



## Conference Evaluation

Please circle your answer for each of the following:

	Excellent	Good	Poor		
1. Location of the conference:	1	2	3	4	5
2. Hotel accommodations:	1	2	3	4	5
3. Overall organization of the conference:	1	2	3	4	5
4. Variety of topics presented:	1	2	3	4	5
5. Usefulness of topics presented:	1	2	3	4	5
6. Overall impression of breakout sessions:	1	2	3	4	5
7. Overall quality of speakers/presentations:	1	2	3	4	5
8. Availability/quality of organized social activities	1	2	3	4	5
9. Plenary Session	1	2	3	4	5
10. ER and NR Plenary Sessions	1	2	3	4	5
11. Overall impression of the conference:	1	2	3	4	5
	<b>Too Short</b>	<b>Just Right</b>	<b>Too Long</b>		
12. Length of the conference:	1	2	3	4	5

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Functional Area	Total Responses	Sessions Outside Functional Area Attended	
		Yes	No
Natural Resources	34	21	10
Environmental	44	31	4
Planning	2	2	
Environmental/Planning	4	3	1
Natural Resources/Environmental	8	6	1
Natural Resources/Planning	1	1	
Other	3	2	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>17</b>

Please provide comments for the questions below:

1. Which topics/presentations did you find the most useful?

- Luncheon talk by Mr. Carruth
- Perchlorate
- Dave Carruth's hard hitting talk. Nat Peter's presentation on EMS was good but should have been a workshop not during plenary.
- Facility standards/level of service brochures
- Perchlorate-1135
- HQ overview of Recreation Program
- Gen. Flowers, George Tabb on Recreation Programs, SAME luncheon wonderful
- Partnership sessions, program discussions, project specific talks

- Site remediation and site investigation sessions
- Student Conservation Association and IMBA and Recreation Program update
- Upper Mississippi emp. Yazoo Backwater Area project and restoration, partnerships recreation program
- Perchlorate-TPP
- Liked the shoreline management with innovative approaches and programs to deal with private exclusive use. Erwin Topper was an excellent speaker not slick just honest and frank. GPS was also GREAT!
- Enjoyed the general, old timers & new tech. Items
- Stewardship support program, accessibility data management, GIS, Natural Resources Inventory, NRM Information System, EMS, EOP's
- EMS & EOP
- Some of the more general subject matter topics.
- CISM, NRM Info Systems, Recreation Standard Brochure
- Perchlorate and military unique contaminants/sites talks and contaminated sediments sessions
- Environmental compliance
- Environmental Stewardship and partnership
- Sediments
- I'm not sure about useful. I'll wait and see, but the most inspiring was Jim Wadell's about learning from the Indians.
- HQ Perspective/policy updates/agency trends
- General Flowers was very interesting. EMS since that appears to be our future.
- ECC Stuff
- NVMP vegetation
- NRM History! LTG Flowers; Luncheon speaker; a few breakouts
- Closure of operable unit I, Northway Staging field, Alaska
- Rec brochures, Bioengineering in shoreline erosion, ERGO Assessment Fundamentals
- EMS
- Environmental compliance
- All NR presentations I attended were very relevant and useful. (inventory, shoreline stabilization, bird conservation, stewardship advisory team, Sydney Lanier SMP, tools for evaluating land use.)
- Treatment technologies, WQ monitoring, Ecosystem restoration, EOP, Environmental regulations, EMS, Sediments, site characterization
- Chlorinated solvent DNAPL extent characterization (Triad approach)
- Recreation facilities/Just level of service, ADMS, Recreation Program, NRM Info Systems
- I can honestly say that all breakout sessions & plenary sessions were terrific & directly applicable to my job. LTG Flowers session was excellent as was NWF presentation—thought-provoking.
- Ecosystem/Environmental Modeling, Invasive Problems
- General Flowers EOP Presentation
- ECC Issues, ERGO, ERM, EOP's
- Partnership Issue & Initiatives, Stewardship program
- As an ICC of course the Environmental Resource, Gateway , Chief Talk excellent
- Camden...AR
- Those involving HTRW & Rad issues—Good to hear what type of activities are going on in other districts→good info sharing
- Chief of Engineers
- Tech info; success stories

- The discussion on EOP and how we need to involve it in our projects
- The recreation and environmental stewardship sessions, natural resources level 1 & 2 inventory, recreation standard brochures
- Sediments-environmental
- Site remediation/characterization
- All!
- LTG Flowers speech
- EMS basics for EC; Regional ERGO Approach (RATS); EC NRM Gateway; ECC Overview; Information overload for ECCs
- Environmental restoration and developing issues such as perchlorates
- General Flower's presentation was excellent. Great to hear about the EOPs directly from him.
- General is always a good presenter and makes me proud of the organization
- Native American topics
- EC-NRM Gateway, OMBIL, ECC overview, ERGO Assessment Fundamentals, NRM Info Systems
- Sediments/dredging; HTTW characterization
- Culture, ecological, restoration
- Managing ECC Info overload, ECC Forum EC/NRM Gateway
- Facility standards for recreation
- Chemists lab selection, CIXO-OE, LTG Flowers Speech
- REC. (Justified) Level of service, Shoreline Mgt., Rec. Trends, NRM Info. Systems, the opening comment from LTG> Flowers was encouraging.
- EOP, perchlorate, remediation of chlorinated solvents
- All sessions attended were beneficial (Rec. Trends OMBIL, shoreline, EIS)
- ECC/OMBIL
- Environmental compliance
- All, that I attended.
- NRM History session, Information overload for ECC's, Rec. Brochure standards
- OE & perchlorate
- (Most of those I chose to attend), Gen. Flowers hopeful message set a positive theme
- Inventories, care gating
- EMS

2. Which topics/presentations did you find the least useful?

- I thought all had some inherent value
- EOP & Emergencies—How to incorporate EOP into all phases of emergencies. All areas of EOP—debris, HTRW, and levee work
- NR too long
- “Incorporating the EOP's into Master Planning” speakers were good, however by the title “incorporating” I thought it would be- how to and it was more of a comparison of the similarities.
- Much of the HTRW info
- Question the guest speaker. Sounded as if he did not really know corps.
- None of the NRM topics, but several of the environmental topics, site specific. Nevertheless, all were well prepared.
- ECO restoration
- Stewardship support program development
- All were pertinent and useful.
- Sediments
- Plenary remarks by HQ counsel

