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CRESP in Transition:

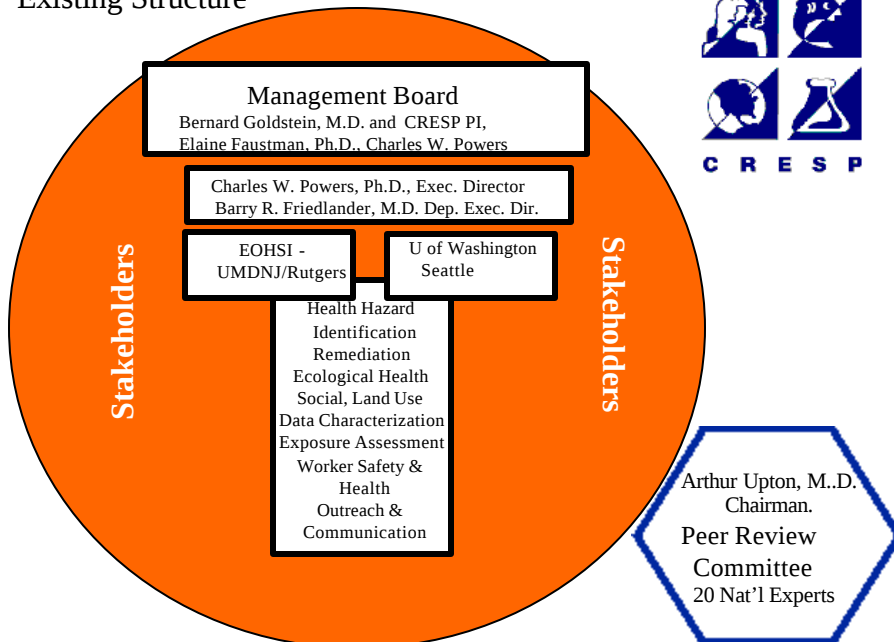
Where we have been

Where we will focus in the future

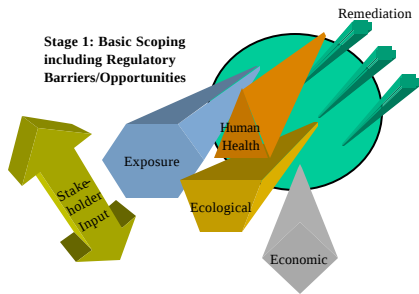
How we are evolving our mission and activities



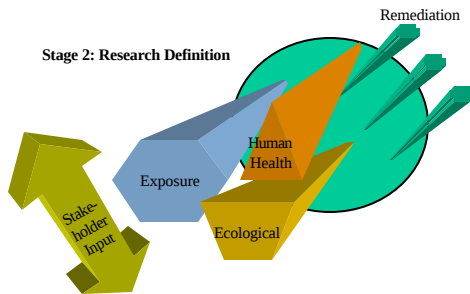
Existing Structure



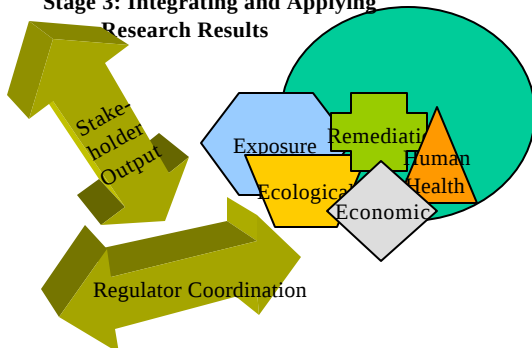
**Stage 1: Basic Scoping
including Regulatory
Barriers/Opportunities**



Stage 2: Research Definition



**Stage 3: Integrating and Applying
Research Results**



How CRESP Has Approached a Site



C R E S P

Where we have been:



Independent and yet Knowledgeable

Participative Stakeholder Involvement

Very Productive Scientific and Technical Research Focus

Shaping Impact on Key Risk-Related DOE Processes

Shaping Impact on Regulatory Structure and Approaches

see our website www.cresp.org



CRESP II Consortium for Risk Evaluation with Stakeholder Participation*

.....working to advance cost-effective cleanup and greater stakeholder understanding of the nation's hazardous and nuclear federal facility waste sites by improving the scientific and technical basis of environmental management decisions. (www.cresp.org)



