Center for the Study of Metals in the Environment (CSME)

- CSME is a multi-institutional consortium of scientists and engineers working to further the understanding of processes affecting the fate and effects of metals in aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems.

- Significant gaps in the ability to predict the fate and effects of metals in both aquatic and terrestrial systems hamper appropriate risk assessments and cost-effective risk management. In these situations, decisions include many assumptions and the application of safety factors.

- The focus of the Center is on developing appropriate information so that regulatory decisions will be based on sound scientific principles.

- **Sponsors** include
  - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
  - National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)
  - International Copper Association (ICA)
  - European Copper Institute (ECI)
  - Copper Development Association (CDA)
  - Nickel Producers Environmental Research Association (NiPERA)
  - International Council on Mining and Metallurgy (ICMM)
  - Water Environment Research Foundation (WERF)

- **Academic partners** include
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