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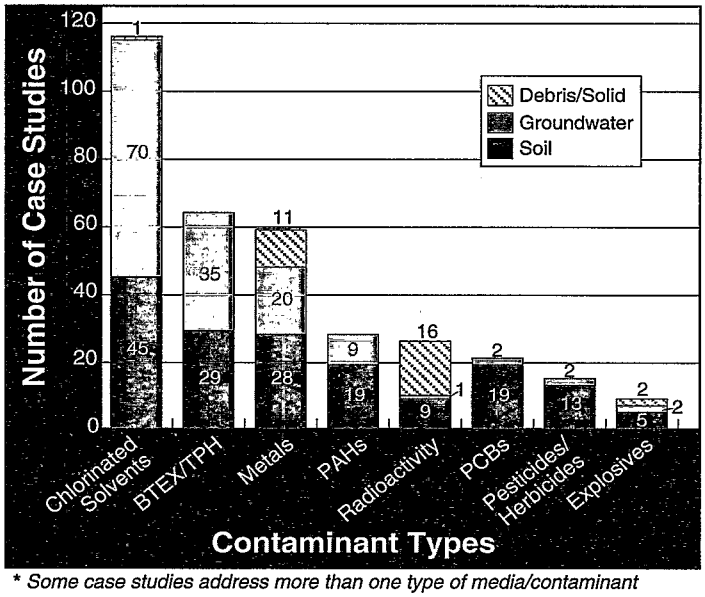

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HIGHLIGHTS

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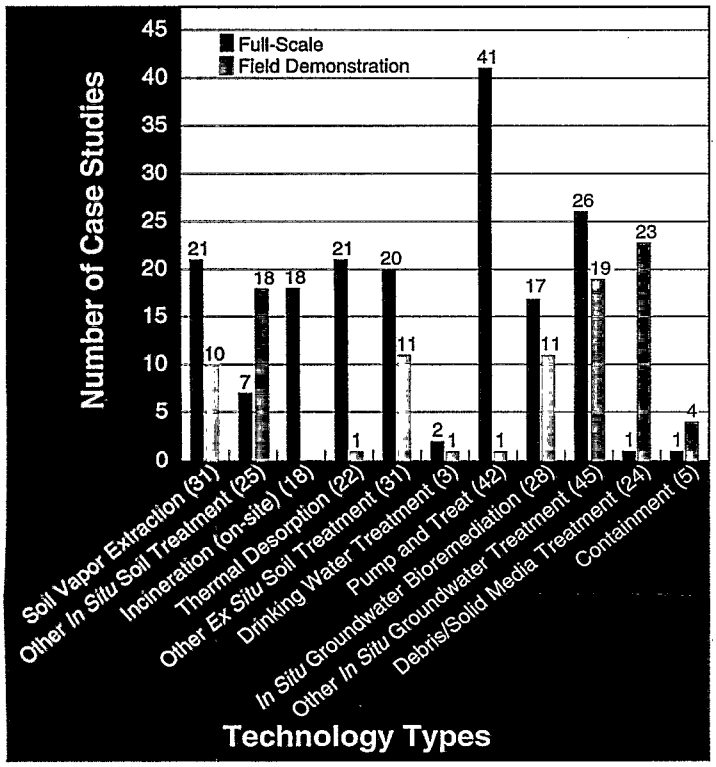

