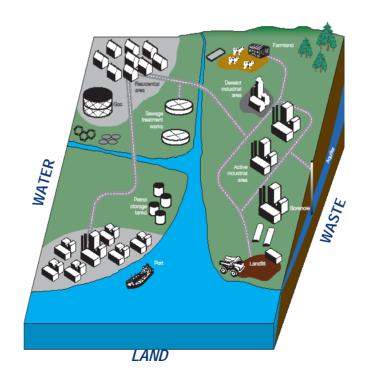


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# **The Integrated Pollution Management Network**





#### What is a KTN?

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# A Knowledge Transfer Network is

"a single national overarching network in a specific field of technology or business application"

- Non-competitive
- A "network of networks"
- Drawing together all players in the UK



### The range of KTNs

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KTNs exist in a number of sector and technology areas.

## Relevant examples include:

- Resource efficiency
- Sensors
- Bioscience for Business
- Location and Timing
- Chemicals Innovation Network



### **Mission**

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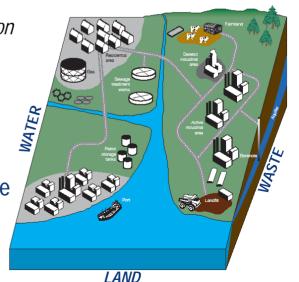
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# Integrated Pollution Management Knowledge Transfer Network (IPM-Net)

# Assists industry through

• Meeting the demands of regulatory and business drivers
For the integrated management and remediation of environmental pollution

- Drawing together organisations
   That deal with environmental pollution in land, water and waste
- Enabling businesses to become more competitive Creating jobs and increasing wealth.
- Enhancing the position of UK environmental industries in the global marketplace





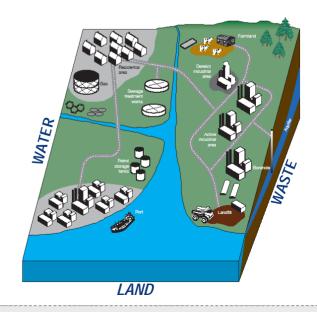
#### **Activities**

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# Integrated Pollution Management Knowledge Transfer Network (IPM-Net)

- Supporting innovation and technology development Delivering cost effective, sustainable solutions
- Accelerating knowledge and technology transfer
   Developing business opportunities, contacts and collaborations
- Developing skilled personnel
   Enhancing staff and company performance.
- Impacting government strategy Shaping policy, funding and vision.





# **Supporting Innovation** and Technology Development

**Knowledge Transfer Networks** 

- Industry-driven R&D and demonstration
- Technology and partner brokering
- Supporting access to funding
- Provision of information on solutions, opportunities, standards and patents
- Identification of industry needs and knowledge gaps



# **Supporting Innovation** and Technology Development

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### Supporting UK government in funding R&D

- Development of a Research Strategy for contaminated land management and remediation
  - Through consultation with industry, regulators and academics
  - Through prioritisation with stakeholders
- Feed through to Department of Trade and Industry's Technology Strategy
- £5M funding secured to be allocated to projects
- Assistance to DTI with identification and assignment of assessors
- Ongoing assistance with dissemination (in collaboration with CL:AIRE)



# Accelerating knowledge and technology transfer

**Knowledge Transfer Networks** 

- Web portal for the UK pollution management industries
- Cross-sectoral dissemination and publication
- Conferences, workshops and focus sessions
- Specialist knowledge and technology networks



### **Developing skilled personnel**

**Knowledge Transfer Networks** 

- Industrial short courses, placements and CPDs
- Distance learning
- Secondments and personnel transfer
- Facilitating and managing industrial studentships and knowledge transfer (KTPs, CASE etc.)



### Impacting government strategy

**Knowledge Transfer Networks** 

- Knowledge of environmental pollution
- Advising the DTI Technology Strategy Board
- Input to government policy
- Generating a critical mass with other KTNs
- Strategic international alliances



#### **Current international activities**

**Knowledge Transfer Networks** 

- Development of a partnership with China under the UK Sustainable Development Dialogue (in collaboration with Defra, Environment Agency and UKTI)
- Chairmanship of Euroenviron, the environmental umbrella for the Eureka funding mechanism
  - Generating new projects
  - Networking funders
  - Networking networks



#### **Current international activities**

**Knowledge Transfer Networks** 

- European demonstration project (LIFE Environment funded) on treating diffuse nitrate pollution
- Development of links with USEPA
  - Remediation project in Kazakhstan (under nonproliferation activities)



## Benefits to organisations in the UK

**Knowledge Transfer Networks** 

- Industry access to knowledge, tools, solutions and contacts
- Networks and the knowledge base enhanced and integrated effectiveness
- Government integrated knowledge on environmental pollution



# Thoughts on working with UKFEI

**Knowledge Transfer Networks** 

- Knowledge Transfer Managers working in the regions (with existing collaborators and others)
- Joint activities at a regional level e.g. workshops and events (providing added value and leveraging)
- Cross-referencing websites and information provision
- Working with environmental clusters
- Market and technology roadmapping
- Provision of information from the KTN to companies through regional links