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Beth Millemann
Executive Director

October 8, 1993

Dear Friend:

On behalf of the Coast Alliance, I would like to invite you to a workshop on contaminated sediments to be held in Chicago, Illinois, on Monday, November 1. The workshop will bring together environmental leaders from the Great Lakes Basin, along with sediment experts from the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. We hope that the workshop will provide valuable information about a range of sediment issues, while helping to build a larger network of individuals and organizations committed to action on contaminated sediments. The workshop is made possible by a generous grant from the Environmental Protection Agency.

As you will see from the attached draft agenda, the workshop will focus on the extent of contaminated sediments, the threats to human and environmental health that they pose, and state and federal actions that are being taken or could be taken to address contaminated sediments. Approaches that have been used in different regions will be highlighted. Innovative decontamination technologies under development or consideration will be discussed. Current and future tools and strategies that can be used to deal with sediments will be analyzed. Finally, an open discussion and networking session will be held to explore ways to build better public awareness of the problems caused by contaminated sediments, and actions that should be taken on a local, state, regional and national level to better address them.

We ask that participants come prepared to speak to the ways in which contaminated sediments are a problem in your own area. An enormous geographic region will be represented at the workshop, since participants will be coming from the Great Lakes, as well as Pacific and Atlantic coasts. It is important that people have materials about the many sediment issues that will be discussed at the workshop to review after it, so we're asking you to bring with you **40 copies** of any fact sheets, reports, brochures or similar printed information you might have on sediment problems in your area. Since we only have one day for the meeting, we want to try and get the most out of it, and take the most away from it!

Along with the enclosed draft agenda, you will find information on logistics regarding attendance at the workshop. Please note the deadlines

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for making airline and hotel room reservations.

Again, on behalf of the Coast Alliance, I am delighted that you will be attending our November 1 workshop on contaminated sediments. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address or on 202/546-9554 (phone), or 202/546-9609 (fax).

See you in Chicago!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Millemann". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Beth Millemann
Executive Director

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DRAFT AGENDA

COAST ALLIANCE CONTAMINATED SEDIMENTS WORKSHOP

Co-Sponsored by Lake Michigan Federation and Sierra Club, Midwest

November 1, 1993

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Auditorium, Chicago Academy of Sciences

Chicago, Illinois

9:00 - 9:15 Greetings and Introduction

9:15 - 9:30 *Contaminated Sediments: A National Problem.* Beth Millemann, Coast Alliance

9:30 - 10:15 *Contaminated Sediments in the Great Lakes.* Brett Hulsey, Sierra Club Midwest; Andrew Comai, Lake Michigan Federation; Glenda Daniel, People for Puget Sound.

10:15 - 10:30 Break

10:30 - 11:30 *Sediment decontamination technologies developed through the Assessment and Remediation of Contaminated Sediments (ARCS) Program: Results of the Five-Year Program.* Steve Garbaciak, Environmental Engineer, Great Lakes National Program Office, Chicago, Illinois.

11:30 - 12:00 Questions and Answers

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 1:45 *Human and environmental health risks from exposure to contaminated sediments: a scientific perspective.* Speakers to be announced.

1:45 - 2:00 Questions and Answers

2:00 - 3:15 *Regional experiences with contaminated sediments.*

a. Peter Shelley, Conservation Law Foundation, Boston, Massachusetts (also a member of the National Research Council's team compiling a new report on contaminated sediments)

b. Cindy Zipf and Dery Bennett, Clean Ocean Action and American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey

c. Kathleen Van Velsor, Coastal Advocates, Los Gatos, California

d. Roger Gorke, Heal The Bay, Santa Monica, California

3:15 - 3:45 Questions and answers

3:45 - 4:00 Break

4:00 - 4:30 *City/State perspective on contaminated sediments.* Speakers to be announced.