- Toss up between replacement speaker for chief counsel and Janice Smith EMS presentation
- Jack Mahon was boring. Lost audience after 5 minutes. If Anderson is no better, don't include HQ counsel perspective next year.
- Site remediation
- All I attended were good.
- All excellent
- David Currant
- NRM uniforms??
- Last part of first plenary; ER closing plenary (some parts)
- EOPs
- The guy from NWF
- None that I attended
- Plenary lawyer...too much replication
- National wildlife speaker
- Plenary
- Water safety
- Historic jet fuel releases
- Guest speaker from National Wildlife federation & extreme views on corps projects. Very few positive views, mostly corps bashing. Made digestion difficult. The lunch (food) was delightful, but he was not!! Was a real downer during a very positive conference.
- Gateway EC- too difficult to teach intricacies—concentrate only on capabilities....critical stress mgt. Should be presented by qualified person(s) who could FIRST Responds—what are symptoms, who are rescuers, what is role & responsibilities of employer, employee, & training....
- Chief Counsel presentation
- Development of a database profile of vendor experience in in-situ chemical oxidation projects
- Lewis & Clark session
- UXO
- The more narrow & focused purely technical presentations are an “either-or” situation; I either was highly interested or highly not interested in topic.
- Some of the highly technical ER topics were not as valuable to me because I am farther away from the field in a division office
- They were all useful. Could not make it to all of them.
- The extremely technical-down in the weeds-limited applicability to other situation topics
- Public outreach, native American culture, holistic watershed modeling
- With all due respect to Ms. Smith, I found her plenary session talk on EMS to be of very little value. She told us what EMS would do for us, what it wasn't, etc., but she never clearly described or defined what EMS actually is.
- Chief counsel remarks
- Recreation trends/ recreation impacts
- There were too many. The ER sessions were too short with two in each time slot. Many topics were not related to the theme
- EMS-hoped for more info.
- All presentations were good & useful. I like the concept of small breakout sessions.

3. What topics were not presented or addressed that you think should have been included?

- Field trip to environmental site, map to rooms in brochure
- EPA trends for remediation/ “state of the art”

- Speakers from USFW, ESA, EPA
- Conservation, erosion control, habitat improvement
- Incoming Chief of Ops, HQ, would have been nice.
- More on the practice of environmental resolution and more hands-on workshop
- The “commercial business license” program developed in Huntington district would be an excellent topic for future meetings
- More on implementing EOPs in existing projects and planning
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- Dealing with encroachments-policy-management should be willing to make an honest stand here-THEY NEVER HAVE. Not wanting to argue the point with Mr. Page. It is not a money issue, it is a political issue. When the Corps could have spend \$150.00 to define a section of boundary that actually cost the corps over \$5,000 to resolve an encroachment-then it is not about the money. It is about choices: doing what is HARD BUT RIGHT vs. politics. If we as stewards are not willing to define and defend the boundaries of these resources then our esteem title rings hollow, indeed.
- There was a wide-range of topics that covered critical areas
- Cross-functional roles and responsibilities of the ECC throughout the District
- There should have been some focus on expanded role of state 7 federal regulators—maybe info on new or update Corps guidance affecting these programs.
- A breakout on visitor assistance—national perspective would have been nice
- I’d like to see some more about EQ
- Need more cultural resources presentations
- Very basic topics on pollutants, laws, hazardous waste
- Project management issues were not advanced
- Corps automated external defibrillator evaluation
- Vision planning—where will we be in 5 years
- I was very happy with the NR presentations
- Did not see any regulatory tracks...our corps reg. Program is big part of EOP. Many of these decisions have dramatic envir. impacts on public and USACE Org.
- Security issues
- The chief discussed a couple of districts with EOP implementation success—integrating across all functional areas. Progress report on what they did and how it is going would be good using speeches from different PDTs or stovepipes
- How to work with HQ and OMB on issues
- Corps participation with Iraq rebuild
- Something on “P2”
- Engineering
- Water supply and wastewater treatment, and privatization issues. These were the original environmental fields.
- Complete coverage
- OMBIL and why we don’t use it too much
- Need were on what the districts are doing (practical applications) in environmental areas and less on research
- More specifics on EOP integration into Corps procedures
- More success stories
- Radiation chemistry, geochemistry constraints on HTRW-OE
- None. However, something on future priorities and directions for NRM would have been nice.
- Not enough technology development and case studies and economic side of restoration
- Perfect for time but would have liked 2012 Report discussion
- Protecting public water supplies (our lakes-what can we do!)

- More on Corps 2012
- EOP and emergencies--How to incorporate EOP into all phases of emergencies. All areas of EOP-debris, HTRW and levee work

4. What did you like about the conference?

- Just about everything
- Breakout sessions were great. Icebreaker was good. Breakout session length was perfect!!
- It was well planned. All meeting rooms appeared appropriate for number of attendees, nice hotel and location
- Great opportunity to network
- Networking. First time attendee.
- Chief's address and town hall
- Everything—especially seeing the retirees that participated, special thanks to Scott Jarson.
- Speakers, location, organization, presentation coordination
- Networking with other corps employees
- Always an excellent opportunity to network
- Great location, great talks
- It was well organized
- Great location—felt very safe in Ft. Wroth, great topics and presenters
- Access to meeting rooms from hotel rooms was good, variety of picks
- Great location
- Well organized, variety of topics. Proper breaks
- Well organized in a location. Ft. Worth was conducive to meet other corps employees and network with them
- Mix of topics
- Weather
- Seeing/meeting with teammates from all districts
- LTG Flowers keynote address provided command direction. Appreciate exhibitors providing refreshments during breaks and icebreaker. Having all environmental design/construction/Ops & resource managers come together to discuss enviro. Issues, projects, challenges & successes.
- Sessions kept on time
- Everything from the quality of presentations and exhibits to the location.
- Strong NR presence
- Variety of breakouts, exhibits
- Portfolio pad, food & exhibitors' giveaways
- The oral history of NRM program
- Great participation
- Able to share information
- Size—should not be much larger/liked follow up of electronic publishing of presentations
- The fact that it included both HTRW and natural resources
- Location was great. Combining ER/NR—good idea.
- Variety of breakout sessions
- Wide variety of breakout topics/sessions and Meeting rooms were the right size
- Attempt to combine environmentally oriented functions. Outside speeches, including the mayor of that little town in AK.
- The networking opportunities
- Oral history session!
- Talking with others—exchanging ideas