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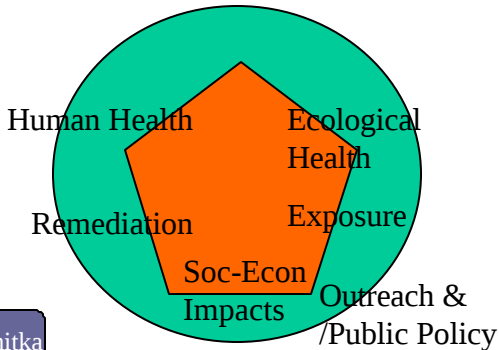
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Towson State University

A True Consortium of
Universities and
Others
Organized for
Interdisciplinary Work

At sites across the complex:



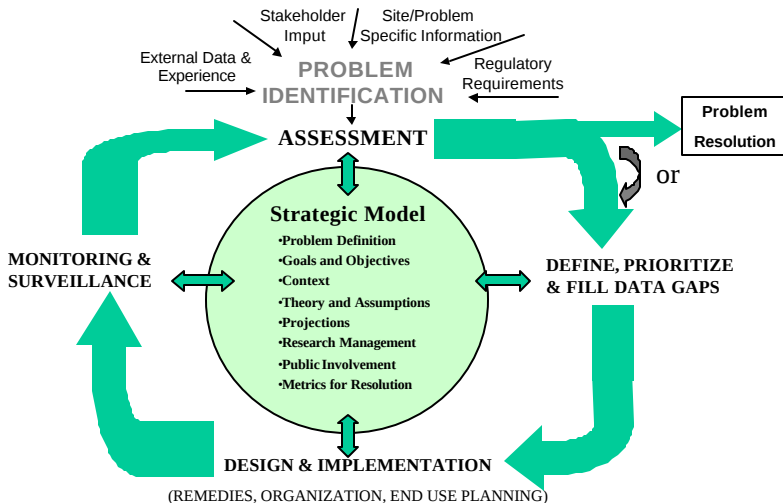
Where we are organizing ourselves to go

STEWARDSHIP

The process and commitment to establish, sustain and improve long-term protection and integrity of the environment for human, ecological and social/cultural health from the risks of DOE managed hazards and DOE operations.

The CRESP mission in relation to stewardship is to support it:
By conducting research, interacting with stakeholders, and offering scientifically grounded assessments for risk-based management of DOE hazards and operations.





CRESP's Evolving research framework for stewardship

Characteristics of the CRESP Stewardship Research Framework

Generalized
Scalable



Cohering with a consistent approach:

problem identification/definition
then:

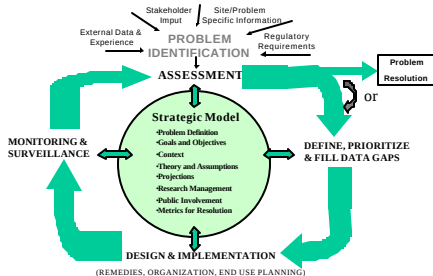
assessing current information and
initial feasibility of **resolution**

defining data gaps

designing system to meet goals

designing system to monitor and provide surveillance

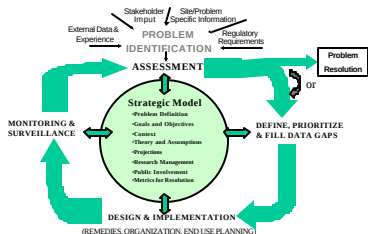
every step with understandable stakeholder communication



Just like an RI/FS?

