residual Waste Production		
Natural Resources		
Energy Consumption		
Water Consumption		



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# Presentation of the Tool Case Study

## Evaluation Process



## Case Study



- ❑ Site uses for:
  - ❑ Storage of deicing salts and sand;
  - ❑ Truck repair/fuel supply;
- ❑ Main contaminants are:
  - ❑ PH in soil
  - ❑ PH, Cl, Na in groundwater
- ❑ Main Potential Issues are :
  - ❑ Plume migration (seepage cliff face);
  - ❑ Contact with impacted surficial soils;

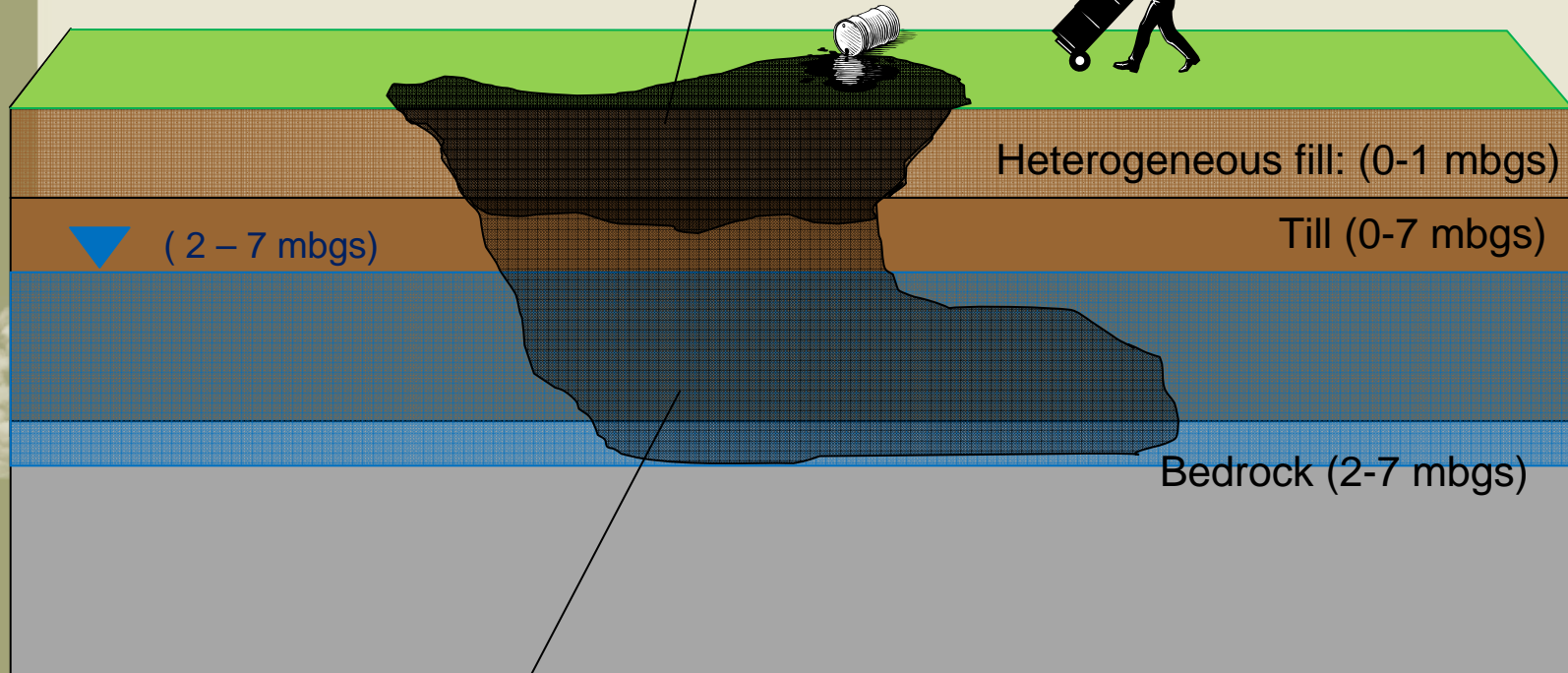


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Soil impacted by hydrocarbons  
(from surface to ~ 2 m)



# Case Study – Conceptual Schema



Groundwater impacted with dissolved inorganic non-metallic compounds (Cl, Na), and hydrocarbons



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## Step 1 – Site Conceptual Model