- Variety and applicability of topics
- Variety/professionalism of concurrent session presentations, history session, icebreaker. Website worked great! Best national conference in years.
- Many good talks outside my usual area
- Chance to interact with people from throughout the Corps. Size of the facility was good.
- Gen. Flowers talk; pig picture on transformation
- Good and useful material presented; well-run and well-organized /good conference site
- Meeting other resource managers and sharing ideas/The wealth of information from the breakout sessions and vendors
- Sharing of ideas/networking
- The cross-pollination between environmental and natural resources
- Electronics over paper—Great!
- As usual the interaction of participants
- Good facilities, accessibility by foot to many downtown amenities. Good restaurants, clean city, good climate.
- Excellent location/good variety of topics
- Great conference!
- Better organized, greater variety topics, and better talks than last meeting in Portland
- The key speakers—Gen. Flowers, David Carruth, Skidboot/ meeting attendees
- Breakout sessions where you can learn of many different topics, I especially enjoy them, vs. the plenary sessions
- Wide participation district, division, and HQ personnel
- I could travel between HTRW and ecological restoration workshops. Also, I got to interact with natural resources people
- Opportunity to meet fellow professionals, share ideas
- Seeing work being done around the country in the natural resources/environmental arena
- Good selection of topics, sometimes hard to decide which to attend
- Breadth of info/subjects
- Very good get together for renewal of acquaintances and general discussions of mutual interests.
- The conference provided informative sessions to benefit my project execution.
- High level of some presentations
- Good mixture of CE stuff
- Diversity of topics, great that LTG Flowers could attend
- Networking... speakers/topics/hotel
- The variety of choices in sessions
- Networking
- Flexible
- Good meeting rooms, easy access
- Quality of discussions, atmosphere of positive talker
- Quality presentations and presenters
- Multiple tracks gives attendees choice of what's relevant to them
- Location and variety of breakout sessions
- Gen. Flowers presentation and discussion as well as other HQ

5. What did you not like about the conference?

- Breakout rooms were too small. Three sessions were missed due to over-crowding
- Conference rooms temperature and size
- ER Breakout rooms were too small! Especially for the TPP presentation. Not enough time to move between presentations-and then they were half-way completed when we got there.

- Nothing—it was all excellent. The attention to details was obvious. The exhibitors were excellent.
- Other than Gen Flower’s address, the first morning was the pits!! Everything discussed was going to be discussed in breakout sessions
- Some of the rooms were too small
- Small breakout rooms
- Guest speaker at Wednesday lunch
- Too many concurrent sessions. I was unable to attend recreation stewardship sessions due to time conflicts with environmental compliance
- David Carruth’s speech was way too long. He is a good speaker, but he lost his audience after the first 30 minutes.
- Too much time between ER presentations, ER—apparently too much time allotted, not enough speakers
- Rooms were too small for number of people attending presentations. Too many people equal warm with no A/C.
- We need to try and mix some ER and NR topics to get more corps culture exposure
- Not enough social events
- Too many technical workshops and too many ER workshops, should cut down
- National wildlife speaker
- Bring the coffee out at 7:00am rather than 10am
- No field trip opportunities
- Seemed to be little interaction between ER and NR folks (did not see NR attendees at ER sessions)
- Length
- Robert Anderson’s remarks with no visuals-actually with a visual on the screen left over from the previous presenter—incredible!
- Too short
- Only happens every 2 years, should be annual
- Luncheon food
- Not enough slots available
- Temperature control in rooms was not good
- Unclear tie to the theme of EOP. Mike Klosterman’s briefing should/could have been in initial plenary.
- No straight answers on FAIR Act, 3<sup>rd</sup> wave, outsourcing
- Lots of information-but no discussion of policy change
- Staying at the Clarion Hotel
- Nothing!
- Some of the breakout rooms were too cramped for the size of the conference
- The segregation/distinction between ER and NR
- Rooms for NR breakouts were a little small
- Chairs in rooms (breakout sessions) were too close. Could have utilized space in rear of rooms and decrease the aisle space to spread chairs.
- Hotel amenities could have been better
- Schedule was confusing—many of the ER topics were too technical. Some weren’t as technical as their titles sounded (thank goodness).
- The room used for lunch on Wednesday could have been larger
- No specific complaints
- Hard copy proceedings containing abstracts would have been helpful. EN breakout sessions were not identified with topics and presenters
- Distance between airport and conference...nervous about flights and shuttle. Needed to get tax-exempt forms in folders & distributed to attendees.



- My only concern was having too many great programs to choose from.... But, I consider that to be progress and not a negative.
- The layout of the agenda was initially a little confusing
- Too short
- Luncheon-could have done without
- Also good balance of exhibitions for both environmental and NRS
- Just I couldn't get to all the sessions I wanted, guess we need to have another
- Conflicts between several "must-see" presentations
- David Carruth! He could have presented his speech in a positive way
- Citizen C room was so hot that I had to leave sessions that I really wanted to hear
- Availability of additional restaurants was only fair. Hotel costs were a bit high, especially added costs for phone calls.
- Carruth – sounds like an environmental ambulance chaser who has no real desire to come to the Corps table

6. What suggestions do you have for the next conference?

- Don't change format. Leave an hour or so gap between end of conference and hotel checkout time
- Make sure all presentations are loaded and A/V difficulties are ironed out at least one day prior to each presentation. Thanks!
- A little earlier this year!
- Continue to work to provide a conference as good as this and the last one
- NO EOPs
- Memphis or New Orleans
- Less general sessions and more breakout sessions
- Keep the good work up
- Locate where there are other activities—too remote
- Don't pay a speaker to trash the Corps
- Meeting rooms little larger
- Schedule recreation and stewardship sessions at different times. In many cases these areas work hand in hand and can be beneficial for NRM staff to attend both sessions
- Have fewer breakout sessions but then have them repeat their session at another time. There were so many good topics often you had to make a hard choice. It would be very helpful if you could provide a simple map of the restaurant sights within walking distance of the hotel.
- Bigger conference facility (larger meeting rooms); more participants; broader cross-section of corps-----included planners, international
- Stay with the same format
- Make sure climate control in rooms is working/ some small rooms too hot—too cramped
- Select another location that has after hour social areas within walking distance
- We should have a panel of lunch speakers to see both sides of the environmental/economic sustainability issue. David Carruth did not acknowledge any economic benefits.
- Add more technical presenters; by contractors or corps/contractor teams
- Field trips are good if the money is there; 2 year interval is good; would still like to see more case histories for wildlife habitat improvement or T& E species management
- Follow what was done on this one
- Inventory of local attractions
- Consider a plenary session panel of key customers and stakeholders providing us with feedback on what they like about our environmental program and where we can improve. Could be a mix of supporters and critics.