Yes:

both seek to:
understand a problem,
and assess more than a
single way to
address it with systems
or devices to “fix it”

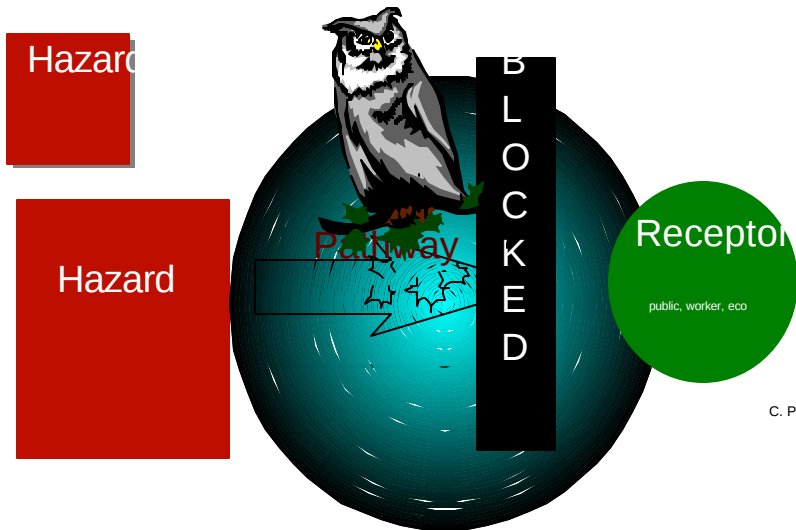


But different:

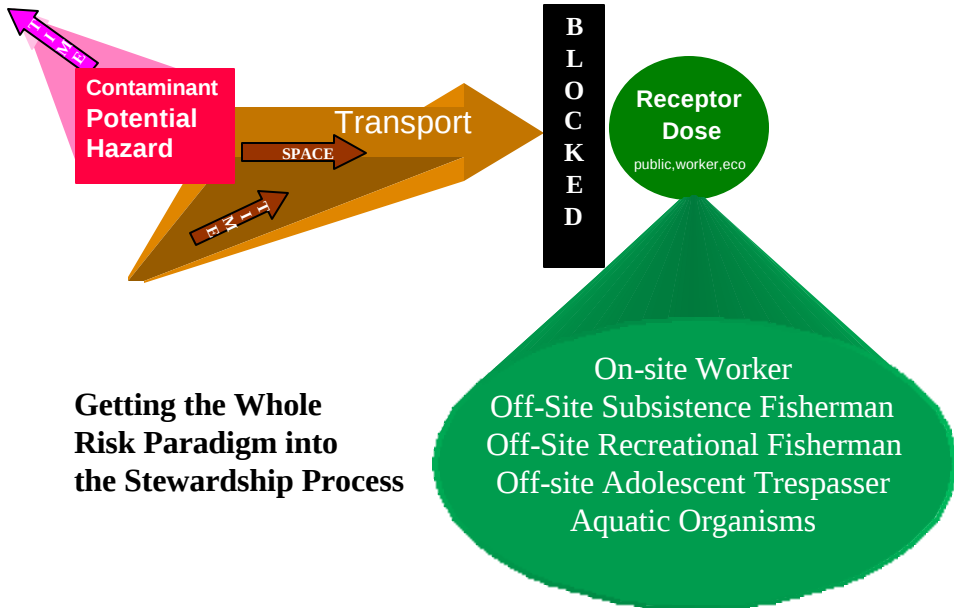
acknowledges long time horizon
accepts likelihood of unanticipated
future events and thus:

- **a stewardship system** will require not only physical but institutional and financial system components which must be integrated (nested components will be the rule)
- **a stewardship system** and its framework is inherently iterative to respond to changes in relevant technical, scientific, social factors
- **a stewardship system**, though always meeting current regulatory objectives, is driven by the *logic of problem definition/resolution*, not solely criteria, levels or even cultures of such regulatory programs since regulatory evolution will be needed

How to assure that the pathways are blocked
from receptors -- now and in the future



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**Source Control
Institutional Controls and
Other Activity and Use Limitations**

Institutional
Controls/Other
Activity & Use
Limitations

Source
Control

Use
Restrictions

Other
Receptor
Movement
Limitations

Level 3: Source Control Type

Partial Treatment

Containment

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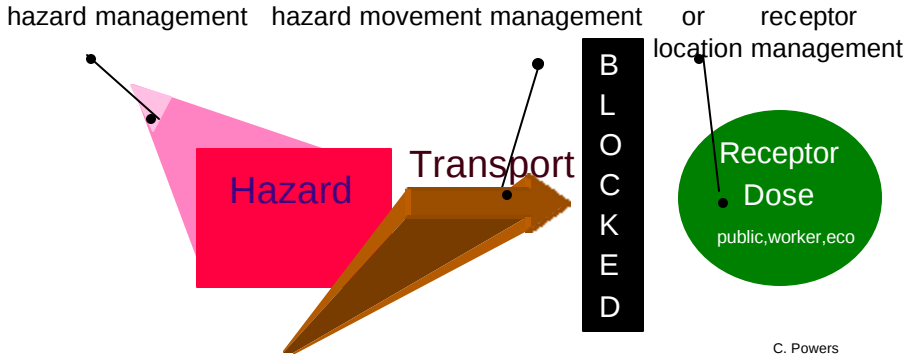
Other Management

