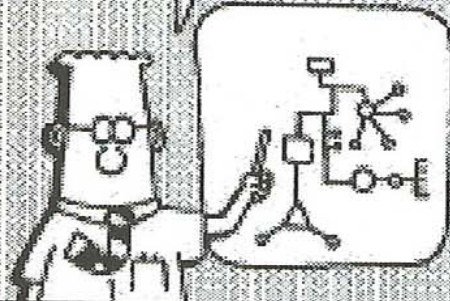


# **Regional Sediment Evaluation Team (RSET)**

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"POWERPOINT"  
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# Interim Final Sediment Evaluation Framework

- Incorporation of public comments
- Issued September 2006
- Continued agency review

# How Will The SEF Help

- **Regulatory** - provide consistent guidance for addressing sediment and dredge material characterization
- **Public** - sampling, testing, and analysis strategies that can reduce uncertainties about the actions a regulator may require of you. Reducing uncertainties can help with project scheduling, financial planning, and project management decisions

# SEF Philosophy

- ▼ Tiered testing approach to evaluating sediments
- ▼ Comprehensive sampling and testing methods to adequately characterize sediment
- ▼ Site-specific flexibility based on geographic and watershed issues
- ▼ Consistent evaluation procedures to serve multiple agency objectives
- ▼ A mechanism to update the manual

# Technical Issues

- Freshwater sediment quality guidelines
- Bioaccumulation
- Specific chemicals of concern
  - TBT, PAHs, PCBs, DDT

# Policy Issues

- Exclusionary guidelines
- No test volumes
- Sampling intensity

# "BETA TEST"

- Portland Project Review Group
- Use of SEF on project-by project basis to determine testing requirements
- RSET interagency team
- Consistency and predictability
- Documentation of decisions

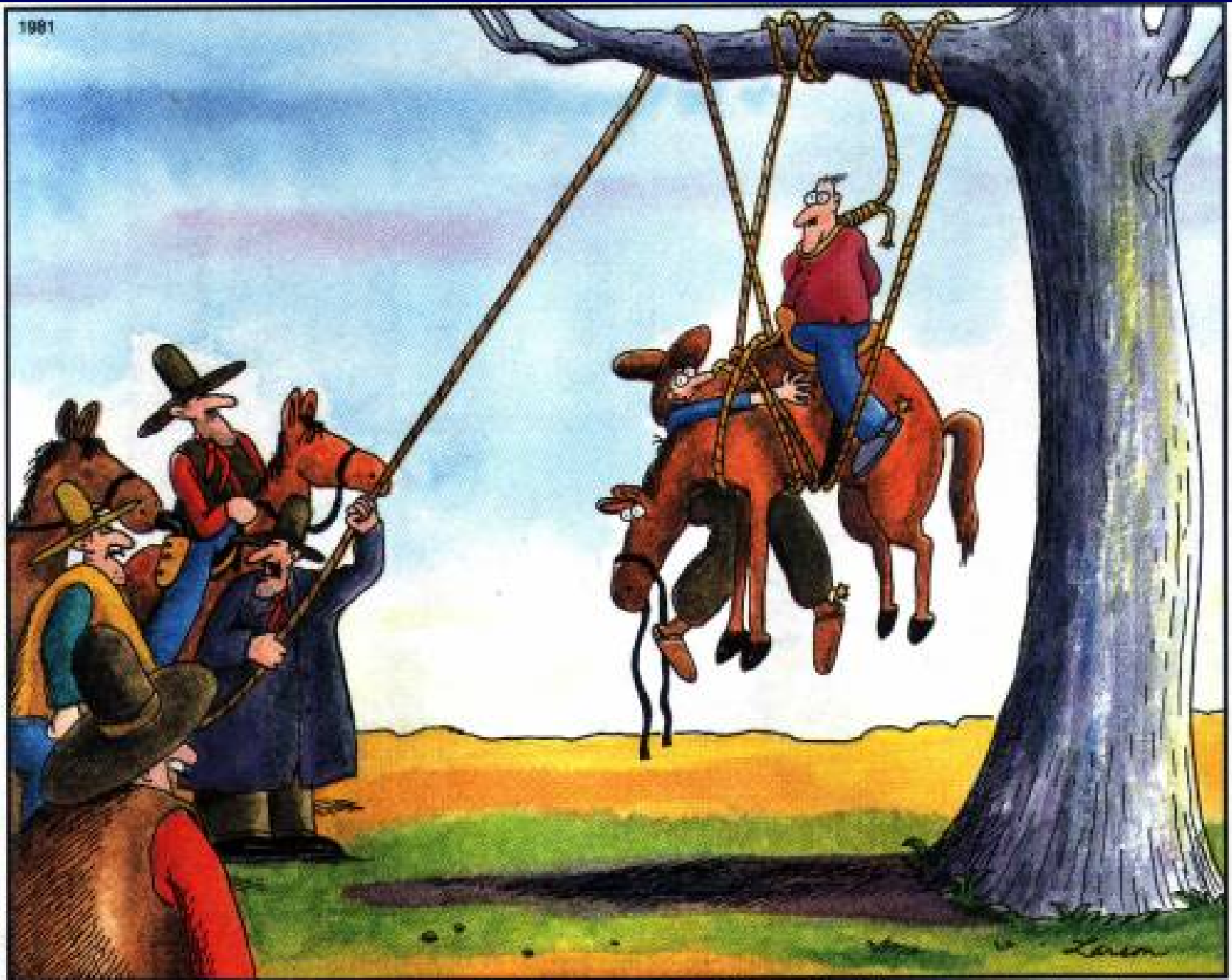


# Project Review Group

- Refining processes
- Large number of projects
  - 35 separate projects, September 2006 to March 2007
- Use of technology to speed reviews
- 30 day review period

# Next Steps

- Freshwater Sediment Values team
- Bioaccumulation Subcommittee
- PAH Summit
- Agency review
- Updates and revisions to document



"OK, OK, OK... Everyone just calm down and we'll try this thing one more time."