



# RR REPORT

Important Updates from the DNR Remediation and Redevelopment Program

June 18, 2015

## July 1, 2015: *Issues & Trends* Webinar– Soil Management Requirements under NR 718

Judy Fassbender, Policy and Technical Resources Section Chief, will lead a discussion on a variety of topics related to the management of contaminated soil under NR 718, Wis. Adm. Code.

Some of the topics Judy will discuss during the presentation include the types of material that can be managed, the contaminant types and concentrations appropriate for management, the sample type and sampling frequency required for documenting soil managed under the rule, and the locational criteria for receiving sites.

Date: July 1, 2015

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

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

Questions in advance can be sent to [DNRRComments@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DNRRComments@wisconsin.gov)

The presentation and related materials for this teleconference will soon 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 NR 718 presentation will be available in the library shortly after the conclusion of the teleconference.

## Upcoming Contaminated Materials & Sediments Advisory Groups Meetings in Waukesha – July 9

Two external advisory groups created after the release of the Brownfields Study Group's 2015 Report, [Investing in Wisconsin](#), will meet on July 9, 2015 in Waukesha.

The Contaminated Materials Management External Advisory Group will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Contaminated Sediments External Advisory Group will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Both meetings will be held at the Lee Sherman Dreyfus State Office Building, located at 141 N.W. Barstow St. in Room SE 314.

Those who wish to participate via teleconference may call 1-888-582-3528; passcode 9260 933#.

These are the second meetings of both groups. Members will continue to create issue papers and form working groups on various topics. Additional information about these groups can be found on the [Brownfields Study Group webpage](#) under the “Advisory subgroups” tab.

## Pre-Meeting Conference Call on Contaminated Materials – June 25

The Contaminated Materials Management External Advisory Group will hold a series of conference calls on key topics to further develop issue papers prior to the July 9<sup>th</sup> in-person meeting mentioned above. Anyone interested in these topics is welcome to join the discussion. The conference call schedule for Thursday, June 25, 2015 is as follows:

- 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. – Liability
- 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – Off-site management and long-term protectiveness
- 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Defining “clean”
- 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – Utility and right-of-way issues

The call in number for each of these conference calls is 1-888-582-3528 (toll free); the passcode is 9260 933#.

### Revised Technical Assistance/ Liability Clarification Request Form Available

The Technical Assistance, Environmental Liability Clarification or Post-Closure Modification Request form (4400-237) has been revised and is available for use. The form is used to request most fee-based assistance from the Remediation and Redevelopment program including technical reviews, a post-closure change, a specialized agreement and liability clarification letters. There are a few important requests that do not use this form including closure requests, building on historic fill site requests and VPLE applications. The first page of the revised form outlines which types of requests are appropriate for this form.

Changes to the form include:

- the option to request a post-closure modification,
- the ability to print only the portions of the form the customer fills out, and
- instructions to submit both a hard copy and an electronic copy of reports.

The revised form can be found on the [RR Program services and fees website](http://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/forms/4400/4400-237.pdf) or directly at [dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/forms/4400/4400-237.pdf](http://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/forms/4400/4400-237.pdf)

### Reminder: NR 700 Semi-Annual Reporting Period Ends Soon

Semi-annual reports for the period of January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015 will be due at the end of July 2015 (reports will be accepted beginning July 1). Semi-annual reporting is required from consultants or responsible parties only for all **open or conditionally closed** sites in the BRRTS online database.

If you have not received an email from DNR with your unique identification number and the link to complete the online form, you may request one on the [NR 700 Report ID Request page](#). 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 July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. Reports for that period will be due January 31, 2016.

Questions regarding NR 700 semi-annual reporting can be directed to [Tim Zeichert](#) at (608) 266-5788.