4:30 - 4:45 Questions and answers

4:45 - 5:00 Conclusion and wrap-up

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MEMO

TO: November 1 Contaminated Sediments Workshop Attendees
FROM: Beth Millemann, Coast Alliance 202/546-9554
RE: EPA Assessment and Remediation of Contaminated Sediments (ARCS) meeting in
Chicago on Tuesday, Nov. 2 through Thursday, Nov. 4
DATE: October 8, 1993

As many of you know, the Coast Alliance intentionally scheduled its sediments workshop to coincide with the EPA ARCS meeting, which is occurring in Chicago the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after our Monday workshop. At the EPA meeting, the final results obtained from the assessment, modeling and treatment technology work conducted by the ARCS Program over the past 5 years will be reviewed. This program included 5 test sites in the Great Lakes, and over the past 5 years, different treatment technologies have been applied to the different sites to assess which technologies hold the greatest promise.

Many of us believe that developing decontamination technologies is the key to eventually getting ourselves out of the sediment dilemma we find ourselves in. I know that a lot of you are equally interested in the success and failure of decontamination development to date. I have therefore asked the EPA to let people who are attending the Coast Alliance Monday workshop attend all or part of the EPA's Tuesday through Thursday meeting. The following is a synopsis of the EPA's agenda for the meeting:

Tuesday, Nov. 2 (9:00 - 5:45) Topics include:

- * EPA sediment strategy overview
- * Canadian sediment demo project
- * Public participation (Glenda Daniel speaker!)
- * Toxicity/Chemistry (several presentations)

Wednesday, Nov. 3 (8:15 - 4:35) Topics include:

- * Risk Assessment/Modelling (several presentations)
- * Engineering/Technology (several presentations on the ARCS technologies)
 - Particle Separation
 - Solidification
 - Thermal Desorption
 - Solvent Extraction

Thursday, Nov. 4 (8:30 - 12:00) Topics include:

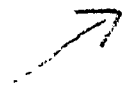
- * Bioremediation (another ARCS technology)
- * Concept plans
- * GLNPO Sediment Program

Space is limited at the EPA conference, so people who really want to go should let me know by Wednesday, October 20. I will then pass along the names to EPA to make sure you can get in. To let you know: I will not be able to attend Tuesday's session, but will be there for the Wednesday afternoon and Thursday decontamination technologies presentations. I will send a summary of the presentations, and any other pertinent information, to all of the Coast Alliance workshop attendees. So if you can't make the EPA meeting, you'll still get good information from it. Please note: one of the principal technology people from EPA's Great Lakes office will be addressing the Coast Alliance's workshop, so you will be able to hear a synopsis of the technology aspect of ARCS.

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TRAVEL AND HOTEL INFORMATION

Thanks to a generous grant from the EPA, the Coast Alliance is able to offer workshop attendees reimbursement for up to \$300.00 in airfare/train/travel expenses.

For those of you who are travelling long distances, we are also able to offer reimbursement for one night's stay in the Days Inn at Lincoln Park, where we have reserved a block of rooms. You must make your reservations by October 15 in order to get the guaranteed rates of \$55/single and \$65/double. Call our very nice contact there, Kat Tries, at 312-525-7010 and let her know that you are with the Coast Alliance and she'll help you out. If you have any problems, please call Annie Griffenberg at 202/546-9554 and she'll try to work things out with Kat.

After the workshop, simply mail to us the receipts for your travel and hotel costs and we'll send you a reimbursement check as quickly as we can.

WORKSHOP LOCATION

The workshop will be held on November 1 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Chicago Academy of Sciences. The address is:

Chicago Academy of Sciences
2001 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60614
312/549-0606, ext. 2025

Enclosed are directions on how to get there from the Days Inn and from both O'Hare and Midway airports. Should you be arriving from another direction and need additional information, please contact the Academy operator at 312/549-0606 ext. 2025, or Barbara Ciega at the Academy, who has helped us out with many of the details of this meeting, at 312/549-3077. For any other workshop information, call Annie Griffenberg at the Coast Alliance at 202/546-9554.

