

Environmental Remediation Partnering Workshops & Programs

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The quality of environmental remediation decisions often suffers when parties responsible for building solutions work at arm's length. Partnering on environmental remediation programs provides a means for each party to fulfill its roles and responsibilities while working together to develop more holistic, optimal solutions.

Benefits of Partnering for the Various Parties

- For the **regulatory agencies**, partnering improves the quality of remediation decisions as well as documents and reports provided by the regulated community.
- For the **regulated agencies**, partnering improves communication with the regulatory agencies which leads to greater efficiency in getting to a Record of Decision. It can also result in more cost-effective remediation solutions.
- For **contractors, consultants, and technical specialists**, partnering results in more exciting, rigorous, and rewarding technical discussions. It also results in greater control meeting key milestones.



Whether partnering is mandated or is entered into voluntarily, Ms. Boucher is an excellent fit for designing and facilitating an environmental remediation partnering workshop or program. Having worked as a Remedial Project Manager on NPL and RCRA Corrective Action sites, Laurel uses this experience to design and lead partnering workshops and programs for environmental remediation projects and programs. She also helps parties resolve formal disputes. Her methods are practical, immediately useful, and produce long-term effects.

Ms. Boucher has led partnering workshops and programs with all ten EPA Regions, multiple State environmental regulatory agencies, the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Army, the U.S. Air Force, and multiple other federal, state, and local agencies.

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Laurel did an excellent job mediating between EPA and the Army to achieve a technically challenging environmental cleanup. Her work allowed the project to complete 3-years ahead of schedule.
— Renee Wynn (formerly Assistant Administrator at EPA Headquarters)

I think everyone should go through an experience like our group did. These opportunities are passed up by so many people because they are time consuming, painful, uncomfortable, and with a high risk of failure. I was told I had to do it, and I did. In business, a lot of people and books talk about working this way, but most don't know how. You need a facilitator to help you through it. And until you've been helped through it, it's a real challenge. If everyone could have this kind of experience, we would have a whole cadre of people looking at the ways in which people work in a different way."