- Reduce number of breakout sessions
- Let more staff attend
- Include some topics with broader application if you truly want cross-training exchange of information
- Keep ER & NR together in same conference
- Better vendors than last conference (2001) but still room for improvements. Need more “product” vendors along with the AEs and contractors. Get detailed info (when, where, how much) on the conference out to the field much sooner—6 months in advance! Get website up much sooner
- Hold it next year so the conference is alternating with the infrastructure conference and you reinforce EOP roll out & PMBP and EMS.
- Keep up the good work
- Something like the oral history session—in another area!
- Post abstracts of presentations earlier
- I think we (NRM) don’t have much in common with ER folks. Have next conference with Recreation & Stewardship emphasis. More recreation-oriented sessions.
- Start with overall themes: brownfields, urban restoration, wetland restoration, etc.... and develop theses into workshops
- There are many museums in the Fort Worth area, all close at 5:00 p.m. It would have been nice if evening hours could have been arranged for group visits at a few of them.
- Make Dubya gets invitation
- Invite more stakeholders to participate
- Would like to see program not divided into ER & NR since most topics are of interest to everyone
- None. Overall, this was an excellent conference. However, I would authorize and allocated more spaces for attendees. Our district, for instance, had only 3 spaces allocated.
- We need to invite our Army and other DoD customers
- The HQ presentations were valuable to provide the field information
- Limit presentations, there were too many to attend. One could only attend a small percent of the presentations.
- Pull all parties having a role in environmental/ecological issues together to include planning
- Better integrate all aspects of the environment including cultural resources / aggressively seek speakers from outside traditional corps natural resource staff: project managers, archeologists, Native Americans, etc../ Would like to see session, next time, focused on a NR planning process (Civil Works Planning regs.)
- Ask the vendors to put on professional development session on topics which they are experts
- Every 2 years is a good spread
- More presentations by partners
- Do not invite the national wildlife speaker
- Suggest next conference at Memphis, TN
- Keep the wide variety of topics
- One day longer
- Get people involved who have experience in planning this level of conference. For instance, Jack Johnson’s contributions were apparent.
- Name tags should also show persons position title so we better know each others field and the contractors know how to talk to us
- Room temperature fluctuations, competing talks that I would have liked to attend (but this is good).

- Breaks should be 15 minutes not 30. Have both NR & ER sessions on same time frame so you can cross over disciplines.
- Some EPA presence since the agency influences so much of what we do
- Map of meeting rooms and functions; map of local restaurants and activities
- Global Corps activities and issues
- More HQ presence to deliver messages/policies from the source rather than filtered down

#### 7. Other comments:

- Good icebreaker, BBQ luncheon
- Keep doing what we're doing. Fostering good participation.
- Overall excellent conference!
- The microphones did not work well which made it difficult to hear in the large rooms. Ft. Worth did a great good. Thank you! Also encourage you to get more biotechnical engineering vendors.
- I would like to have had more NEPA related presentations. Maybe someone from counsel in OCE.
- Should have held the conference in Dallas. There are more after hour activities there rather than Ft. Worth
- Everything was first class! The conference notebooks were a classy touch. I appreciated seeing Ray, Dale, Gerald, Roger, and Gen. Morris again (and Darrell). The idea of "Skidboot" was appropriate for Texas. Thanks for this rewarding opportunity. HOOAH! Recommend doing this again in two years.
- Great recycling
- 20 minutes is not long enough for a workshop presentation, some of the workshop rooms were too small, luncheon speaker should not have been so negative about the Corps and discussed were positive to collaboratively work together
- To Fort Worth—"The team did a great job—experienced excellence"
- Wish that hotel had better online capabilities-slow connection and 30 minute limit on phone lines inhibited keeping up with email for work
- The name tag—include functional area: PM, planning, civil engineer, etc.
- Some of the speakers need to speak up at the breakout sessions
- Thanks to the local S.A.M.E. Partners. Need to get more participation/attendance from ER PMs. Mostly technical staff attended.
- Great job in pulling this together!
- My moderator started our session late (metropolitan-Wednesday morning) and let the first speaker run long. Then she cut my time to get back on schedule. I am so disappointed! I worked so hard on my talk and I didn't even get to show ¼ of my slides-the most important ones! I had a good message, a good crowd of listeners, and my presentation was ruined.
- Try to have more exhibitors with state of the art technology demonstrations. Incorporate time for formal (informal workshops at roundtable for specific, functional groups, i.e., HTRW IRP, P2 & Compliance, eco-restoration). It would be good to hear how your counterparts tackle the same problems that you face daily
- I salute the team—great conference! Only bad spot was David Carruth. He did not foster good relations between work and Corps.
- Thoroughly enjoyed Gen. Flowers presentation
- I believe conferences like this a valuable opportunity to meet with and share experiences with people from other districts. This promotes better cooperation between these districts when needed.
- One of the best organized, most efficiently run and best value for taxpayer conferences I have ever attended. The diverse, high quality presentations were extremely useful and

informative. Great opportunity to network. Allowing ample break time (plus icebreaker, luncheon) for networking is very important and a good job was done pertaining to this. The only thing I had insufficient time for was seeing all of the exhibits. Opportunities provided, but I always had work to do or great folks to talk to. I also appreciate Larry Bogue's willingness to accommodate a separate committee meeting for me despite his myriad of responsibilities. Go SWD! Go Skidboot! Houahh!!!