<b>Scenario:</b>	Scenario A
<b>Primary Contaminant Type:</b>	Petroleum Hydrocarbons
<b>Secondary Contaminant Type:</b>	Non-Metallic Inorganic Compounds
<b>Presence of Free Phase:</b>	no
<b>Remediation Objective(s)</b>	Combination of full removal of contaminated soil in situ Reduce the off-site migration of the contaminants
<b>Project Stakeholders</b>	Provincial Government (BC), Residential area, Workers on site First Nations?
<b>Relative importance of primary and secondary contaminants (if applicable):</b>	Situation 2

Figure 1: Choice of three environmental contamination scenarios proposed by the analytical tool.

	Vadose Zone	Saturated Zone
<b>Contaminated Zone:</b>	yes	yes
<b>Soil Type:</b>	Heterogeneous	Heterogeneous
<b>Primary Contaminant Max. Depth:</b>	Shallow (0-3 m)	Medium (3-10 m)
<b>Secondary Contaminant Max. Depth:</b>	Deep (deeper than 10 m)	
<b>Primary Contaminant Concentration:</b>	Low to Medium	Low to Medium
<b>Secondary Contaminant Concentration:</b>	Low to Medium	Low to Medium



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### Step 2- Indicators

- Most important indicators (higher weight)

#### Environment

- Soil & GW Quality
- Impact on Drinking Water Supply
- GHG Emissions
- E consumption

#### Social

- Public and Worker's Safety
- Federal Government's Image

#### Economic

- Technology Cost
- Nuisance to Normal Operations
- Environmental Reserve

- “Not applicable” indicators:

#### Environment

- Free Product
- Surface water quality
- Quality of Physical Environment
- Impacts on Terrestrial & Aquatic Life

#### Social

- Public Benefits
- Cultural heritage

#### Economic

- Litigation Potential
- Property Reuse





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## Step 2 - Weighting

Importance for the Federal Government	Very high	3	3	3
	High	2	2	3
	Low to Moderate	1	1	2
		Low to Moderate	High	Very high
		Level of concern to Stakeholders		

INDICATOR	FEDERAL GOVERNMENT (IMPORTANCE)	STAKEHOLDERS (LEVEL OF CONCERN)	COMMENTS / JUSTIFICATIONS	WEIGHT
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECT</b>				
Semi-generic	Very high	High		
Soil Quality: ENV-1	The indicator is related to one of the objectives of the project or an objective of the FCSAP	Stakeholders regard the indicator as important but are not likely to react to this aspect of the project		3
<i>Applicable</i>				



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### Step 3 - Treatment scenarios

*Comparison of up to 5 different Remedial scenarios*

For the current case – 3 scenarios:

1. Excavation and on-site Treatment combined with Pump & Treat
2. Bioventing combined with a Permeable reactive barrier
3. Excavation & off-site treatment combined with institutional control/NA



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## Step 4 - Technology Selection

		Option 1		Option 2		Option 3	
Remediation Options		Exc. & on-site Treatment / Pump & Treat		Bioventing / Permeable Reactive Barrier		Exc. & off-site disposal / Institutional Control	
		Technological Applicability Indicator		Technological Applicability Indicator		Technological Applicability Indicator	
Vadose Zone Applicable	<b>Primary Technology</b> <small>Primary Contaminant Type: Petroleum Hydrocarbon</small>	Excavation and Biopiles ● 100		In Situ Bioventing ● 50		Excavation and Disposal ● 100	
	<b>Secondary Technology</b> <small>Secondary Contaminant Type: Non-Metallic Inorganic Compound</small>	Excavation and Biopiles ● 50		In Situ Bioventing ● 50		Excavation and Disposal ● 100	
Saturated Zone Applicable	<b>Primary Technology</b> <small>Primary Contaminant Type: Petroleum Hydrocarbon</small>	<b>Groundwater</b>	Pump and Treat ● 50	<b>Groundwater</b>	Permeable Reactive Barrier ● 100	<b>Groundwater</b>	Risk Management (Institutional Control) ● 100
	<b>Secondary Technology</b> <small>Secondary Contaminant Type: Non-Metallic Inorganic Compound</small>	<b>Groundwater</b>	Pump and Treat ● 50	<b>Groundwater</b>	Permeable Reactive Barrier ● 100	<b>Groundwater</b>	Risk Management (Institutional Control) ● 100
<b>Free Phase Management</b>		Non Applicable		Non Applicable		Non Applicable	
<b>Option Description</b>							

