

Report of the SETAC NA

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The **Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC)** North America 38th Annual Meeting was held from 12–16 November in Minneapolis, Minnesota under the theme “Toward a Superior Future: Advancing Science for a Sustainable Environment.” The meeting brings together scientists, risk assessors, and environmental managers from academia, business and government from around the world.

The daily program consists of each about 180 platform and poster sessions. In each day, different presentations under the subjects of aquatic toxicology and ecology, environmental or analytical chemistry, integrated environmental assessment and management, remediation/restoration, terrestrial or wildlife toxicology and ecology, and regulatory directions were presented.

I did an **oral presentation** with the title of:



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Questions:

1. Is leaded gasoline still in use?
2. Is there any work done on clean up or covering the whole tailing dumps?
3. How is the awareness of lead poisoning in the public and the response from the government for remediation?

I met different researchers from broad educational background and had good discussions. I explained about the KAPMAI project and what we are doing based on the out puts. The comments and suggestions I got were very encouraging and

Overall, going to this conference allows me to find out about the human motivation and broader context. The main benefits are meeting people and getting new perspectives on science, discussing ideas with other scholars and honing my communication skills.