- Good conference—thanks!
- I would like to see a Natural Resource/Recreation conference dedicated solely to NR/Rec. personnel. We need to allow more NR/Rec. personnel to attend.
- Suggest you compile a catalogue of training opportunities for staff & review of career path information
- Next stop--> Orlando in 2005. Sad to host. Early June would be best time. SWD/Ft. Worth folks were very good hosts for this year's conference. Registration was very quick and efficient.
- I had some co-workers say we should have an HTRW only conference. I strongly disagree. I think we need to pull all our environmental, natural resources, and planning folks together from both the CW and MP sides of the house. Let's stop separating disciplines if we expect synergy from acting corporately!
- Eliminate the redundancy. Some presentations, or the same material, were presented more than once. That's good when schedule conflicts occur, but if all the information is available to everyone, it would be unnecessary
- Seating was too close—there were enough empty chairs that extra isles would have been feasible
- Invite our customers so that we can discuss and focus on their needs—customers being: army, air force, EPA, etc....
- For the next ones, how about: Seattle, WA; Austin, TX; Tucson, AZ; Taos, NM; or London England?
- Nice job, Heidi
- Overall very good. Most sessions did not really tell how these related to the EOP's—there were many missed opportunities in that respect. Speakers were knowledgeable. All the hosts were great—wish they could have enjoyed more of the conference. To truly broaden interest outside functional areas, you need topics of broader application and with shorter titles!
- Use of acronyms—some are a mystery perhaps a list to be included with our registration packet next time, and great zipper pouch... it will be used.
- Focus on the workshop approach, with more specific goals and objectives
- The “tracks” were not coordinated so people could go to other track sessions, times didn't match up
- The number and diversity of the breakout sessions allowed me to maximize the benefits of attending. The Legends of NRM sessions was fantastic.
- For future conferences please ask everyone to turn the ringer off on their cell phones. EVERY session I attended a cell phone rang. I think this is disrespectful to the speaker(s) and disruptive to attendees.
- Totally enjoyed the NR history session!!!
- Great job! Quite an improvement over Portland!
- During development of the agenda, there seemed to be some confusion—possibly too many people involved? Publish agenda earlier to help districts decide who will attend. Reusable/recycled conference materials great idea. Earth Day Every Day!
- Lunch speaker—good to bring in outside areas

- The conference planning team should be commended for the excellent job they did organizing the event. Things ran very smoothly. Placing the actual presentations of the web after the conference is a great way to facilitate more info sharing. Good job!
- David Curruth was great. Good job on bringing in another view/perspective.
- This was a wonderfully well-run conference. Everything went smoothly.
- Most cultural resources are physical resources situated in, and directly related to, natural resources. “Environmental” resources should be viewed as including such resources. This follows definition of the environment comprehensively, as defined under NEPA regs. (see “Human Environment”). This also better integrates aspects of social issues which inevitably are part of natural resource management.
- The vendors made the conference special! The conference should be ½ to 1 day longer. Otherwise, it was great!
- SWF townhall @ ~2:00 lasted about 1 hr. longer- room was to be readied for history session by 5:00
- I visited with the lake manager, regarding unlawful water collecting on corps lakes, particularly along shorelines, draw down, etc.. This manager indicated there “was nothing that could be done” regarding that problem. I disagree with that position. Education programs, an example, can be developed using help from state archeologists and volunteer groups. Next ENV conference should include a session offering speaker addressing this issue. With enough advance notice, quality speakers from within the Corps, and specialist OUTSIDE the Corps, can be found. Native American perspective on this also could be presented. (Memphis District 901-544-0704)

My functional area is: \_\_\_\_\_ Natural Resources  
 (SEE ATTACHED) \_\_\_\_\_ Environmental  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Planning

**Thank you for your input!**

***Breakout Session Evaluation - USACE Environmental & Natural Resources Conference 2003***  
*Fort Worth, TX – 28 April to 1 May 2003*

Title of Session: EMS BASICS  
1:30-2:20

Date and Time of Session: 29 APRIL 03

Speaker: Janice Smith

Overall impression of the topic/presentation: **Excellent**    **Good**    **Poor**  
**1**    **2**    **3**    **4**    **5**

Strong points of the presentation: WELL ORGANIZED AND THOROUGH

Weak points of the presentation: NOT ENOUGH TIME FOR DISCUSSION

Other comments: TOPIC SHOULD BE SUBJECT OF WORKSHOP

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***Breakout Session Evaluation - USACE Environmental & Natural Resources Conference 2003***  
*Fort Worth, TX – 28 April to 1 May 2003*

Title of Session: CORPS TEAM WORKS TO RESTORE Date and Time of Session: 29 APRIL  
– 3:40\_\_

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Speaker: Mark Kessinger

Overall impression of the topic/presentation: **Excellent**    **Good**    **Poor**  
**1**    **2**    **3**    **4**    **5**

Strong points of the presentation: CONCISE, WELL ILLUSTRATED, CLEAR,  
INFORMATIVE OF PROCESS OF RECOVERY FROM START TO FINISH, THOUGHT-  
PROVOKING

Weak points of the presentation: NONE

Other comments:

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***Breakout Session Evaluation - USACE Environmental & Natural Resources Conference 2003***  
*Fort Worth, TX – 28 April to 1 May 2003*

Title of Session: COE ABANDONED MINE LAND Date and Time of Session: 29 APRIL – APPX 3:15

