

# VM Saving the Environment



“VM has great potential in hazardous, toxic, radiological waste remediation. Environmental work is usually high-cost. It offers great opportunities for VM savings. Technologies are new in the environmental field and changing fast. This affords opportunities to offer more advancements as VM alternatives.”

—Merle L. Braden, PE, CVS-Life, FSAVE, URS Corporation and John D. Sankey, AIA, PE, CVS-Life, JDS Design

## How Can Environmental Problems Be Solved by VM?

Our environmental stewardship is a complex participation of government, industry, and the public-at-large. Solutions to environmental problems are increasingly scrutinized by the public regarding health issues, the thoroughness and permanence of remediation techniques, and the cost of services. While legislators, consumer groups, employers, environmentalists, and healthcare providers are divided on the overall effects of most environmental crises, none wish to spend more than what is necessary to remediate disturbed environments. Those groups are tautly focused on the future issues of environmental degradation, misuse of resources, potential hazards, and the future effects of what is now considered safe to use.



Providers of environmental services must deliver quality to retain certification of competence, while containing costs to ensure viability. With the goal of meeting the needs of all parties concerned, the value methodology (VM) process can focus on eliminating waste, enhancing staff creativity and effectiveness, and lowering the costs of investigation, analysis, construction, operations, and future maintenance, while maximizing the effectiveness of solutions to environmental challenges.

## Why Use VM to Solve Environmental Problems?

- Environmental spending will continue to escalate at a rate that outpaces governmental and industry predictions.
- Management of environmental issues will increase worldwide at the lead of major industrial powers.
- User rates will continue to be a hotly contested issue industry-wide.
- Attention to quality, effectiveness, and permanence of remediation will continue to increase.
- The need for competent value practitioners will increase at a rate far less than they can be supplied.
- Quick results
- Creative and effective remediation solutions
- Optimized environmental impact solutions
- New by-product industries
- Re-used resources maximization
- Optimized construction expenditures
- Lower life cycle costs
- Alternative technology discoveries
- Sustainable environmental solutions
- OMB Circular A-131 compliance.

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