

Stewardship Planning Lessons Learned

**Stakeholder and Regulatory
Concerns Considered Through
Weldon Spring Site Planning
Process**

How many “s”s in Weldon
Spring(s)?

- A brief photo history



Quarry



1960's



1995



Chemical Plant



1960's



1992



Raffinate Pit 3 Sludge Treatment



1998



1999



Disposal Facility



1998

Stewardship Planning

- **Beginning in 1998, have produced 3 draft plans, issued in 1999, 2000 and 2001**
- **Stakeholder interest has increased over time, especially with project completion approaching**

Key Elements of Stewardship

- **authority and funding**
- **stewards and their roles**
- **operations and maintenance**
- **physical controls**
- **institutional controls**
- **information systems**
- **communication strategy**

Stakeholder Concerns (What Do They Want?)

- **Funding Guarantees**
- **Enforcement**
- **Information and Communication**

Funding Issues

- **Annual Congressional appropriations subject to political pressures**
- **Trust fund options**
- **Stakeholders want funds for oversight**

Enforcement

- **Is Stewardship a square peg that we are trying to fit into the CERCLA round hole?**
- **Do Institutional Controls really work?**

Information and Communication

- **Integration of the site with the surrounding public conservation lands is supported, with a ramp and platform on the disposal cell and a separate interpretive center**
- **Records availability**
- **Continuing public involvement**

What Have We Learned, Dorothy?

- **Funding alternatives will have to be addressed with national policy**
- **CERCLA enforcement of long term monitoring and maintenance, and institutional controls is appropriate**
- **Information needs should be addressed at both local and national levels**
- **Institutional Controls should be redundant, if possible**



Quarry



June 2001



Disposal Facility



June 2001



Disposal Facility



June 2001



Disposal Facility



June 2001 - almost done



Disposal Facility



2002 - done