

# Buried Waste and Contaminated Soils

## *Breakout Group*

In order to develop some very specific tools and perspectives to assist in risk balancing considerations (associated with future risk assessments and remedial/closure decisions), the following questions can be posed to solicit stakeholder input and values. Specifically for **Solid & Liquid Waste Sites End States** CERCLA requires that decisions be made using 9 criteria (see handout). In weighing these criteria:

- When would you consider leaving waste in place under a barrier?
- When would you consider removal, treatment, and disposal of the waste?
- What other options would you consider and when would you consider them?
- How would these considerations change depending on location inside or outside the core zone and could these decisions affect how the core zone is defined?
- If data collection activities are purposely focused on defining the highest levels of contamination, how important is additional detailed characterization information in making these decisions? How does this change for different end states or hazards?