

Recommendations for a FRTR Path Forward

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Highlights of Updated Charter

- Promote cooperation and information sharing among federal agencies to:
 - advance innovative remediation technologies
 - encourage multi-agency contributions to technical guidance
- Semi-annual meetings & website provide a forum for:
 - technology-related efforts of mutual interest
 - collective technical experience with specific technologies
 - partnerships to pursue cooperative initiatives and projects
- Benefits the entire cleanup community
 - information on demonstrations of innovative technologies
 - less duplication by Federal agencies
 - clearer, more comprehensive picture of the cost and performance of innovative treatment technologies

Member Agencies of FRTR

Any others?

- Department of Defense
 - U.S. Air Force
 - U.S. Department of the Army
 - U.S. Department of the Navy
 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Department of Energy
- U.S. Department of Interior
 - U.S. Geological Survey
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Formation of a Steering Committee

- Provide focus and direction from a multi-agency perspective
 - Less prominent role from EPA as in the past
 - Enhanced shared leadership across agencies
- One steering committee member from each member organization. Steering Committee Chair rotates once per year.
- Tasks include:
 - Determining common technical challenges among member agencies and identifying those on which future efforts should be focused
 - Determining if a subgroup should be established to further enhance collaboration between organizations on a specific topic
 - Providing direction on website structure and content placed on www.frtr.gov
 - Selecting the topic for the next meeting (based on input from member agencies and on new technical advancements/developments).

Member Organization Responsibilities

- Periodically provide a meeting chair, who will organize the meeting, set the agenda, coordinate speakers and materials for the presentations (e.g. Powerpoint files, handouts), and lead the entire meeting.
- EPA will provide the meeting space, preparation logistics, and technical support (e.g. IT), including loading presentations on the web (pending final decision regarding website hosting).
- Each representative to the FRTR meetings is responsible for disseminating information from the meeting to appropriate members of their organization.

Focused Approach

- Identify and collaborate on the top environmental restoration challenges that are common across the member agencies.
- Identify areas where application of new or innovative technologies/ methodologies could make a broad impact.
- Leverage Tech Transfer efforts
- Establish working groups
 - Charged with focusing on a specific topic
 - Subgroup members would be knowledgeable (eg., subject matter experts, project managers with related experience, etc.)
 - Communicate monthly/quarterly to share information, resources, and lessons learned
 - Identify further collaboration opportunities (eg., conducting shared pilot studies, leveraging resources, pursuing joint technology demonstration projects, etc.)
 - Develop or assemble topic-specific information for public (post on www.frtr.gov)

Meetings

- Bi-Annual meetings with wider advanced notification of remote accessibilities
 - Reach more technical personnel at their desks
- Topics selection
 - Topic ideas solicited prior to meeting at which there will be a vote
 - Steering committee determines final topic based on votes
- Meeting committee selection
 - Collect interested participants during meeting
 - Announce committee and meeting chair (dependent on topic selected) for organizing next meeting
 - Meeting chair & FRTR steering committee chair will coordinate development of agenda
- Participation
 - Senior Management and/or Technical Experts & Site Managers
 - Annual presentation by senior policy members of the executive branch

Schedule for Input

- Charter
 - Provide comments by November 30th
 - Feedback to Mark Fuhrmann at mark.fuhrmann@nrc.gov
 - Comments incorporated and revised charter provided by December 30th
 - Consensus on charter from each member agency by January 30th
- Each agency identify member for Steering Committee by January 30th.
- Implementation – to be determined