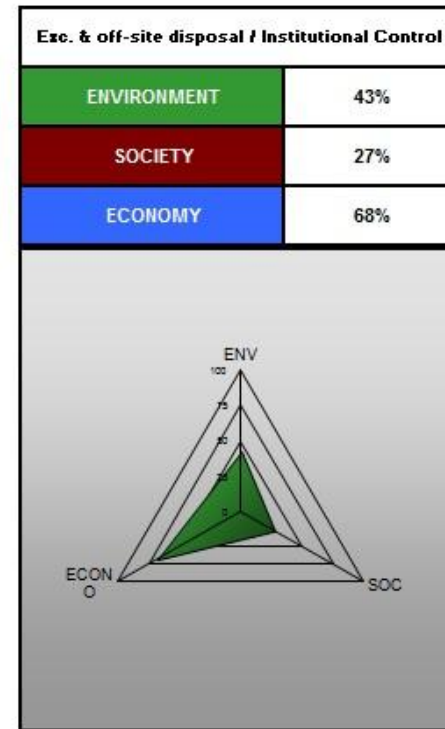
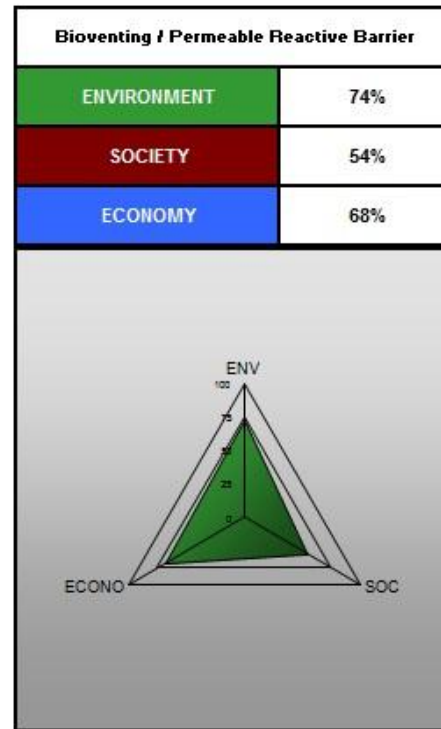
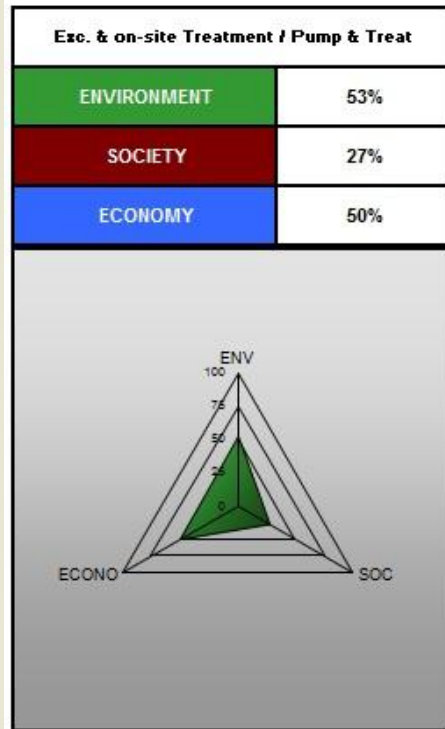




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## Step 5 - Results Analysis

The most sustainable option is represented by the biggest and most balanced triangle





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- The SD Analysis Tool: Visual, User-Friendly & Flexible
  - Structures the decision process
  - Supports transparent decision-making
  - Simplifies the conceptualization process of abstract principles
  - Helps in project risk management
  - Serves as awareness tool for federal contaminated sites managers
- Provides tangible benefits:
  - Helps identify improvements
  - Serves as powerful communication tool for stakeholders
  - Helps display a positive image







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### Future Steps

#### Workshops

- To validate the selection and descriptions of the sustainability indicators
- To seek feedback on the generic and semi-generic scores for each technology
- To review and improve the final output of the tool, if needed

#### HTML Version

- Converting the tool to a HTML version, available externally of the federal government

#### Training

- To support the effective deployment of the SD Assessment Tool across Federal agencies with bilingual training sessions offered to contaminated site managers





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