



RR REPORT

Important Updates from the DNR Remediation and Redevelopment Program

January 5, 2016

January 20, 2016: *Issues & Trends* Presentation— Importing Soil to VPLE Sites

The DNR Remediation and Redevelopment (RR) Program is holding a training opportunity on a new guidance titled “[Obtaining DNR Approval Prior to Use of Imported Soil and Other Fill Materials on Voluntary Party Liability Exemption Sites](#)” (RR-041). Any environmental professional involved with cleanup and redevelopment of real estate is encouraged to participate.

Judy Fassbender and Michael Prager will explain why the guidance was issued, walk through the appropriate practices to follow and answer questions. Michael and Judy will also discuss the DNR approval process and how to handle common case situations. To prepare for the training please read the new guidance document prior to the presentation.

Date: January 20, 2016

Time: Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Join by phone: 1-855-947-8255, passcode: 6612 745#

Questions in advance can be sent to DNRRRComments@wisconsin.gov

The presentation and related materials for this teleconference will be available on the [RR Program Training Page](#). You can also find a schedule of future *Issues & Trends* events in the [Training Library](#) as well as recordings of previous sessions. The audio will be available in the library shortly after the conclusion of the teleconference.

Planning for the 2016 series of *Issues & Trends* presentations is underway. Look for a schedule announcement in an upcoming issue of the RR Report.

New/Revised RR Program Document Finalized

[RR-041, *Obtaining DNR Approval Prior to Use of Imported Soil and Other Fill Materials on Voluntary Party Liability Exemption Sites, Wis. Stats. §292.15*](#), has been finalized and is now available. This guidance document provides an outline of the appropriate practices to follow prior to bringing soil and other fill materials onto a remediation site that is enrolled in the Voluntary Party Liability Exemption (VPLE) program, under Wis. Stats. § 292.15. In particular, this guidance applies to VPLE projects that have not yet received a Certificate of Completion (COC), the final clean up approval for sites in the VPLE program, from the Department of Natural Resources.

To see the author’s responses to each of the comments regarding this guidance please visit the [DNR program guidance webpage](#).

Contact [Michael Prager](#), 608-261-4927 with any questions about this document.

NR 700 Semi-Annual Reporting

Semi-annual reporting for the period of July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 is due January 30, 2016. Semi-annual reporting is required from consultants or responsible parties for all **“open” sites, including those sites the DNR formerly classified as “conditionally closed,”** in the BRRTS online database.

If you have not received an email from DNR with your unique report identification number, you can request a number by submitting the [Report ID Request Form](#). The Report ID number you will receive uniquely identifies the activity for which you wish to report, the reporting period, and verifies the person using the ID is authorized to submit the report. If you have any questions, please contact [Tim Zeichert](#) at (608) 266-5788.

Semi-annual reports **are not** required on state lead, non-PRP Superfund sites and sites that qualify for a local government exemption.

This semi-annual reporting requirement replaces PECFA annual web reporting. Consultants and responsible parties were previously required to inform the agency of the progress and the estimated cost of work remaining in the investigation for PECFA-eligible sites. Now, submission of the semi-annual online form satisfies PECFA’s requirement to report progress. A separate PECFA web report is not required.

The next reporting period is from January 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016. Reports for that period will be due July 30, 2016.

This information is also available on the [RR Program website](#) under Audience-specific resources.

Public Input Opportunity

The RR Program seeks your input on a new document titled, *Post-Closure Modifications: Changes to Property Conditions after a State-Approved Cleanup* (RR-987). This document was developed for use by environmental consultants and DNR staff when preparing or reviewing post-closure modifications at closed hazardous substance discharge sites, where contamination remained and continuing obligations were required.

This document can be reviewed at <http://dnr.wi.gov/news/input/guidance.html> and comments can be submitted to [Jane Lemcke](#), (608) 267-0554 by January 8, 2016.

UW-Whitewater Report Identifies Big Benefits from Brownfield Reclamation

Since 1998, Wisconsin has invested \$121.4 million in the remediation of 703 contaminated properties, according to a recent [UW-Whitewater study](#). The study says this investment leveraged tens of millions of dollars in local and federal incentives, and recouped nearly \$1.8 billion from enhanced economic activity. This is a 14-fold return on investment, on top of the public health and environmental benefits generated by these cleanup projects.

The 703 projects that received state assistance are a small, but important, portion of the 15,000-plus state properties that have been cleaned up and put back into productive use over the past 20 years. These

brownfield properties were once some of the toughest projects to tackle. They were dilapidated, destitute and, often, significantly contaminated. These properties needed a public push to get going.

The UW-Whitewater study, prepared by the University's Fiscal and Economic Research Center for the Brownfields Study Group and the Wisconsin Economic Development Institute, calculates that local governments in Wisconsin gain \$88.5 million annually from redeveloped brownfields.

The report shows that \$1.00 of state funding for brownfields projects leverages \$27.25 in total economic growth funding. In other words, \$121.4 million from the state has generated \$3.3 billion in direct total investment. The report also identified 29,883 direct new and retained permanent jobs related to completed projects in the 703 studied, and says another 9,107 jobs are planned at projects still underway.

Brownfields News and Notes

Experts discuss [waterfront redevelopment potential along the Fox River](#) in northeast Wisconsin.

Communities across the state have seen [dozens of manufacturing employers close or leave the state, including Oscar Mayer](#).

The [groundbreaking for building the Artist Loft apartment complex](#) where Mirro Plant 3 once stood in Manitowoc has begun.

[General Motors hopes to sell 250-acre Janesville assembly plant](#) as one parcel within 12 months.

Upcoming ITRC Training

January 7 - [Integrated DNAPL Site Strategy](#)

January 14 - [Geophysical Classification for Munitions Response](#)

January 21 - [LNAPL Part 1: An Improved Understanding of LNAPL Behavior in the Subsurface](#)

January 26 - [LNAPL Part 2: LNAPL Characterization and Recoverability](#)

January 28 - [LNAPL Part 3: Evaluating LNAPL Remedial Technologies for Achieving Project Goals](#)