RESEARCH PROGRAM

Speaker: Kate White, CRRL

Overall impression of the topic/presentation: **Excellent**    **Good**    **Poor**  
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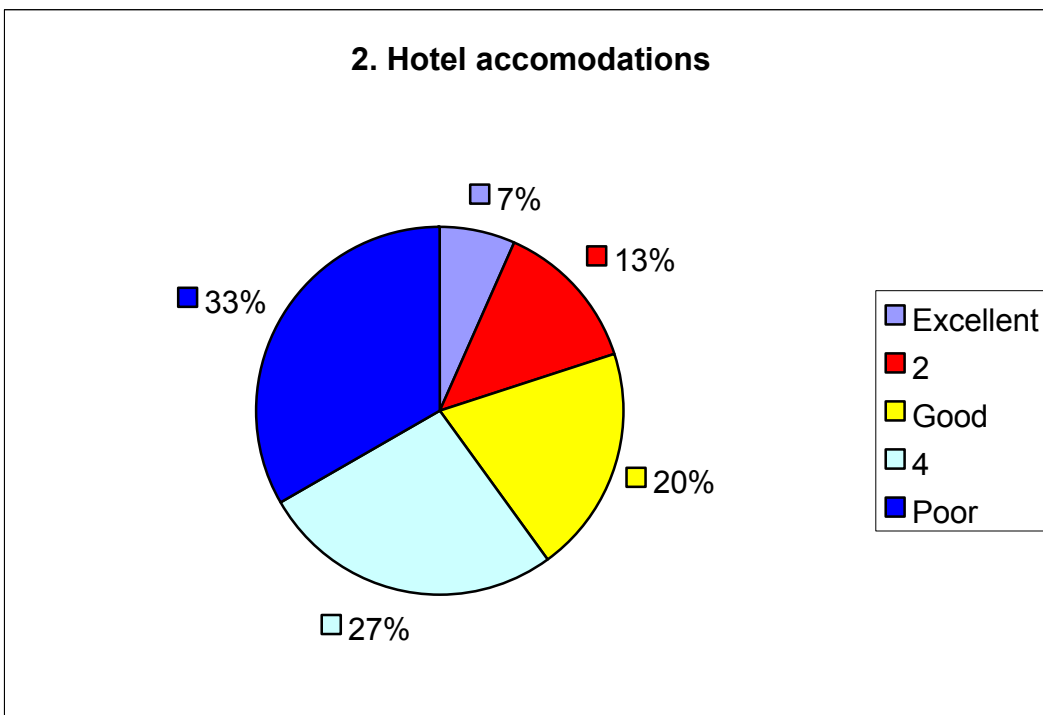
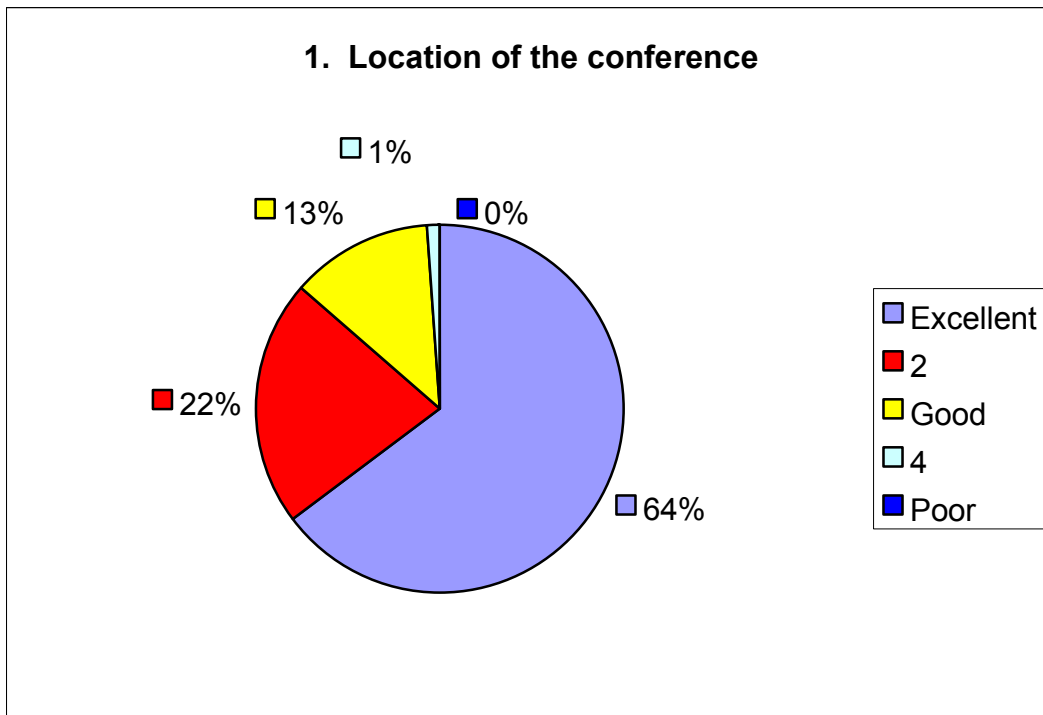
Strong points of the presentation: ALWAYS ENJOYABLE TO HEAR KATE; VERY GOOD INFORMATION & VERY PROFESSIONAL, TIME WELL SPENT

Weak points of the presentation: NONE

Other comments:

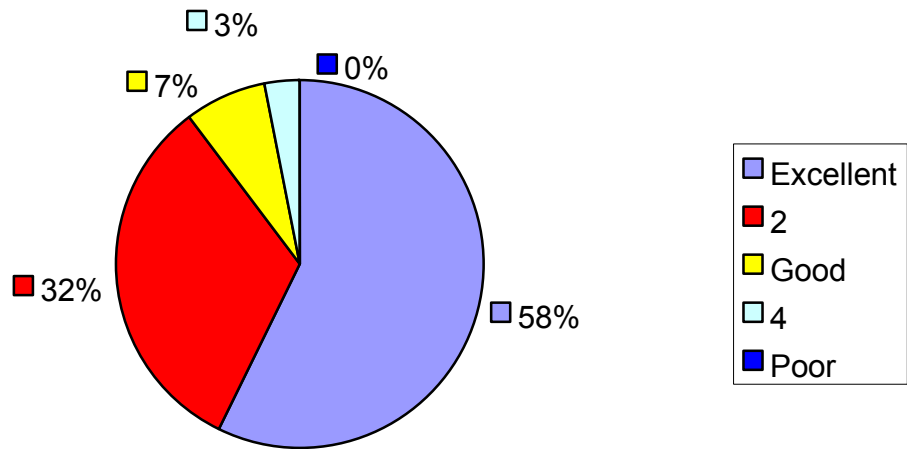
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# CONFERENCE EVALUATION

