

2010 SRST Expert Panel Meeting

Meeting Format, Expert Panel Role, Panel
Feedback Questions, & Ground Rules

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Refined Meeting Format for 2010

- Day 1
 - 4 sessions that explain where we are & where we're going
 - Hg in the Aquatic Environment
 - Remedial Options & Watershed Management
 - Fate & Dynamics of Hg in Terrestrial Environment
 - Human Exposure and Outreach
 - Guided by expert panel feedback questions
 - Discussion period follows each session
 - Expert panel meets informally after group dinner to recap day
- Day 2
 - Expert panel meets for breakfast to prepare feedback
 - Research project and field study updates w/ expert panel present
 - Expert panel shares detailed and general feedback in afternoon

Expert Panel Role & Expectations

- South River Science Team (SRST) transitioning from investigation phase to remedial options and feasibility phase
- Looking closely at potential watershed-scale restoration options
- Need to carefully consider important data gaps in light of this transition
- Need your expertise to help guide us as we test ways to mitigate the impact of mercury on aquatic and terrestrial compartments

Expert Panel Role & Expectations

- Use discussion periods on Day 1 to ask questions, engage SRST members in discussion, and provide initial feedback
- Feedback should be guided by 4 key questions, but welcome general feedback on SRST also
- Written feedback on Day 2 in form of PowerPoint presentation
- SRST will process panel feedback following expert panel meeting
 - develop action items
 - assign responsibility & form task teams
 - identify timing for completion
- Will hold follow-up webmeeting with expert panel members
 - feedback from SRST members who must respond to recommendations
 - clarify and further refine recommendations
- Written feedback to panel members & larger SRST by late November

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Questions to Guide Expert Panel Feedback

1. What critical gaps remain in our understanding of the South River aquatic environment that specifically impact remedial options selection and implementation?
(Greg Murphy, Session Lead)
2. What strengths and weaknesses do you see in our current programs for innovative watershed management & remedial technology options?
(Nancy Grosso, Session Lead)
3. What critical gaps remain in our understanding of the fate & dynamics of Hg in the terrestrial environment adjacent to the South River?
(Anne Condon, Session Lead)
4. What critical gaps remain in the identification and communication of potential human exposure?
(Annette Guiseppi-Elie, Session Lead)

Clarification Questions for Panel Feedback

- A. How can we close these knowledge/ understanding gaps?
- B. What would laboratory/field studies look like?
- C. If additional data collection & study are recommended, is it even feasible to collect these data?

Ground Rules

- Stay focused on session topic & feedback questions
- Listen to understand
 - ask questions for clarification only during presentations
 - more time for questions during discussion periods
- Person speaking has the floor
 - avoid sidebar discussions
- Speakers, please respect your allotted time slot
- Be positive
 - build upon ideas/hypotheses/questions
- Speak loudly when addressing the group from the floor. Move near microphone if possible.