Stewardship Risk Management is Focused on 3 different types of activities:

Hazard Management

Hazard Transport Management

Receptor Location Management



Hazard Management: 3 basic options if you act before the hazard is “released”



Hazard

Make it go away:

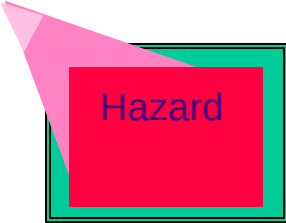
TREAT TO MAKE LESS HARMFUL
- CHANGE THE PHYSICAL/
CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS
or
REDUCE VOLUME OR ACTIVITY
(e.g.. RADIONUCLIDE
HALF-LIVES; MIX TO
NEUTRALIZE CHEMICALS)



Hazard

Tie it up so it can't
harm:

ENCAPSULATE OR
CONCENTRATE/
IMMOBILIZE
PERMANENTLY

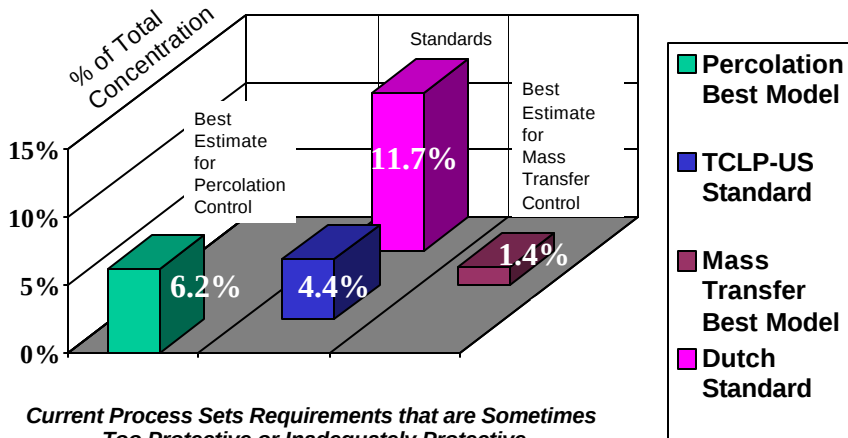


Hazard

Tie it up until
it goes away

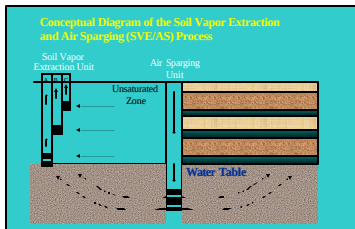
ENCAPSULATE OR
IMMOBILIZE UNTIL
IT NO LONGER
POSES A DANGER

100-Year Arsenic Releases from Contaminated Soil: Best Scientific Estimates vs. Two Government Standards



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CRESP Objectives for C-BRP



- Develop a contaminant mass transport model to simulate Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) and Air Sparging (AS) unit operations.
- Incorporate stratigraphic heterogeneity and mass transfer limitations to describe “tailing” and “rebound” effects.
- Estimate the effect of continued system operation on restoration of vadose zone and groundwater quality.
- Estimate the potential benefits from intermittent system operation.
- Estimate the required duration of remediation system operation and define operational limits and achievable endpoints.
- Use the SVE/AS model to optimize the operation of the SVE/AS system at the C-Area Burning Rubble Pit (C-BRP)

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The Problem

Regulatory Structure

Must Cohere with the
Regulatory Structure

Cleanup Process

which Coheres with the
Remediation Process

which Coheres with the
Long-term Controls Process

Watershed Areas of the SRS



OU's
and
IOU's

A related approach is to be sure that the pathways are comprehensively defined and assessed

