



Guest Speaker: Bret Ericson

## Cleaning Up the World's Most Life-Threatening Pollution

**The extent and severity of soil pollution in low- and middle-income countries is poorly characterized**, though is a potentially significant contributor to the burden of disease. Since 2009, Pure Earth's (NY, NY) Toxic Sites Identification Program (TSIP) has assessed more than 2,500 contaminated sites in 49 countries. When high priority sites are identified and resources become available, risk mitigation projects are carried out. Pure Earth's Director of Operations, Bret Ericson, will provide an overview of the TSIP and its key findings. He will further discuss three separate case studies of projects executed in Vietnam, Somaliland and Zambia.



Bret Ericson is the Director of Operations for Pure Earth (NY, NY, USA), where he directs efforts related to risk assessment and management of contaminated sites in low and middle income countries. Mr. Ericson has worked in 30+ countries and has managed environmental remediation projects related to heavy metals and pesticides contamination. Mr. Ericson is also an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Global Environmental Health at NYU and an Adjunct Lecturer at the CUNY School of Public Health.



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