



RR REPORT

Important Updates from the DNR Remediation and Redevelopment Program

July 7, 2015

Issues & Trends: Special Technical Presentation

Resty Pelayo, Hydrogeologist with the RR Program, will introduce RR-991, now retitled *Compliance Averaging of Soil-Contamination Concentration Data*, during a noon webinar on **Wednesday, July 15, 2015**. The guidance is currently undergoing final drafting after a public comment period. One of the guidance document's objectives is to help consultants and responsible parties understand the data analysis DNR recommends when they are electing to use the option of averaging soil concentrations for the purpose of determining compliance with the requirements under NR 720. During the webinar, Resty will discuss the examples included in the guidance.

Please note: This webinar will be held using Microsoft Skype for Business (formerly Lync). Please [join the webinar](#) shortly before the designated start time to ensure that the program successfully runs on your computer. (The link is currently "live" and you can test it at any time.) If you have difficulty hearing the conversation through the Skype for Business application, you may call a toll-free number for the audio portion of the presentation. That number is 1-866-715-6499.

The presentation will be recorded and posted in the RR Program's [Training Library](#) shortly after the webinar concludes.

NRB Gets Up-close Look at River City's Cleanups and Redevelopments

The RR Program can – and often does – point to numerous cleanup successes in La Crosse. And on a picture-perfect day in late June, Wisconsin's Natural Resources Board (NRB) got a first-hand look at a handful of those successes during a half-day brownfields tour, held as part of the Board's visit and official meeting in the city. The Board visited several sites and heard short presentations from DNR staff, developers and local officials. The [La Crosse Tribune](#) covered the tour.

Input Period Extended for Proposed Dredging Guidance

The comment period for a draft guidance concerning **dredging projects** has been extended. "Sediment Sampling and Analysis for Dredging Permit Application and Approval" is now open for comment on the [Program Guidance webpage](#) until **July 24, 2015**.

Final Solid Waste Guidance Available

The final version of "Exempting Low-Hazard Wastes from Solid Waste Regulations" is now available on the Proposed DNR Program Guidance Web page. We have also posted the comments received on the

guidance and DNR's response to those comments. All documents are available on the [Program Guidance webpage](#) until **July 13, 2015**.

EPA Strengthens Underground Storage Tank Requirements

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is strengthening the federal underground storage tank (UST) requirements to improve prevention and detection of petroleum releases from USTs – one of the leading sources of groundwater contamination. EPA's action will strengthen existing requirements and help ensure all USTs in the United States meet the same release protection standards. The revisions strengthen the 1988 federal underground storage tank (UST) regulations by increasing emphasis on properly operating and maintaining UST equipment.

For more information please visit <http://www.epa.gov/oust/fedlaws/revregs.html>.

Brownfields 2015 Draws Near; Register Now

If improving your community through cleaning up and reusing brownfield properties is on your “to do” list this year, you won't want to miss this event. The 16th National Brownfields Training Conference is slated for September 2-4 in Chicago and promises something for all levels of stakeholders and practitioners. **And it takes place in Wisconsin's backyard.**

Here's what you'll find at this year's conference:

- Dozens of educational sessions with expert speakers, and facilitators providing leading edge information to share, as well as interactive discussion sessions that provide knowledge through the power of crowd-sourced conversations and interactions;
- Unmatched networking and business development opportunities in the conference exhibit hall, and through industry designed events such as special redevelopment forums connecting brownfield site owners with investors and developers; and
- Special events such as mobile workshops, walking tours, and other activities to see redevelopment at ground level in the Chicagoland area.

You can [learn more about the conference](#) and register online.

RR Program Staff Updates

Matt Thompson, Hydrogeologist - In Matt's new position at the DNR he is providing technical assistance and expediting regulatory reviews to the Department of Transportation for proposed and on-going construction projects. Matt graduated from University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire after spending 3.5 years as a scout in the U.S. Army. Immediately after graduation he began working as a geologist for a frac sand company in New Auburn. As the company transitioned into full scale processing operations Matt took on a plant supervisor position until joining DNR in the Eau Claire office last month.

Haille Passow - Haille works out of the Eau Claire office assisting with stalled PECFA sites. She recently graduated from UW-Eau Claire with a degree in geology with a hydrogeology emphasis and a minor in math. She has been conducting research at UWEC for the last year on the use of GPR for characterizing hydraulic conductivity in the vadose zone. In 2014 she did an internship for Ensign Drilling in Denver.

Upcoming ITRC Training

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

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

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