



Structural Remediation Committee Report – March 28, 2019

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SRC meetings:

On August 21, 2018, at the 62nd annual meeting of ASPCRO in San Antonio, TX, approximately 12 attended the ASPCRO Structural Remediation Committee (SRC) meeting and discussed recent concerns about access to the “Remediapedia” information, and protection of contributors through a disclaimer statement for the database. The “Remediapedia” concept and format were also discussed.

An SRC meeting is intended for the 2019 ASPCRO annual meeting in Tennessee.

SRC Guidance & “Remediapedia” development:

Two recent issues of concern raised by SRC members:

The first issue regarded the level(s) of access to be granted to the SRC references and documents collected for web-based use; it was indicated by the ASPCRO Board that the final online reference document should be accessible to all webpage visitors. The SRC’s intention is to provide access to a protected document that can be downloaded and manipulated without impacting or altering the website-based document.

The second issue was regarding the need for a strong disclaimer statement and/or a “limitation of liability clause” to protect the contributors, ASPCRO, and possibly the users of the references; the ASPCRO Board is continuing to work on the final wording.

Going forward:

Because of the likely complexity of the project, the SRC’s intention is to start “small”. Through working with ASPCRO’s leadership on website capabilities and limitations, the first step will likely be to simply post the protected database file (e.g. Excel spreadsheets) on the ASPCRO website. The posted file can be updated and reposted as needed when new or updated entries are submitted. A presentation and demonstration of this “Remediapedia” database is intended at the 63rd Annual ASPCRO Conference in Tennessee. The database can be improved incrementally as

we gain experience and receive feedback from users. Ultimately, a website-based submittal form that streamlines the entry of new information and new references into the database is envisioned.

Between now and the 2019 annual meeting, the intention is to finalize the initial format of the submittal form and the database. Committee members, past participants, and interested parties in the SRC will be asked to offer suggestions and entries for the initial “roll-out” version.

The key to the success of “Remediapedia” is not to simply post references; the key is to post (“quick reference”) evaluations of references/sources that may be helpful in a reader’s specific structural remediation of pesticide contamination situation.

Respectfully submitted,
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