Integrator Operable Units (IOUs) at SRS

Objective: Define approach for evaluating and establishing restoration needs for large land areas

Approach:

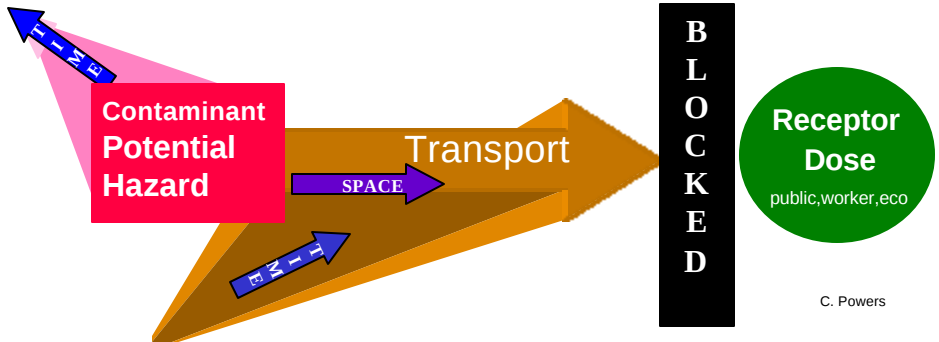
- Provide independent input to refocus existing evaluation process
- Work closely with DOE, SCDHEC and USEPA teams to provide consistent program objectives
- Coordinate with on-going CRESP research

Expected Result:

- Process to achieve integrated evaluation, remediation, and final “sign off” on large land areas

Hazard Transport Management

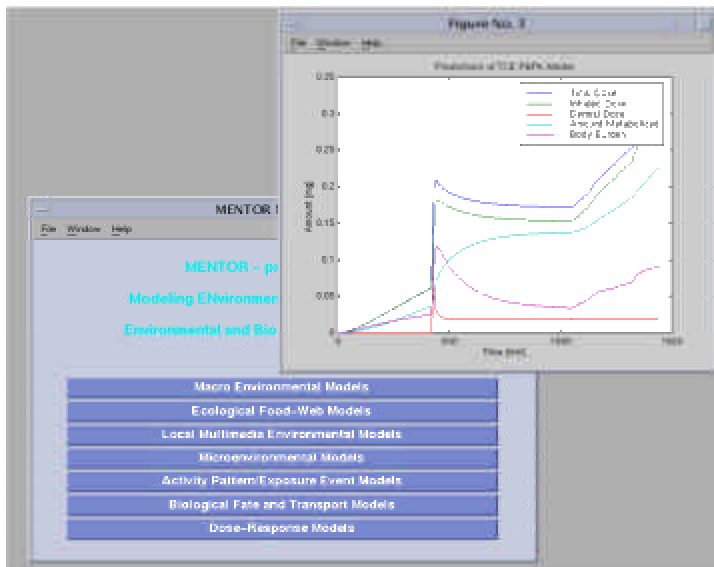
Can Contaminant transport pathway be blocked before receptor contact ?



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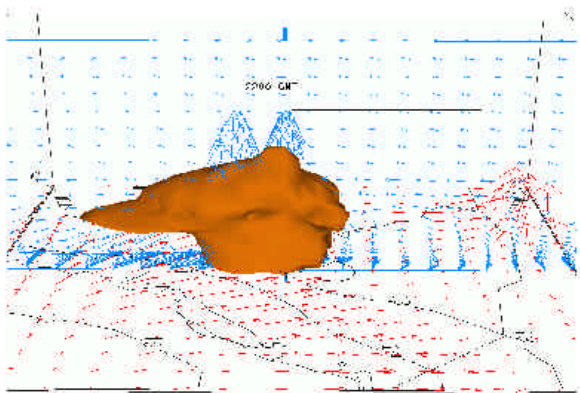
Or will the contaminant be diluted or decay during transport before receptor contact?