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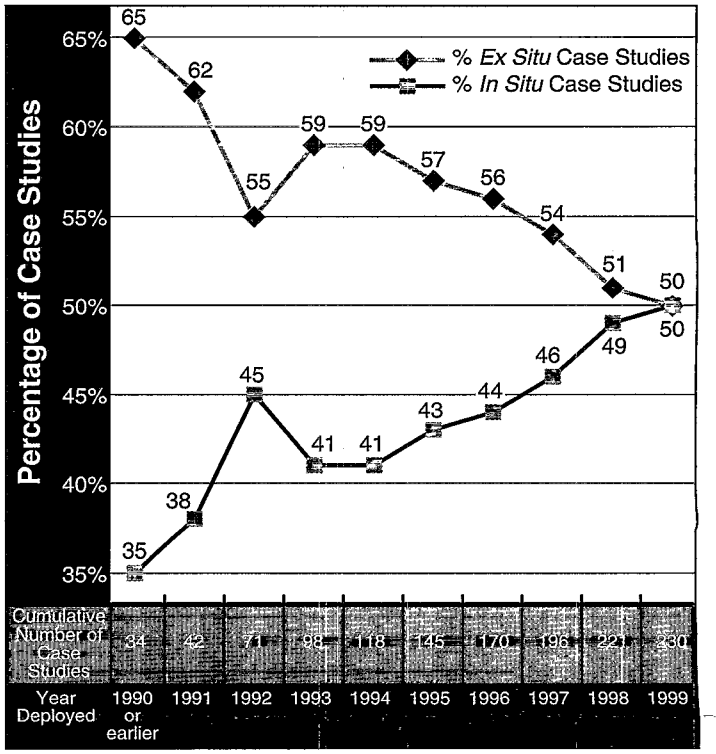

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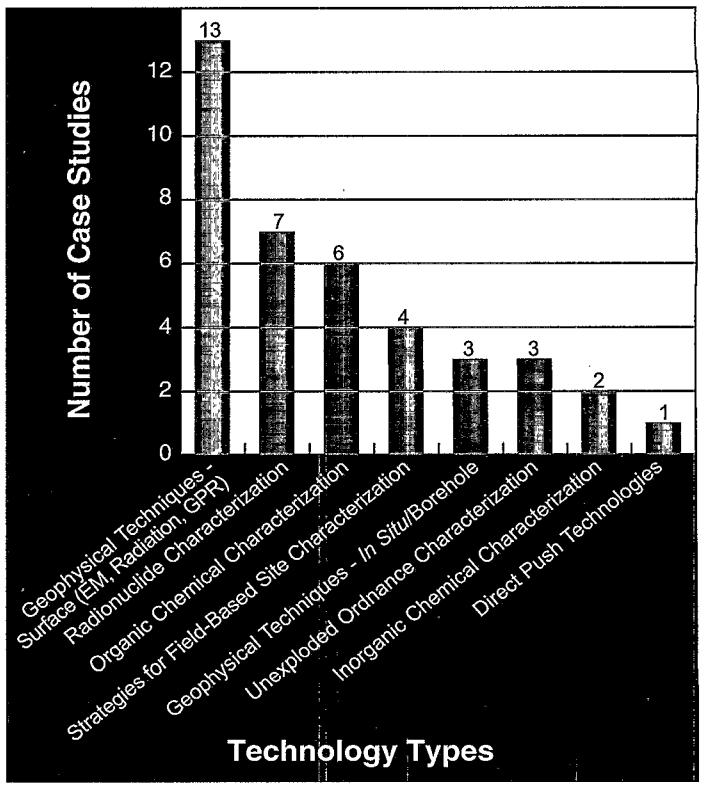

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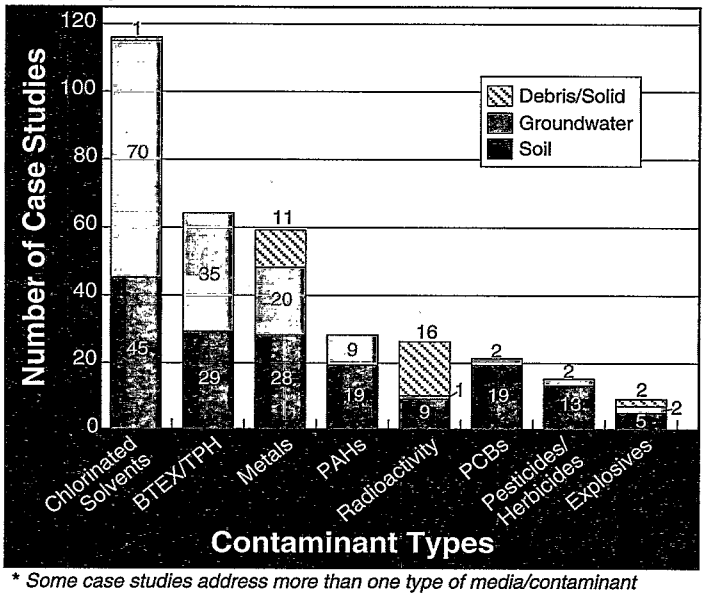

