



RR REPORT

Important Updates from the DNR Remediation and Redevelopment Program

July 13, 2016

NR 700 Semi-Annual Reporting

Semi-annual reporting for the period of January 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016 is due August 8, 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.

“Conditionally closed” sites are those that have not reached closure and, by definition, have remaining action needed. Semi-annual reporting for these sites should indicate what actions are being taken to complete the remaining actions.

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 July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. Reports for that period will be due approximately January 31, 2017. A future RR Report will have specific details.

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

No Increase to VPLE Review Fee for FY17

The Remediation and Redevelopment Program has recalculated the hourly review fee rate for sites in the Voluntary Party Liability Exemption (VPLE) program. As required by law (Wis. Admin. § NR 750.07), the fee is calculated each year using the rates for current wages, fringe and indirect costs. The rate will not change for the upcoming year and will continue to be \$105/hour for the state fiscal year 2017 which began July 1, 2016 and ends June 30, 2017. This rate has remained unchanged since July 2014.

The Wisconsin DNR’s VPLE program allows for anyone to conduct a complete investigation and remedial action of a piece of property and receive an exemption from future liability that is transferable to

future property owners. Participants in the VPLE program pay this fee for DNR staff to provide technical oversight of the work conducted as part of the remediation process.

More information about the VPLE program is available on the RR Program website:
<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/brownfields/vple.html>.

August Issues & Trends Presentation: Calculating Background Levels for Common Soil Contaminants

Judy Fassbender, the RR Program's chief of policy and technical resources, will conduct the August Issues & Trends conference call on determining background levels of common contaminants found in soil.

The mean of sample results and the 95% upper confidence limit have been used to determine a site specific background concentration for contaminants in soil. Pro UCL can be used in many instances to calculate background levels acceptable for regulatory purposes. This presentation will review the considerations for sample collection locations and sampling frequency, as well as calculation methods for successful background level calculation.

- Date: August 3, 2016
- Time: 12:00 p.m.
- Join by phone: 1-855-947-8255, passcode: 6612 745#
- Questions in advance may be sent to DNRRRComments@wisconsin.gov

The presentation notes and related materials for this teleconference will be available on the [RR Program Training Page](#). An audio recording of the presentation will be available in the [training library](#) shortly after the conclusion of the teleconference. A schedule of future Issues & Trends presentations can also be found in the library.

RR Program RCL Calculator Updated

The Wisconsin DNR updated the numerical soil standards, or residual contaminant levels (RCLs), in the Remediation and Redevelopment program's spreadsheet of RCLs to reflect the US EPA June 2016 update to its Regional Screening Level (RSL) website. The [RR Program RCL Spreadsheet Update \(RR-052d\)](#) provides a summary of the updates incorporated in the June 2016 spreadsheet.

For more information and to access the RCL calculator (macro and non-macro versions), visit the [Resources for Environmental Professionals webpage](#) and click on the "Soil RCLs" tab.

Applications for EPA Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grants Due in August

The U.S. EPA is now accepting applications from local governments for the Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant program. Proposals are due on August 10, 2016 and must be submitted electronically through [Grants.gov](#).

Brownfields Area-Wide Planning (AWP) is an EPA grant program which provides funding to recipients to conduct research, technical assistance and training that will result in an area-wide plan and implementation strategy for key brownfield sites, which will help inform the assessment, cleanup and reuse of brownfields properties and promote area-wide revitalization. Funding is directed to a specific project area, such as a neighborhood, downtown district, local commercial corridor, old industrial corridor, community waterfront or city block, affected by a single large or multiple Brownfields sites.

Additional information can be found in the [Guidelines](#) and [FAQ's](#).

EPA recognizes that communities who have recently experienced or will soon experience closure of a coal-fired power plant may be interested in applying for a Brownfields AWP grant. Oftentimes, a closed or closing coal-fired power plant is likely to quickly become a large, blighted area to the community. These "POWER+" applicants must clearly demonstrate that their proposed project area includes an eligible catalyst, high priority brownfield site and a recently closed (2008 or later) or closing coal-fired power plant. More on this topic can be found in the FAQs and guidelines.

Comments or questions can be directed to [Lauryn Coombs](#) or [Kirstin Kuenzi](#).

Clean Energy Financial Assistance Available to Local Governments

Join DNR's Green Tier program for a webinar to learn how your community can drive local development investments with energy, water efficiency and renewable energy improvements through the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Financing program. PACE financing can decrease energy costs for your local businesses while reducing your community's environmental impact.

In the upcoming webinar, Jason Stringer, a Program Planning Consultant with the [Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation \(WECC\)](#), will tell you how PACE works and explain the program benefits. Participants will hear success stories and the lessons learned from real, on-the-ground examples. Workshop participants will also learn about the status of a statewide PACE program for Wisconsin.

The PACE webinar will be held July 21, 2016, from noon to 1:00 p.m. [Register](#) for the event or learn more about the [Green Tier Program's Sustainable Strategies webinars](#).

In the News:

Redevelopment of Madison's Iconic "Sugar Castle" Gains Traction

Once the largest sugar beet processing plant in Wisconsin, the [Garver Feed Mill](#) on Madison's near east side moves ever closer to seeing new life after sitting vacant for nearly 20 years. Developers plan to turn the iconic structure into a food processing facility, with work potentially beginning later this year. The site received a DNR Site Assessment Grant in 2009.

Upcoming ITRC Training

July 14 - [Issues and Options in Human Health Risk Assessment – A Resource When Alternatives to Default Parameters and Scenarios are Proposed](#)

July 19 – [Integrated DNAPL Site Strategy](#)

August 9 – [Geophysical Classification for Munitions Response](#)

August 30 – [Petroleum Vapor Intrusion: Fundamentals of Screening, Investigation, and Management](#)