



FOUNDER OF CORE
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Upcoming Events

• CORE is joining the California Independent Oil Marketers Association (CIOMA). We will also join the CIOMA governmental affairs committee which focuses on legislation and funding issues in California. CIOMA hosts the annual Pacific Oil Conference (POC) in Reno, Nevada.

CORE members will have access to all the CIOMA electronic correspondence that pertains to government, regulations and legislation

• **CORE Web Site:**

CORE is setting up a web site which will have information about the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund (USTCF) and state regulations and legislation. Remediationshop.com will be sponsoring the web site.

Future meetings with CIOMA and the USTCF are planned.

CONSULTANTS-OWNERS-REGULATORS



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CORE ADDRESSES NEEDS

The Consultant-Owner-Regulator Environmental (CORE) Association was founded to meet the needs of the environmental industry, owners of environmentally impacted properties and regulators.

One of the important areas where CORE can help is with our technical expertise. We propose to meet with the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund (USTCF) regularly (every 4-6 months) with a conference call or a meeting in Sacramento to improve the entire reimbursement paperwork and communication process.

One of our goals is to make the entire USTCF reimbursement process more efficient and to cleanup and close California sites. In addition, long-term, CORE will want to work with agencies trying to evaluate dry cleaner cost reimbursement.

<http://www.drycleancoalition.org/>

If consultants and owners better understood the reimbursement process, the USTCF review process would be faster and easier.

Some issues to discuss include:

- How to access information regarding procedural changes at the USTCF that have not been posted at the USTCF web site
- How to transfer claims when selling properties
- How can the paperwork be improved that would help the review process?
- What is the USTCF Appeals Process and what are the proper steps?

Please forward this email to your colleagues who might be interested in joining the CORE Association, and let me know your thoughts.

Regards,

Jim Jacobs, PG, CHG



Solutions For 2009

At times when the economy is in crisis, consultants, property owners, and regulators must work together to maintain environmental compliance, reduce costs and obtain case closures for the thousands of properties that are in need of assessment and remediation.

The Consultants-Owners-Regulators (CORE) Association was founded to focus efforts on keeping projects moving toward site closure.

FUNDING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROJECTS

Most banks hear the words "contaminated" and they run away (or ask you to leave their offices). Some loans are available by select lenders.

The bank's largest concern is if the cleanup costs are more than the value of the property. Obviously, a Phase I Environmental Assessment meeting the latest ASTM guidelines is required prior to getting a bank loan. But even so, many banks will shy away from loans on impacted properties.

Rick Johnson is a licensed mortgage broker with Milestone Lending who has worked with property loans for several years. He also understands environmental liabilities. He can be reached at 415-601-2720.



JOINING CORE

To join CORE, please send a check for \$50 to CORE Association at 229 Tewksbury Ave., Point Richmond, CA 94801. You can also pay by Visa/MasterCard. The sponsor of the web site, www.remediationshop.com will graciously allow CORE Association to use their VISA/MasterCard service.

The annual CORE dues will be used to develop a web site, join CIOMA, distribute information on the USTCF and prepare a newsletter. We may also use funds to attend conferences or meetings with the USTCF. CORE will also try to have meetings, either as a call-in conference or in person meetings, as possible.

The CORE annual dues registration form will be on the web site: www.remediationshop.com Print out the registration form and fill out the Visa/MC information, etc. and fax it to Jim Jacobs at 415-381-5816.

Let's get organized!

The idea for the CORE Association has been discussed with several professionals for about three or four months. Getting organized is half the battle to improving the situation for environmental professionals. The USTCF is experiencing less funding than in previous years, and many projects in the C-class are being defunded. One objective of CORE is to promote a dialogue between oversight regulatory agencies, property owners and consultants for development of unified cost-effective approaches to site cleanups.

An additional objective of CORE is to be a resource to the USTCF for technical issues regarding cost-saving ideas. Such ideas include reducing the frequency of quarterly well sampling (where appropriate) which can result in savings of millions of dollars annually for the USTCF if done throughout California. The local regulatory agencies and the water boards would need to be on board with these cost-saving ideas in order for them to be successful.

Additional cost-saving approaches to site Management include low flow sampling, Which can provide cost savings in the purge water handling and disposal area. Low flow sampling sometimes takes more time in the field and the equipment may be slightly more expensive than conventional pumps.

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AEHS March 2009 Meeting in San Diego

The 19th Annual Association of Environmental Health and Sciences will occur on March 9-12, 2009 at the Mission Valley Marriott in San Diego. The Soil, Sediments and Water conference has a great agenda of speakers, workshops and the exhibit hall is full of almost a hundred vendors who cater to the environmental industry.

If I had to go to one conference, this would probably be my favorite one to go to. AEHS's Brenna Lockwood does a great job organizing it and activities are always of the highest caliber. For more information, please check out www.AEHS.com See you there!

This Month's News: Getting Government Contracts

Q: I hear about the Federal infrastructure projects that will be in the trillions of dollars. How do I get into government contracting?

A: A lot of people want to get into government contracting. "Secrets of Government Contracting" is a four hour seminar presented by Barney Popkin, who was with U.S. AID for the past five years and previously worked on a variety of large government contracts as a consultant. Having seen the sales and contracting from both ends, he has developed an informative seminar with case examples. Price: \$250. CORE Members get \$50 off the price (\$200 Core Price). We are setting up the 4 hour seminar to be in the San Francisco area (Oakland) on March 19, 2009. Let me know your interest by emailing Jim Jacobs at jimjacobs@ebsinfo.com or calling 415-381-5195.

BOOK REVIEW

REMEDICATION HYDRAULICS

Remediation Hydraulics (2008) by Fred Payne, Joseph A Quinnan and Scott T. Potter is quite a good reference (or textbook) for working professionals in the remediation field. The problem has always been to be able to assess the variabilities in the subsurface, and this book comes as close as any book to describe the problems associated with remediation in heterogeneous sediments or rocks.

Many of the concepts and diagrams were developed from field examples and the book contains a large number of case studies from the ARCADIS files (CRC Press, 408 pp).