DIRECTIONS TO THE DAYS INN

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646 WEST DIVERSEY PARKWAY
CHICAGO, IL 60614
312/525-7010

From Midway Airport:

Public Transportation from Midway Airport is not recommended at this time. Taking a bus involves three or four transfers and requires that the traveller have a fair degree of familiarity with the city. A taxi is probably the best means of getting from this airport to the hotel. The cost of the taxi will be approximately \$20.00 from Midway airport. This cost will be higher during rush hour. Please make sure the taxi driver takes you to the Days Inn on Diversey and Clark.

From O'Hare International Airport:

The train is your best bet for travel to and from O'Hare. Go to Terminal 4 in the airport and get on the O'Hare line. You can take this to one of two destinations -- Logan's Square or the Loop. If you get off at Logan's Square, you can catch the #76 bus which goes straight down Diversey and will drop you off at the Clark and Diversey intersection. This will cost \$1.80 with the bus transfer. Taking the train into the Loop area requires that you transfer to the Ravenswood line. You do this at the Randolph/Clark connection. Then take the Ravenswood line to the Diversey stop. This stop places you approximately three blocks east of the hotel. Taking this route will cost you \$1.50.

A taxi from O'Hare airport costs approximately \$25.00. This cost does not take into account any construction delays that the cab may run into. Rush hour can also increase the cost of the fare. Please inform your driver that you want the Days Inn at Diversey and Clark.

Downtown:

For those of you who know the downtown Chicago area, the hotel is located approximately 3 miles from the Michigan Avenue area. A taxi can run about \$6.00 to the Michigan Avenue/Magnificent Mile area, to about \$10.00 for a trip to the Downtown area across the Chicago River. There are many buses that will take you to within a short walk to the hotel. These include #151 Sheridan Road, #22 Clark Street, #36 Broadway, and the #8 Halsted. For exact directions concerning these routes, please call the hotel. The closest train line to the hotel is the Ravenswood Line's Diversey stop. This line does not operate on Sundays or major holidays. The Howard/Dan Ryan line operates all the time and is only 7 city blocks from the hotel.

Since we have people approaching the hotel from so many directions and using so many different means of transportation, it is difficult to provide comprehensive information. If you need additional directions, please call the hotel. Our contact there is Kat Tries and her phone number is 312/525-7010.

THE CHICAGO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

WHERE WE ARE

2001 North Clark Street
Chicago 60614

- at the corner of Clark and Armitage
- just west of Lincoln Park's Farm-in-the-700
- four blocks north of The Historical Society

HOW TO GET HERE

From the airports...

by taxi: Taxis are plentiful in Chicago and are the quickest, most direct transportation. A taxi from O'Hare to the Academy takes approximately 30 to 45 minutes and costs about \$25. From Midway Airport takes about 20 minutes and costs about \$20.

by public transportation: For the adventurous who are traveling light, take the CTA train from O'Hare. Get off at the Clark/Lake stop. Take the stairs to the street and walk one block east to the corner of Dearborn and Lake. Transfer to the northbound 36 Broadway bus or 22 Clark bus. Both buses stop right in front of the Academy. Cost is \$1.80 (includes transfer). Don't lose the transfer, you'll need it to get on the bus!

From the hotel...

by public transportation: At the intersection 1/2 block east of the hotel, catch the southbound 22 Clark bus. Take it about eight blocks to the stop between Dickens and Armitage. Cost is \$1.50 during rush hours, \$1.25 during other times.

by foot: If the weather's cooperative, the walk from the hotel to the Academy is a pleasant one, taking only about 15 to 20 minutes. Just turn right on Clark Street and keep going until you get to Armitage (eight blocks).

LOST? QUESTIONS?

Call the Academy operator at 312/549-0606, ext. 2025
or
Barbara Ceiga at 312/549-3077