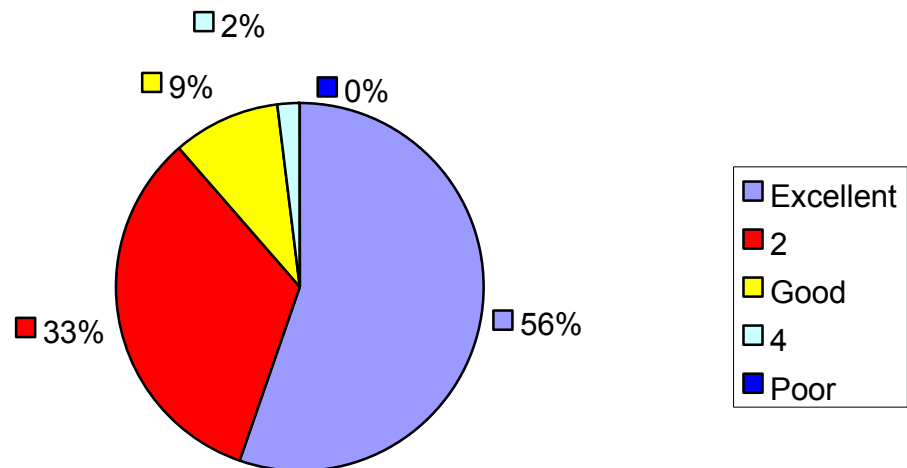




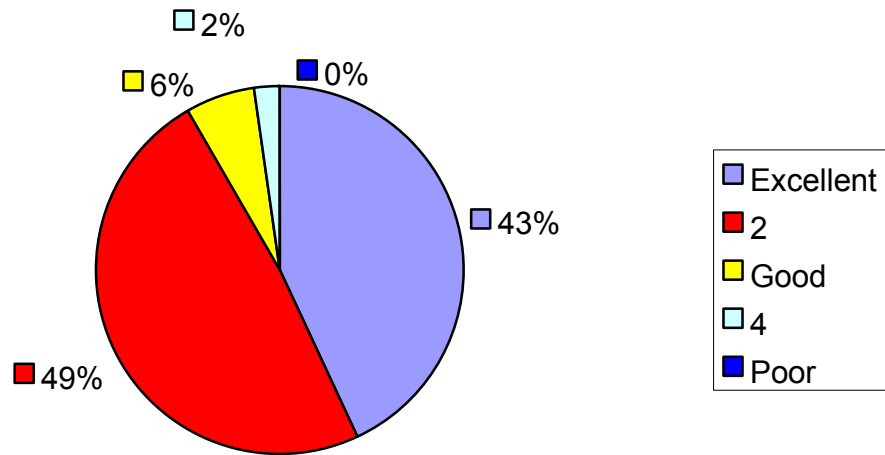
### 3. Overall organization of the conference



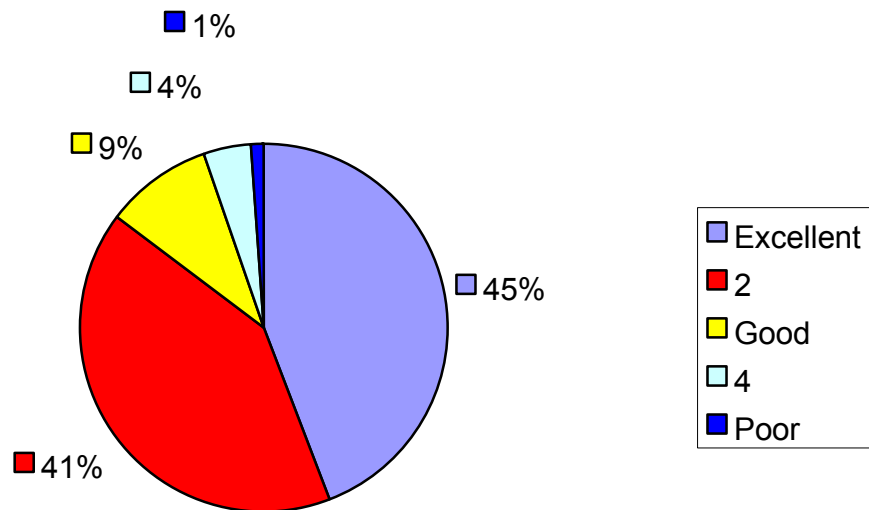
### 4. Variety of topics presented



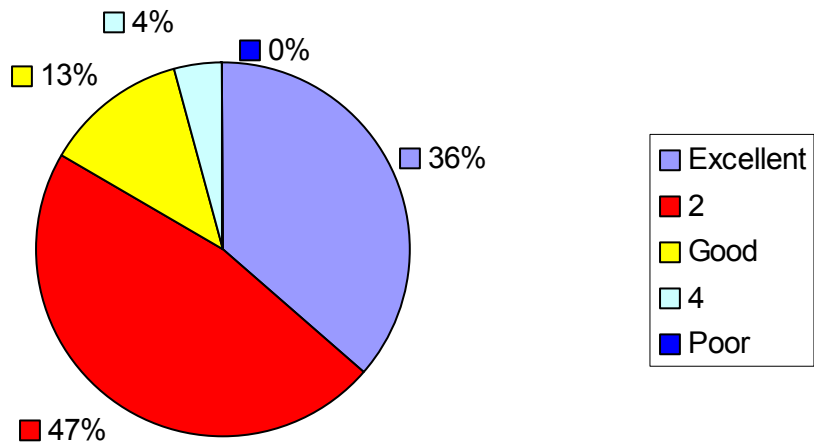
### 5. Usefulness of topics presented



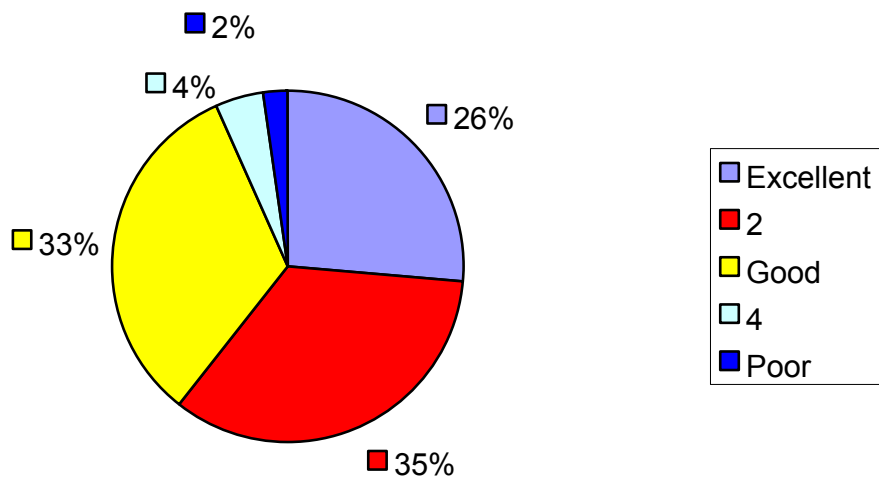
### 6. Overall impression of breakout sessions



