



## *State of Indiana and ITRC*

*“ITRC – Promoting better decisions while shaping the future of regulatory acceptance for innovative environmental technologies and approaches”*



The Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC) is a state-led coalition working together with federal partners, industry, academia and stakeholders to achieve regulatory acceptance of innovative environmental technologies and approaches. Through the development of consensus-based tools and resources ITRC’s state-led technical teams provide information to facilitate confident decision-making in the states. The ITRC was created in 1995 by the Committee to Develop On-Site Innovative Technologies under the Western Governors’ Association. Today, ITRC is a committee formed under the bylaws of the Environmental Research Institute of the States (ERIS), which is the research and educational arm of the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS).

### **ITRC tools and resources help Indiana save time and money:**

- ***Classroom Training in Indiana provides latest technology insights-*** Indiana hosted three ITRC training opportunities in conjunction with its Midwestern States Risk Assessment Symposium in Indianapolis in August, 2004. Complete classroom training in Phytoremediation and Accelerated Bioremediation were held, along with a two hour Triad class based on the internet training curriculum.
- ***Indiana staff attends ITRC training-*** In addition to participants from other states, approximately 30 IDEM staff attended the training sessions offered in conjunction with the Midwestern States Risk Assessment Symposium. Overall comments regarding the training were very positive and indicated potential usefulness to the staff members who attended.
- ***ITRC network provides instant expertise-*** Bill Hayes of the Indiana DEM was able to use the network of ITRC contacts to efficiently conduct a survey to determine what different states are using for cancer slope factors in their environmental cleanup issues.
- ***ITRC posters help spread the word-*** ITRC was able to display a number of its technical team posters at the Midwestern States Risk Assessment Symposium. These posters result in networking opportunities among experts and those interested in specific topics are able to exchange critical information that will be useful in their cleanup efforts.

## Through ITRC Indiana leverages resources from across the country:

- Indiana's environmental experts receive free on-line training – nearly 130 participants trained in Indiana
- Classroom training, free to regulators, brings hands-on tools to better prepare environmental professionals to make better decisions- over 30 trained from Indiana
- Indiana shares expertise by participating on five ITRC technical teams and in return has access to a national network of experts. Topics of the five teams include Ecological Enhancements; Enhanced Attenuation – Chlorinated Organics; Mitigation Wetlands; Small Arms Firing Range; and Vapor Intrusion.

## Indiana's use of ITRC resources leads to better decision-making:

- Improved permitting processes
- ITRC information leads to faster cleanup decisions
- ITRC experts provide knowledge transfer and guidance on complex issues
- Members dedicated to optimizing state resources and reducing compliance costs while protecting human health and the environment

## ITRC creates a cultural shift in the way cleanup is planned & implemented:

- Reduces regulatory barriers for the use of innovative technologies for environmental remediation through guidance documents and sharing of technical expertise
- Leads a culture change in environmental decision-making, replacing long-standing adversarial relationships with collaboration, consensus and concurrence

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