

Defining Sediment and Soil at Clean-up Sites

Options for delineating soil versus sediments

- Option 1: The water's edge is the vertical demarcation line for sediment/soil.
- Option 2: The ordinary high water mark (OHWM) is the vertical demarcation line for sediment/soil.
- Option 3: The 100-year floodplain boundary is the demarcation line for sediment/soil.

Approach

Factors related to the definition of sediment and soils including the following:

- A. What standards/guidelines/administrative rules should be used to evaluate materials *in situ* and what are the implications depending on the definition of sediment vs. soil?
 - What other considerations are there when determining the demarcation between sediment and soil?
- B. What standards/guidelines/administrative rules should be followed for *ex situ* management of materials once they have been removed (i.e. dredging)?
- C. What bearing does the definition of sediment and soil have on the use of various funding sources to implement sediment clean ups?
- D. What bearing does the definition of sediment have on the implementation of administrative rules or statutes?