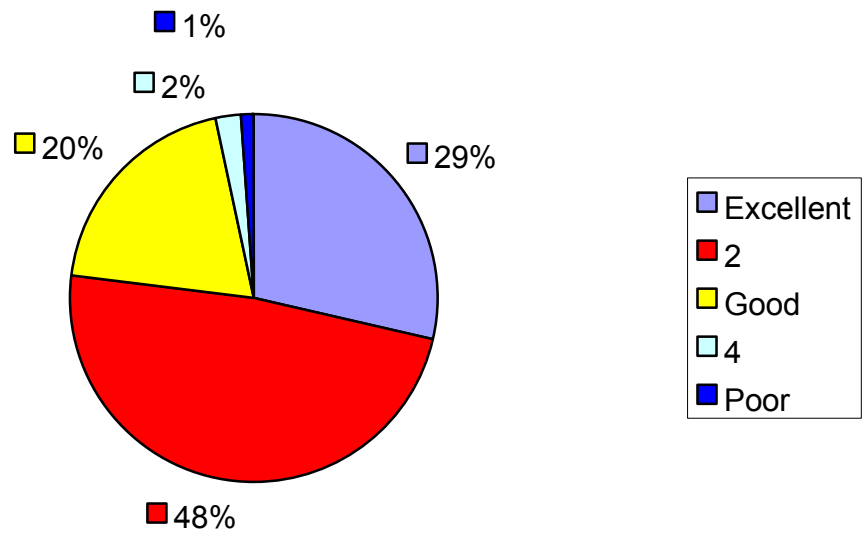
### 7. Overall quality of speakers/presentations



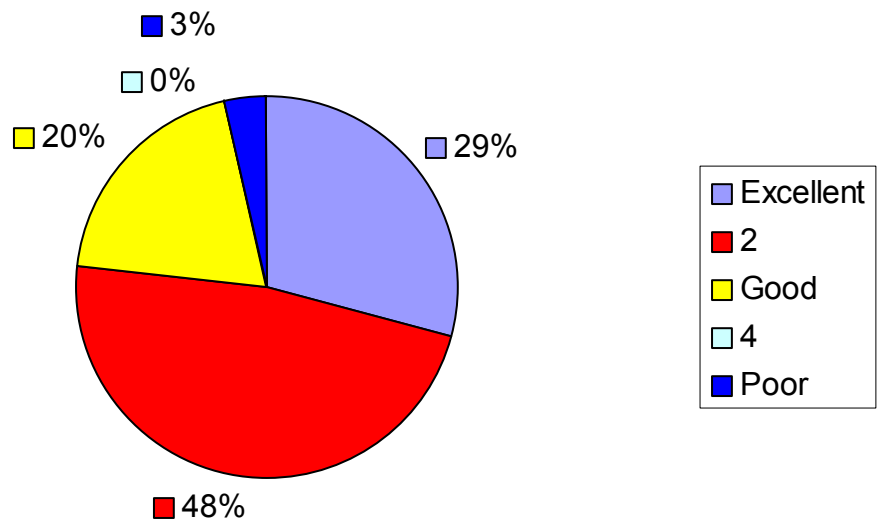
### 8. Availability/quality of organized social activities



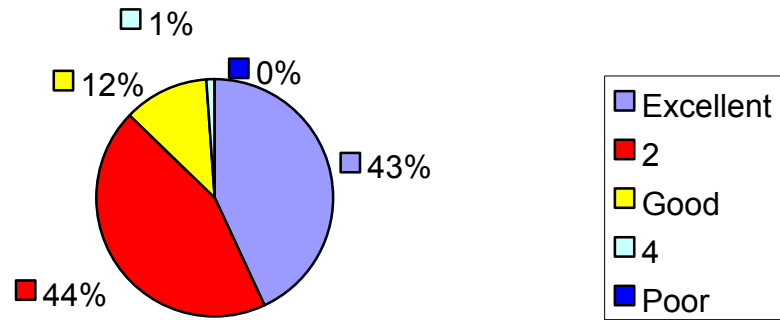
### 9. Plenary Session



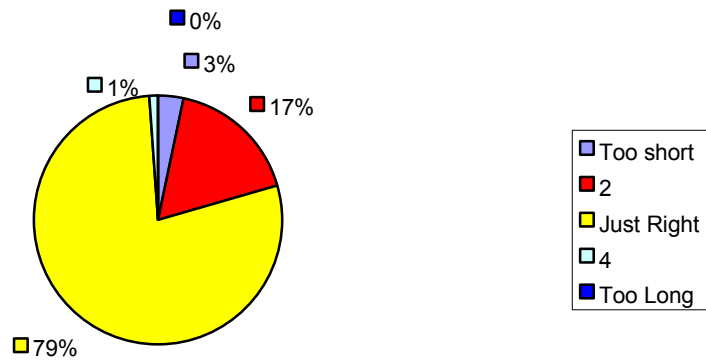
### 10. ER and NR Plenary Sessions



### 11. Overall impression of the conference



### 12. Length of the conference



Evaluation #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>AVERAGE:</b>	1.50	2.02	1.56	1.58	1.67	1.77	1.84	2.22	1.99	2.01	1.71	2.77
<b>1</b>	62	31	55	53	41	42	35	24	26	25	40	3
<b>2</b>	21	37	31	32	46	39	45	31	44	41	41	16
<b>3</b>	12	20	7	9	6	9	12	30	18	17	11	72
<b>4</b>	1	2	3	2	2	4	4	4	2	0	1	1
<b>5</b>	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	3	0	0
<b>Total</b>	96	93	96	96	95	95	96	91	91	86	93	92