

Virtual  
**Seminar**  
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**At least 6 viewpoints exist:  
perspectives on genomically  
enhanced constructed  
treatment wetlands for  
managing oil sands processed  
water.**



Genomics Research for Optimization of Constructed  
Treatment Wetlands for Water Remediation

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### ABSTRACT

Six viewpoints are extracted from a factor analysis of a q-sort of 50 statements selected from a review of media, interviews, focus groups as well as peer reviewed and grey literature. The 6 viewpoints exhibit critical areas of consensus and divergence that offer insights for people engaged in remediation of oilsands processed water. Leaning in to the institutional dynamics of culture we find colluding dyads of individualism and hierarchy, egalitarian and fatalism, and autonomy, that unpack risk-related narratives for CTWS, but not as a standalone treatment. Making space for complimentary technologies and evolved regulatory frameworks that maximizes accessibility and responsiveness among agents requires consideration of multiple perspectives.

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