Case Study: Source-to-Dose Modeling for TCE in Groundwater - PBPK Modeling of TCE from Shower Use of Well Water: Inhalation and Dermal Exposure

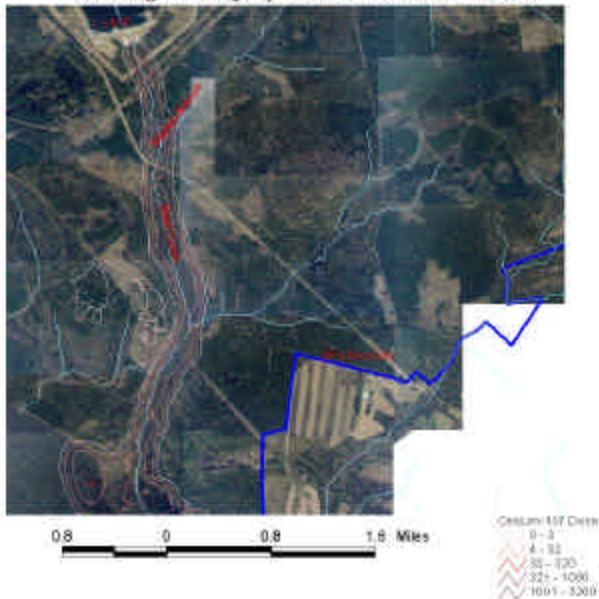


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Figure 9a: 3-D view of the smoke plume superimposed with the horizontal and vertical wind vectors and mixing ratio contours at 2200 GMT (5:00 PM local time). [Two mpeg files, one for horizontal view (fire1.mpg, see below) and the other for vertical view (fire2.mpg, see below), are included for visualizing the 3-D evolution and transport of smoke plume.]

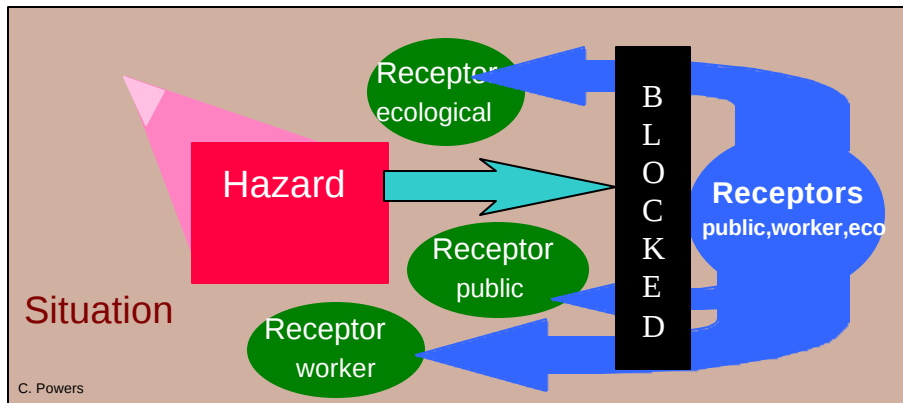


Overflight Imagery Downstream of L Lake



Fundamental to Protective Transport Management is effective and accurate monitoring of contaminant movement

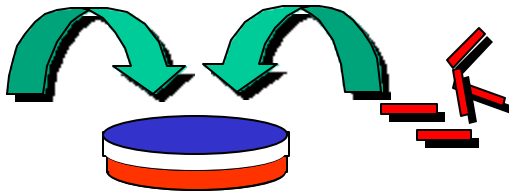
Receptor Location Management:
receptors differ and move unless
hazards are moved away or
receptors are persuaded not to move toward contact



