



RR REPORT

Important Updates from the DNR Remediation and Redevelopment Program

May 27, 2015

Don't Miss the Next Issues & Trends Webinar: Vapor Intrusion & Continuing Obligations Applied at Closure

For the RR Program's June Issues & Trends series, Terry Evanson, DNR Hydrogeologist, will provide an overview of two draft vapor intrusion guidance documents (*Vapor Intrusion Continuing Obligations Applied in DNR Closure Approval (RR-5474)*), and a companion document, *DNR Case Closure Continuing Obligations: Vapor Intrusion (RR-042)* both of which are open for public comment.

These documents can be reviewed on the [DNR's proposed program guidance webpage](#) and comments can be submitted to [Terry Evanson](#) until June 5th.

During the presentation, Terry will explain the differences in the two documents and how they can help responsible parties and environmental consultants complete the *Case Closure - GIS Registry* form (4400-202). In addition Terry will discuss internal staff processes specific to closure approval letters.

- Date: June 3, 2015
- Time: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
- Join by phone: 1-855-947-8255, passcode 6612 745#
- Questions prior to the event – send to DNRRRComments@wisconsin.gov

You can download the presentation and find a schedule of future [Issues & Trends webinars](#) on the [RR Program Training webpage](#). A recording of this presentation will be available shortly after the conclusion of the event on the new [training library](#).

Public Input Opportunity Extended for VPLE Imported Soil Guidance

The RR Program has extended the public comment period until June 5th for a new proposed guidance *Identifying and Documenting Characteristics of Imported Soil and Other Fill Materials Prior to Use on VPLE Sites (RR-041)*.

This document can be reviewed at [DNR's proposed program guidance webpage](#). Comments can be submitted to [Michael Prager](#) by June 5.

Public Input Opportunity Extended for Sediment Sampling and Analysis for Dredging Permit Application and Approval Guidance

The Water program has developed a guidance document entitled [Sediment Sampling and Analysis for Dredging Permit Application and Approval](#), and it is available for public review at this time. This guidance was developed to provide DNR staff and external applicants detailed information necessary for the permitting of both small and large scale dredging projects occurring within waters of the state.

Topics covered include requirements for sediment sampling for contaminants, wastewater requirements for dredging operations and dredge material dewatering, and evaluations for dredge material disposal.

Comments can be submitted to [Jim Killian](#) and are due by June 30th, 2015.

New External Advisory Groups: Contaminated Soils and Sediments

Two new advisory groups are coming together to assist DNR in finding workable, economical, and safe solutions for the on-site and off-site management of contaminated materials and sediments. These groups will operate under the auspices of the Brownfields Study Group, as recommended in its [2015 Report: Investing in Wisconsin](#).

Information about the Contaminated Materials Management Advisory Group and the Contaminated Sediments Advisory Group can be found under the advisory subgroups tab on the [Brownfields Study Group](#) webpage. Bookmark the page and be sure to check back for issue papers, meeting notes, and future meeting announcements.

Consultants' Day 2015 Videos, Other Training Materials Available on the RR Program Training Library

If you weren't able to attend the RR Program's recent Consultants' Day 2015 events in Stevens Point or Pewaukee, you can now watch the presentations online. Recordings from the event in Pewaukee are available on the [RR Program Training Library](#). The presentations cover key aspects of the NR 700, Wis. Adm. Code, rule series. In addition to the Consultants' Day videos, you'll find a catalog of recordings from the monthly *Issues & Trends* series and other recent DNR training events.

Reminder: Sample Results Notification Requirements (ch. NR 716, Wis. Adm. Code)

The RR Program reminds all responsible parties (RPs) and their consultants of the requirement to notify parties of site investigation sample results, in accordance with s. NR 716.14, Wis. Adm. Code. The rule requires that notification of the sample results be provided within 10 business days of the receipt of sampling results to the DNR RR Project Manager, property owner(s) and the property occupant(s).

This requirement applies to sample results from all environmental media; soil, groundwater, water supply wells, indoor air, soil vapor and sediments. Sample results from water supply wells must also be submitted to the DNR regional drinking and groundwater specialist.

Information that must be provided with each notification is detailed in s. NR 716.14, Wis. Adm. Code. Please note that notification to the DNR includes different information than what you must provide to property owners and occupants.

For notification of property owners or occupants, use either a letter with attachments or the [Site Investigation Sample Results Notification form \(4400-249\)](#) with attachments. Template letters for reporting vapor results, if you need them, are available on the [DNR Vapor Intrusion webpage](#).

[Contact your DNR RR Project Manager](#) to request an alternate notification schedule for either site investigation results or for samples collected for purposes other than the site investigation. Prompt notification is especially important in cases of potential, immediate health and welfare concern.

FET Seminar on Brownfields

The Northeast Wisconsin Chapter of FET will host a half-day seminar on brownfield issues on June 3, 2015, in Kimberly. The seminar runs from 8:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. DNR staff will give presentations on the following topics:

- Brownfield property acquisition issues;
- Financial assistance for brownfields;
- BRRTS on the Web; RR Sites Map; and
- Vapor intrusion considerations for community redevelopment.

DNR and WEDC staff will also outline opportunities for loans, grants and other financial incentives for assessment and cleanup.

Go to www.fetinc.org for seminar details and online registration. The registration deadline is May 29.

Barrels, Vats and Pits – EPA Can Help Local Governments Get Rid of the Goo

The US EPA can help your community take care of abandoned or otherwise derelict properties that house containers filled with chemical products and other contaminated materials. EPA staff will evaluate the site, analyze the chemicals and search for anyone involved in abandoning or disposing of the hazardous materials on the property.

If a responsible party is located, EPA will work with them to remove and clean up the hazardous materials. If no responsible party is found, or the party is unable to complete the work, EPA will directly perform actions needed to address imminent threats. EPA seeks cost recovery from responsible parties whenever appropriate.

At smaller sites, municipalities can conduct the response action themselves and may be able to recover costs from EPA through the [Local Governments Reimbursement Program](#). Reimbursement can be made for such costs as materials and supplies, renting or leasing equipment, special technical and laboratory services, evacuation services, decontamination of equipment, overtime pay for employees, and replacement of equipment that is lost or destroyed.

Contact [Jason Lowery](#), Removals Coordinator at DNR, for more information.

Brownfields 2015 Conference

Exciting things are happening this fall in Chicago.

Brownfields 2015, the 16th National Brownfields Conference, is scheduled for September 2-4, 2015 in Chicago. This premier conference on environmental revitalization and economic redevelopment promises to attract thousands of stakeholders to the Windy City for three days of training, networking and business development.

Travel scholarships are also available for some attendees; applications will be accepted until June 1. To apply, visit the [scholarship webpage](#).

Open houses with US EPA Regional representatives will take place **Tuesday, September 1, from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. at the Palmer House Hilton.**

For more information or to register visit the [Brownfields 2015 website](#).



Brownfields News and Notes

Developers are looking at layouts and uses for former J.I. Case buildings at [Racine's Machinery Row](#)
[Wisconsin Rapids looks to improve its riverfront](#) with the help of a DNR stewardship grant

Upcoming ITRC Training

June 16 - [Environmental Molecular Diagnostics: New Tools for Better Decisions](#)

June 18 - [Biochemical Reactors for Mining-Influenced Water](#)