

# **Phytoremediation: Moving from Research to Application. (S11-banks152720-Oral)**

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## **Abstract:**

Phytoremediation research has expanded greatly over the past decade. Ten years ago, very few groups were involved, field projects were limited in scope, and the potential of the technology was subject to speculation. Today, phytoremediation has become a successful commercial endeavor at an international level, and it covers a broad spectrum of contaminants. In this seminar, the state of research and what the immediate future might bring will be discussed. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently evaluated a set of research proposals dedicated exclusively to phytoremediation, and at least one research center has been dedicated to the subject. However, the current political climate may result in a decline in environmental research in general.

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