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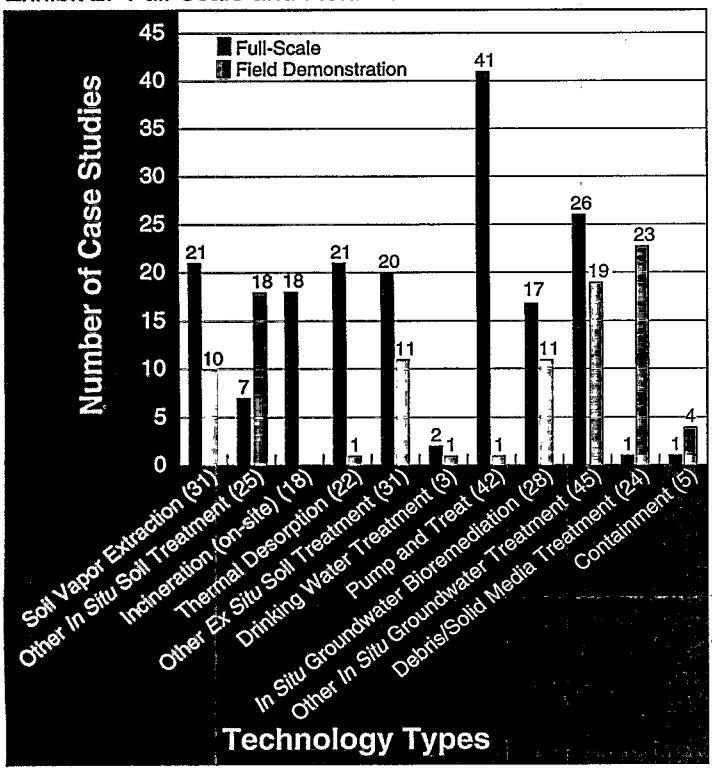

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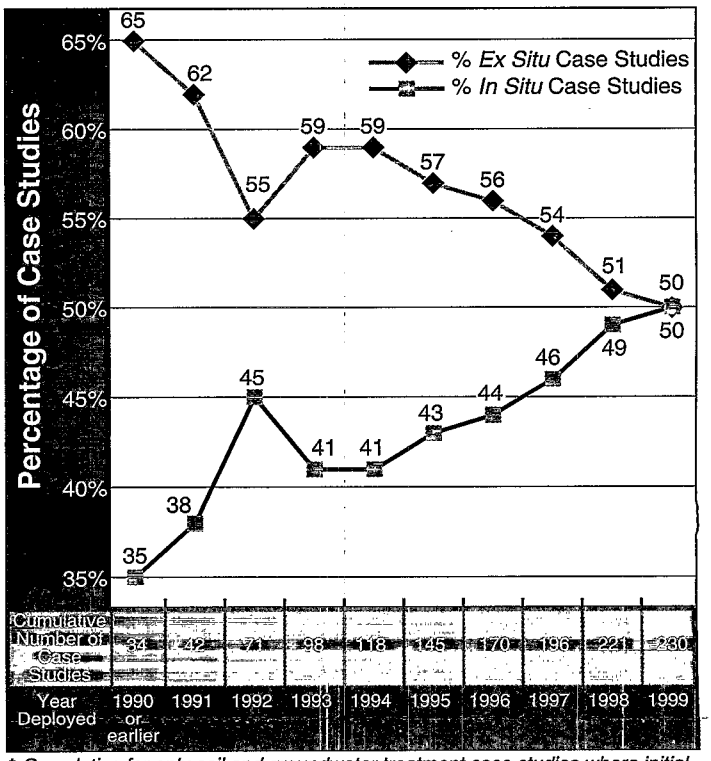

