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EPA Superfund Sites— 2008 Accomplishments

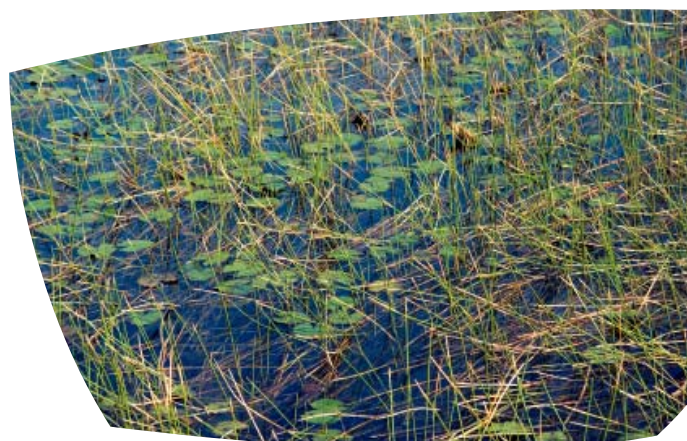
The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) superfund program is geared towards cleaning up abandoned, uncontrolled hazardous waste sites around the United States. Superfund cleanup is a three step process—assess the site, place it on the National Priorities List (NPL) and establish and implement cleanup plans. It is a long-term cleanup process. Over the past twenty years, tens of thousands of waste sites have been located and analyzed. The EPA's ten regional offices are responsible for implementing several EPA programs including superfund cleanup. Protecting human health and the environment is the priority of the superfund program. Every year goals are established to assist in upcoming cleanup efforts. The following is a list of some of the EPAs goals and accomplishments for 2008.

The EPA's ten regional offices are responsible for implementing several EPA programs including superfund cleanup. Visit <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/index.htm> for additional cleanup efforts in a particular region.

- [Region 1--ME NH VT MA RI CT](#)
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- ▶ Identified and controlled 24 sites with unacceptable human exposures exceeding a planned goal of 10.
- ▶ Controlled migration of contaminated ground water at 20 sites exceeding a goal of 15.
- ▶ Ensured 85 sites have long-term protections for anticipated reuse.
- ▶ Completed the construction phase of cleanup at 30 sites for a total of 1,060 sites or approximately 67% of sites on the NPL.
- ▶ Listed 18 new sites on the NPL and proposed 17 sites to the NPL.

Additional accomplishments, as well as some constraints, can be found at www.epa.gov/superfund/accomp/numbers08.htm



Sites that have made it to the EPA's superfund list can pose a significant health threat and contaminate water, land and air.

New Name; Great Company

DataChem is very pleased to announce our acquisition by ALS Laboratory Group. ALS has an impressive global network of environmental laboratories around the world. It has a presence in Canada, Mexico, Chili, Peru, Australia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Sweden, Denmark, Czech Republic, Norway and the United States. We join a well seasoned organization that is part of Campbell Brothers Limited; an Australian based company that has enjoyed over 130 years of service.

This acquisition will only benefit our existing customers as we can now utilize the expertise and insight of an organization with over 6,000 worldwide employees. We will continue to honor all pricing and service arrangements that you have established with DataChem. In addition, DataChem's existing staff and management will remain with the company.

Our goal has always been to provide high quality, legally defensible data. That remains our goal as ALS DataChem.

Melamine; again, Really?

This seems to be the story that just won't go away. In March of 2007 melamine was discovered in pet products in the United States. Then, September of 2008, melamine crops up again as a contaminant in infant formula sold in China. As a result, melamine was discovered in other milk based products and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) banned imports that could potentially bring melamine contaminated products into the United States. During this latest melamine commotion the FDA began testing U.S. infant formula (all mainstream infant formula sold in the U.S. is manufactured in the U.S.). Recently released findings indicate that one out of the 74 formulas tested positive for melamine. The source of the contamination remains a mystery but it's speculated that it is a by-product of manufacturing. Initially the FDA stated that there was no known safe level of melamine in infant products. On November 28th the FDA issued a statement that 1 part per million was acceptable in products meant for infant consumption. The product that tested positive was below this new established limit. For additional information visit www.ap.org and search melamine.

Analysis of the Month Metals

For the month of December, ALS DataChem is offering a discount on metals analysis using **NIOSH 7300**. A panel of 27 elements for \$100; a single element for \$40 and additional elements at \$15. For further details contact us at info@datachem.com. For a complete list of our Salt Lake lab services us at www.datachem.com

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FOR ALL OF US AT ALS DATACHEM

Every ALS DataChem facility is committed to meeting your analytical needs. During the holiday season our laboratories will have some minimal closures. ALS DataChem Salt Lake will be closed for regular business on 12/24-12/25 and 1/1. Sample receiving, however, will be open from 8:00 am until 12:30 pm on 12/24 and 12/26. We will have limited staff available on 12/24 and 12/26 and will be available 12/27 on our regular Saturday receiving schedule of 8:00 am until 12:30 pm. The Salt Lake lab will be available for emergencies throughout the holiday season as directed on our voice mail. To reach the Salt Lake laboratory dial 1-800-356-9135 or 1-801-266-7700.

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