



RR REPORT

Important Updates from the DNR Remediation and Redevelopment Program

March 30, 2015

Consultants' Day 2015 – April 8 Registration Deadline Approaching

[Consultants' Day 2015](#) is just a few weeks away, and that means the deadline to register is coming soon, too. **April 8, 2015 is final day we can accept new registrations for the event.**

Consultants' Day will be held in two locations this year: **Stevens Point on April 15th and Pewaukee on April 29th**. There is already a near-capacity crowd at the Pewaukee event. If you're considering attending, act now before it's too late. You can [register here](#). (If you get a Windows Security pop-up, click "cancel" and you'll be directed to the UWSP registration page.)

Environmental consultants, developers, local government officials and others interested in contaminated land cleanup and reuse are encouraged to attend.

Topics on the [agenda](#) include:

- Reporting requirements - NR 700.11, NR 706, NR 708 and NR 726
- Site investigations: common mistakes and helpful hints - NR 716 (soil, groundwater, NAPL, vapor intrusion)
- Managing contaminated soil and waste materials, low hazard exemption - NR 718, NR 500
- Soil standard determination methods and processes - NR 720
- Closure tips and concerns - NR 726
- Post closure modifications and redevelopment: expectations, fees, process and reopeners - NR 727

Consultants' Day 2015 is brought to you by the DNR Remediation and Redevelopment Program.

Monthly "Issues & Trends" Series Finalized for 2015

As part of our ongoing effort to inform and educate consultants, local government leaders, lenders, legal professionals and others, the Remediation and Redevelopment Program at DNR has developed and finalized a monthly training schedule for 2015.

Beginning in May, this *Issues & Trends* series will be held on the first Wednesday* of each month. Each session will begin at noon and last approximately one hour. [The full, year-long schedule](#) is available on the [RR Program Training webpage](#). Detailed information about each session will be shared via the RR Report and on the RR Program Training page in advance. These sessions will be held via conference call or through Microsoft Lync. If you're not a Lync client, we will have instructions soon on how to take full advantage of this online tool. No registration is necessary; simply dial in or connect via Lync at the designated time.

We hope you'll join us for as many of these training sessions as possible as they will provide a good opportunity to hear the latest information on these topics. If you can't participate during each month's event, a recording of the presentation will be available for on-demand playback within a few days of the live session.

There will **not** be an *Issues & Trends* session in April. RR Program staff will be offering two Consultants' Day events that month: April 15 in Stevens Point and April 29 in Pewaukee.

*To allow for internal staff training in the fall, November's *Issues & Trends* webinar will be held on the second Wednesday (Nov. 11).

PECFA Claims Update

Effective immediately, claims submitted to the PECFA Program (Petroleum Environmental Cleanup Fund Award) must contain a current Claimant [W9 form \(Taxpayer Identification Number Verification\)](#). The W9 form must be filled out and signed the same year that the claim is submitted.

The W9 form is necessary so that the State of Wisconsin can comply with Internal Revenue Service regulations and keep its vendor file up to date with the most current information. This request is made at the direction of the Wisconsin State Controller. Failure to provide current information may result in delayed payments or backup withholding.

In addition, the IRS Form 1099 is issued around the first of each year. We have seen an increase in returned 1099 forms due to outdated or invalid claimant addresses. A current W9 entered into the Wisconsin Vendor System will ensure that tax paperwork is mailed to a valid address.

Any question regarding this requirement can be directed to Tim Panzer at 608-267-2465 or Timothy.Panzer@wisconsin.gov.

Revisions to the Case Closure GIS Registry Form Updated March 2015

The [Case Closure GIS Registry form \(4400-202\)](#) has been updated as of March 2015. The revised form reflects requested changes, clarifications and inclusions from the Impacted Property Notification Information form (4400-246). A [summary of revisions](#) is available for more information.

