

APPENDIX E

Comments about the Field Trip

This section of the report presents the written comments collected from the field trip evaluation forms that were provided to each participant. A total of 38 field trip evaluation forms were submitted. Similar observations have been combined and paraphrased. Comments submitted by a single respondent were not paraphrased and are presented verbatim.

For some questions, participants were asked to respond by selecting from the following choices:

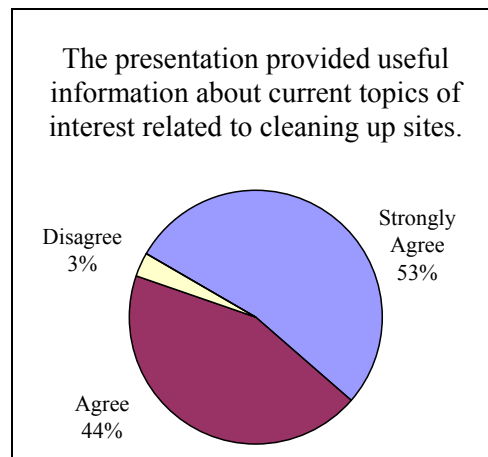
- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

When applicable, a pie chart illustrates the percentage of responses.

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| Usefulness of the information about current topics of interest related to cleaning up sites..... | E-2 |
| Benefits to the job that participants perform..... | E-2 |
| Suggestions for field trips at future training conferences | E-2 |

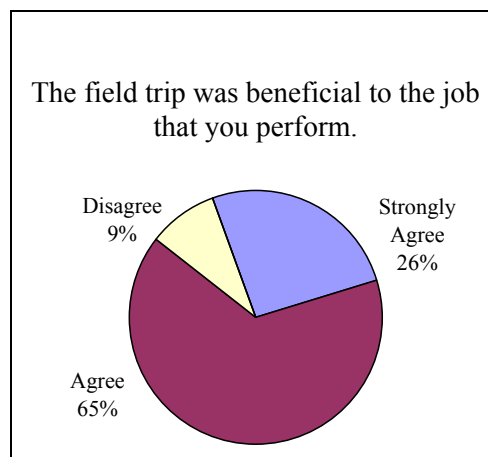
Comments on the usefulness of the information about current topics of interest related to cleaning up sites

- The briefing before the tour helped set the stage for what we saw. The guide was incredible! Thanks for lunch, too.
- Tour of Project Hope.
- The field trip was great. More time to see and explain activities would help! The community service project was poor. Seems to be a real estate redevelopment issue.
- Relevant to EPA’s Hurricane Response.
- Field trip subject matter dealt with “other” EPA and federal government duties.



Comments on the benefits to the job that participants perform

- Beneficial to being a citizen too.
- Not too relevant to performing my job, but very interesting and important. (*Two responses*)
- But it was fascinating!
- Well worth going.
- In hot areas, have better buses.
- Even though not SI site, provided information related to Hurricane impact to recovery, engineering.
- Have more empathy for folks in depressed (e.g., brownfield) areas.
- N/A - field trip subject matter dealt with “other” EPA and federal government duties.



Suggestions for field trips at future training conferences

- Pittsburgh - Eco Restoration on Appalachian Trail.
- A tour of a Superfund site is always preferable but, considering the circumstance, this tour was very interesting/enlightening. Trip advisor on bus #3 was excellent. Thank you!
- Good field trip - thanks!
- Really hit home to see the devastation up close.
- Sites or disasters near the conference.
- Field trips supplement conferences because you learn more about the region of the country and EPA clients.
- Outdoor activities with Eco and Reuse focus.
- Didn't get any water delivered until we got back to the bus - H&S issue. (*Three responses*)
- NPL sites with technical challenges or interesting reuse.
- Don't cut field time for late speaker.
- Something in which participants are less likely to die of heat strokes (because you know we're going to put out a lot of effort in the short time we have for the trip).
- Debris disposal and burn sites.
- Excellent information. We should consider expanding the types of tours.