Beryllium Lymphocyte Biomarker: Proliferation Test

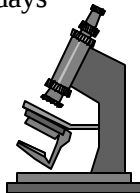


1) Lymphocytes isolated
from human blood
or lung lavage



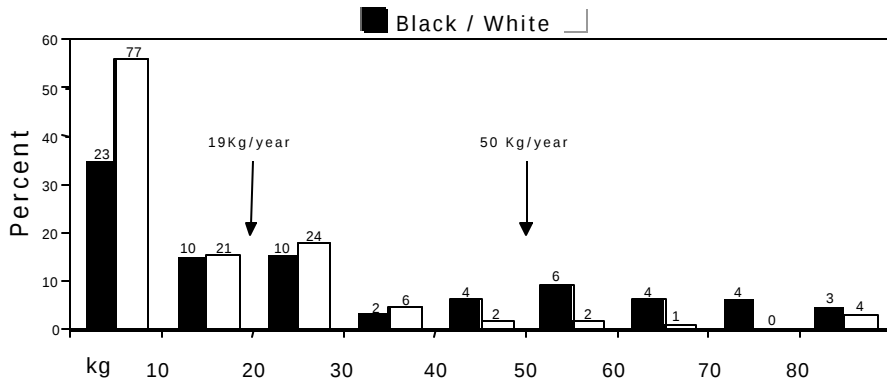
2) Lymphocytes cultured
with beryllium

4-6 days



3) Assess proliferative
response to beryllium

CONSUMPTION



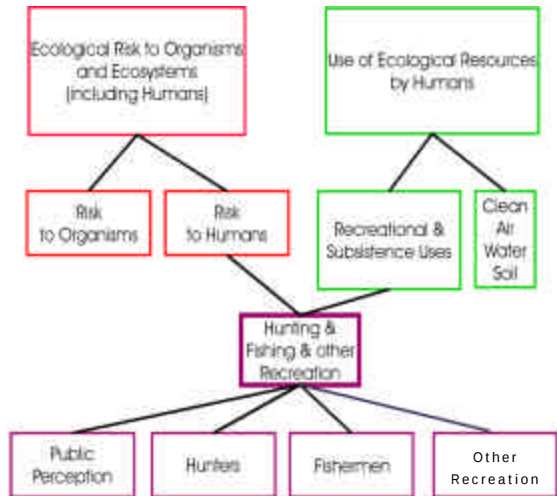
Fish Eaten per Ye



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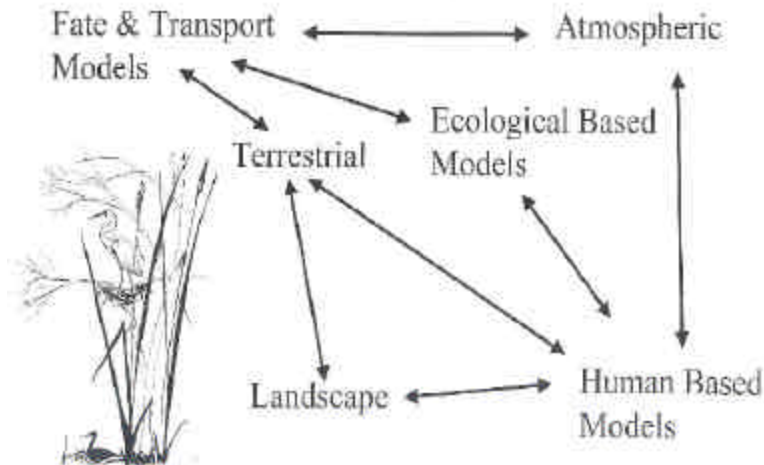


Science for Ecological Risk, Food Chains, and Regulation



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Relationships Between Several Models



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**Institutional
& Financial**

The Achievement of Environmental Conditions that Assure Risk Protection
Both Now and For as Long as the Contaminant Materials Pose a Hazard

The Regulatory Frameworks that Establish Compliance
Requirements Consistent with Achieving Such Protection