### **Don't Let Summer Distract You: Register Today for Brownfields 2015**

Stuck in a brownfields rut? Looking for new ideas and inspiration to turn those "brown" properties "green"? If so, you're invited to join thousands of other government leaders, contractors, developers, bankers, builders, academics, and attorneys at the 2015 Brownfields Conference.

[Registration](#) is now open for the 16<sup>th</sup> National Brownfields Conference, scheduled for Sept. 2-4, 2015 in Chicago.

The Conference has something for everyone, at every level of experience, whether you're a stakeholder or practitioner. This is a dynamic educational program full of speakers, discussions, mobile workshops, films and other learning formats designed to provide you with case study examples, program updates, and useful strategies for dealing with your brownfield challenges and opportunities head on.

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

### **New Tool from EPA: EJSCREEN**

A new, online tool from the U.S. EPA allows environmental cleanup practitioners to screen and map environmental justice concerns. It's called EJSCREEN and it uses high resolution maps, combined with demographic and environmental data, to identify places with potentially elevated environmental burdens and vulnerable populations. EJSCREEN's simple to understand color-coded maps, bar charts, and reports enable users to better understand areas in need of increased environmental protection, health care access, housing, infrastructure improvement, community revitalization, and climate resilience.

EJSCREEN can help governments, academic institutions, local communities, and other stakeholders to highlight communities with greater risk of exposure to pollution based on eight pollution and environmental indicators, including traffic proximity, particulate matter, and proximity to superfund sites. These indicators are combined with demographic data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community 5-year Summary Survey enabling users to identify areas with minority or low-income populations who also face potential pollution issues.

To learn more and to access EJSCREEN, visit: [www2.epa.gov/ejscreen](http://www2.epa.gov/ejscreen).

## RR Program Staff Updates

**Alex Edler, Hydrogeologist** - Alex joined the RR Program in the Green Bay office, focusing on PECFA eligible cases in the northern half of the region. He earned his degree in geoscience from the UW–Green Bay and is pursuing a Master’s in Environmental Science and Policy.

**Elisabeth (Lis) Olson, Brownfields Policy Specialist** - Lis joins the Madison staff in the RR Program as a policy specialist, with emphasis on waterfront redevelopment issues. Lis has nearly 15 years with WDNR in a number of programs after earning her undergraduate degree from the UW–Madison in Women’s Studies, with a Certificate in Environmental Studies. Lis also has her Master’s from the UW in Urban & Regional Planning, with a focus on ecological land use planning.

**Gena Larson, Brownfields Policy Specialist** – Gena started with the state in 2001 as a Hydrogeologist with PECFA, following the program until it landed at WDNR in 2013. While at WDNR, Gena has worked with both Northern and Southeast regions, and statewide on PECFA integration. Gena’s primary responsibility in her new position in the Madison office is to manage the Ready for Reuse loan and grant program.

**John Mason, Hydrogeologist** - John previously worked for two decades as a Hydrogeologist in environmental consulting in Wisconsin, investigating and remediating contaminated properties. John worked on commercial, industrial, state, municipal, and residential sites, including underground storage tank sites, properties undergoing development, and landfill facilities. John is working out of the Fitchburg office.

**Christian Dewey, Hydrogeologist** - Christian is a recent graduate of the Water Resources Management program at UW–Madison. His focus was hydrogeochemistry and he is excited to apply his degree working as a Hydrogeologist for WDNR. Christian’s focus is contaminated properties discovered via DOT road construction projects. He is working out the Fitchburg office.

**Michele Norman, Program Manager** - Michele joined the RR Program Management Team in the Milwaukee office. A former WDNR employee, Michele brings back to the Program private sector experience in engineering and hydrogeology. Michele and the other supervisors will be busy the first few months developing a transition plan to determine the appropriate alignment of the regional staff under her leadership.

## Upcoming ITRC Training

July 16 - [Integrated DNAPL Site Strategy](#)

July 21 - [Remedy Selection for Contaminated Sediments](#)

July 23 - [Integrated DNAPL Site Characterization](#)