The DNR strongly encourages consultants and responsible parties to use the new case closure form for all submittals completed on or after April 1, 2015. **The DNR will accept case closure requests on the case closure form dated November 2013, (Form 4400-202, R 11/13), until June 30, 2015.** If you elect to use that form (R 11/13), any "new" information required in the revised form consistent with changes to NR 700 will need to be submitted as part of that case closure request, even if the November 2013 case closure form does not specifically request that information (e.g., evaluation of green and sustainable remedial actions).

After June 30, 2015, the DNR will only accept case closures submitted on the case closure form dated March 2015 (R 3/15) or later. If you have questions about this, please contact the appropriate regional [RR team supervisor](#).

Sign-up Now for the Brownfields 2015 Conference 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.

The conference is an excellent opportunity for Wisconsin brownfields practitioners to learn from national experts about the keys to a successful project. In addition, there are opportunities to market specific brownfield properties. Registration is now open and hotel rooms are still available at the conference rate. For more information and to register: www.brownfieldsconference.org/

Who should attend?

- Local, state, and federal government leaders
- Environmental consultants
- Real estate developers and investors
- Attorneys
- Anyone involved with brownfields

Brownfields 2015 promises something for practitioners at all levels of experience. The heart of the conference is a dynamic educational program with speakers, discussions, mobile workshops, films and other learning formats that are designed to provide you with case study examples, program updates, and useful strategies for meeting your brownfield challenges head on.

RR Program Staff Updates

Saying Hello

Rick Joslin, Hydrogeologist – Rick was recently hired to work for the RR Program in Green Bay. He brings geologic and hydrogeologic expertise and oversight for investigation and remediation of contaminated sites to Shawano County and other northeast region counties as assigned. Rick has worked in the environmental consulting industry for the past 14 years and has been involved with projects in the agriculture, commercial, industrial, government (federal, state, and local), and solid waste practice areas.

Trevor Nobile, Hydrogeologist – Trevor recently started working for the RR Program out of DNR's Milwaukee Service Center. His technical expertise includes hydrogeologic, geomorphologic, and hydrologic investigation and monitoring; soil, sediment, and rock classification, field engineering, and remedial action planning and implementation. Trevor is a licensed Professional Geologist in Wisconsin and Florida, and a Certified Professional Geologist with the American Institute of Professional Geologists. He has spent nearly nine years in the environmental consulting industry thereafter conducting environmental studies and site assessments.

Saying Goodbye

Erin Endsley, Hydrogeologist – Erin recently left DNR to accept a position with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Erin started her career at DNR as an LTE in the West Central Region. In July 2010 she accepted a full time hydrogeologist position, and by September 2011 decided to relocate to the Northern Region office in Superior. Erin worked on a number of complicated sites including Howards Bay Sediment Cleanup, Penta Wood Products Superfund Site, and the Holtz Krause Landfill. She will continue to apply her strong project management skills to projects on the Minnesota side of the St. Louis River.

Jonathan Young Eagle, Waste Management Specialist – Jonathan worked for the DNR for over 30 years and has had a profound impact on nearly every aspect of this program in every corner of this state. He started his DNR career as a Grants Specialist in the Water Program, but the majority of his career was spent as a Contract Coordinator in the Remediation & Redevelopment Program. In this role, he oversaw the implementation of all state funded response actions including managing the Environmental Fund project contracts with an emphasis on site investigation, remedial design and construction projects. His hard work and dedication ensured countless acres of land are available for future generations to use and enjoy as much as he does.

Brownfields News and Notes

[WEDC awards the City of Merrill](#) a \$417,250 grant from the Idle Industrial Sites Redevelopment Program.

The City of Racine is one of twenty communities to receive an [EPA Brownfields Area Wide Grant](#).

[Xcel Energy reaches a \\$10.5 million settlement](#) with two railroad companies for the Ashland waterfront Superfund cleanup.

[DNR issues contractor services awards](#) through WAM to Turtle Lake and Barron County.

Upcoming ITRC Webinars

April 14 - [Remedy Selection for Contaminated Sediments](#)

April 16 - [Petroleum Vapor Intrusion: Fundamentals of Screening, Investigation, and Management](#)