Modeling/
Assessing
Emission to
Dose

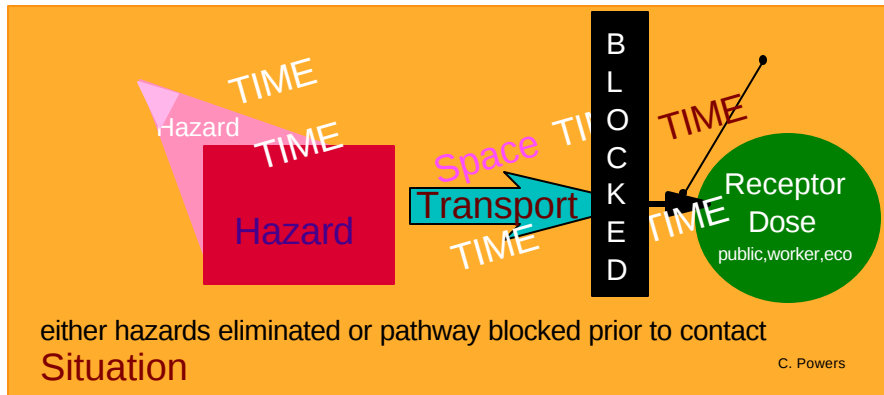
Biological
Monitoring -
all levels

Diverse Ways to
Determine
Remediation
Endpoints

Assured &
Consistent Land
Use & Economic Impact

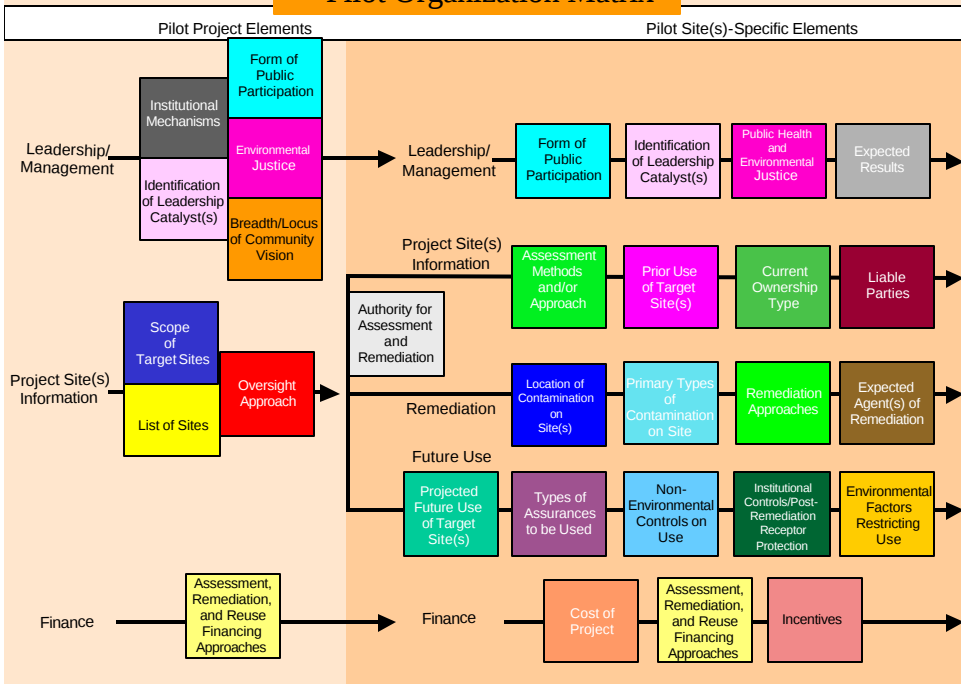
The Development of Monitoring Methods and Backups
that Assure Validation of that Achievement & Provide
Early Warning if the Assurance Proves Wrong

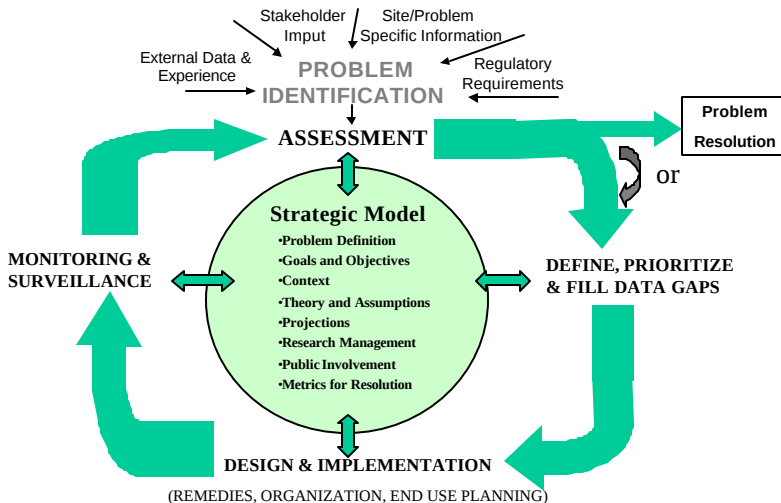
Stewardship's Challenge to Science and Technology



When Stewardship is integrated into the process, time and space are both the enemy and the friend of protective, cost-effective cleanup & LTS at DOE sites: because radionuclides decay over time; space is a buffer, but implementing land use is a challenge

Pilot Organization Matrix





CRESP's Evolving research framework for stewardship