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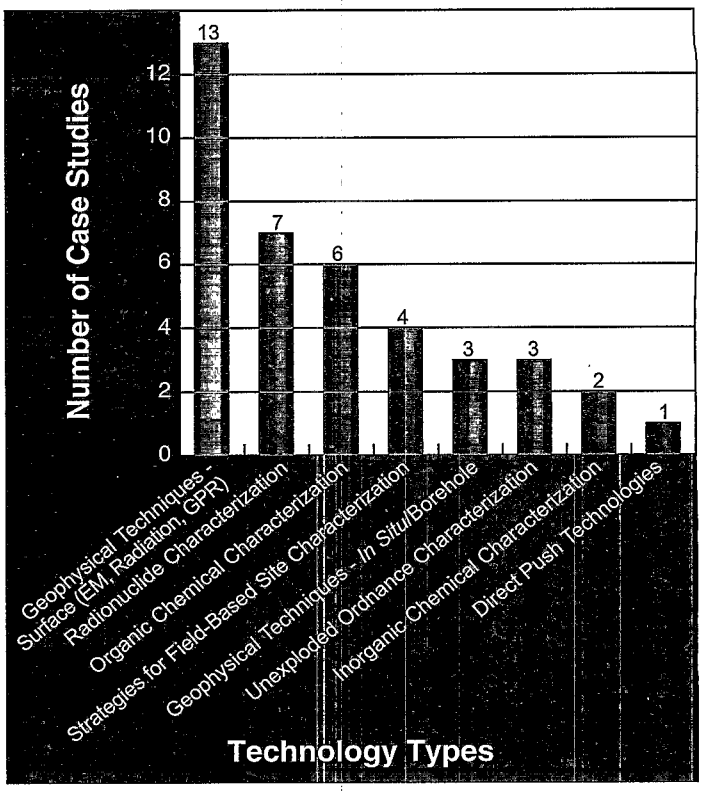

About the FRTR and Ordering Information

The Federal Remediation Technologies Roundtable consists of senior executives from eight agencies with an interest in site remediation technology. The FRTR meets twice each year to coordinate the exchange of information on remediation technologies and to consider cooperative efforts. Primary members include the U.S. Departments of Defense, Energy, and Interior, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In addition, participants include the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Tennessee Valley Authority, and the U.S. Coast Guard.

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CD-ROM

- ❑ FRTR Cost and Performance Remediation Case Studies and Related Information, Second Edition, May 2001 (EPA-542-C-01-003)

Abstracts of Remediation Case Studies

- ❑ Abstracts of Remediation Case Studies, Volume 1, March 1995 (EPA-542-R-95-001)
- ❑ Abstracts of Remediation Case Studies, Volume 2, July 1997 (EPA-542-R-97-010)
- ❑ Abstracts of Remediation Case Studies, Volume 3, September 1998 (EPA-542-R-98-010)
- ❑ Abstracts of Remediation Case Studies, Volume 4, June 2000 (EPA-542-R-00-006)
- ❑ Abstracts of Remediation Case Studies, Volume 5, May 2001 (EPA-542-R-01-008)

  Abstracts (2 page summaries) of each case study are available in five volumes. Volume 1 covers the 37 reports published in March 1995, Volume 2 the 17 published in July 1997, Volume 3 the 86 published in September 1998, Volume 4 the 78 reports published in June 2000, and Volume 5 the 56 additional abstracts published in May 2001.

Guide to Documenting and Managing Cost and Performance Information for Remediation Projects

- ❑ Guide to Documenting and Managing Cost and Performance Information for Remediation Projects, Revised Version, October 1998 (EPA-542-B-98-007).

  The FRTR Guide provides recommended procedures for documenting the matrix characteristics and technology operation, performance, and cost for conventional and innovative cleanup technologies. An example format is provided, as well as look-up tables for several key remediation parameters.

On-Line Access

The case studies and case study abstracts are available on the Internet through the FRTR home page at *http://www.frtr.gov*. The home page provides links to individual FRTR members' home pages, and includes a search function.

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