



# RR REPORT

Important Updates from the DNR Remediation and Redevelopment Program

September 29, 2016

## Don't Delay! Register for DNR's 2016 Brownfields Conference

Registration for the RR Program's conference, "*Brownfields 101: Redevelopment Resources for Local Governments*," is off to a brisk pace. But there is still time for local elected officials, staff, and non-profits to take advantage of priority registration through October 7. This one-day conference will cover a range of land recycling issues, but without the technical speak reserved for other events. In this conference, you'll hear from developers, researchers, your local government colleagues and others about the tools and strategies to capitalize on your underused or abandoned properties.

All of the registration information can be found on the RR Program's [training webpage](#).

Consultants and other environmental professionals: Please encourage your local government clients to attend.



We have consultants and other environmental professionals covered with your own conferences early next year. Our popular Consultants' Day events are scheduled for April 12 in Stevens Point and April 20 in Pewaukee. An identical agenda will be offered at both locations; mark your calendar for the one that fits best and plan to join the RR Program for a one-day crash course on technical topics in 2017.

## Job Opportunities with the RR Program

The Wisconsin DNR seeks to fill two Waste Management positions stationed in the Central Office in the heart of downtown Madison. See descriptions below for more information. **The deadline to apply is October 04, 2016.**

**Waste Management Specialist – Advanced** - This advanced technical position serves as the RR Program lead worker for the management of contaminated material on and off the generating site as allowed under Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 718. This position is responsible for writing and developing guidance and providing training to agency staff as well as interested external parties on the following: assessment of contaminated material requiring management, evaluation of placement locations, approval and notification processes, long-term stewardship required for placement locations and tracking methods.

See the [job announcement](#) for additional information.

**Waste Management Engineer – Advanced** - This position serves as the chief engineering technical advisor to Regional and Central Office staff for all RR program projects. This position is responsible for providing assistance with planning, coordinating, and evaluating engineering aspects of complex and comprehensive projects within the RR Program including evaluating alternatives for site remediation,

particularly the design and construction/implementation of remedial actions, including untried, new and innovative remedial action technologies. This position evaluates response action performance at state-led projects and conducts periodic optimization evaluations. In addition, this position serves as the Program-wide expert for Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB)/Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) cleanups, hazardous waste requirements at cleanup sites, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Corrective Actions and assists with sites in the Superfund and Superfund Alternative program.

See the [job announcement](#) for additional information.

## **Public Input Opportunity Extension**

The RR Program has extended the public comment period on a revised document titled, “Frequently Asked Questions about the Voluntary Party Liability Exemption (VPLE),” DNR publication RR-507. The VPLE program allows people to conduct an environmental investigation and cleanup of a contaminated property with DNR oversight and receive an exemption from future liability. This document provides detailed information about the VPLE program and is useful for DNR staff, local governments, environmental consultants and businesses that use this program.

The new deadline for submitting comments is October 21<sup>st</sup>. This document can be reviewed at <http://dnr.wi.gov/news/input/guidance.html>. Submit comments to Michael Prager at [Michael.prager@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Michael.prager@wisconsin.gov).

## **October *Issues & Trends* Training: Writing Clear Maintenance Plans for Sites with Continuing Obligations**

Jane Lemcke, the RR Program’s team leader for standards and streamlining, will present the October *Issues & Trends* conference call on maintenance plans for sites that close with continuing obligations. The objective for Jane’s presentation will be to provide environmental professionals with tools for writing maintenance plans that are easy for responsible parties to understand and implement, with emphasis on:

- Modifying the DNR’s maintenance plan template to provide site-specific information
- Documenting remedies that require maintenance
- Identifying who will complete annual inspections for the responsible party
- Documenting the location of the responsible party’s inspection logs
- And more!

Recommendations will be offered on personalizing the maintenance plan template according to “Maintenance Plan Example Template for a Straightforward Site,” DNR publication [RR 980](#) and Maintenance Plans for Vapor Mitigation Systems/ Vapor Intrusion Response Actions/Vapor Barriers,” DNR publication [RR 981](#).

- Date: October 5, 2016
- Time: 12:00 p.m.
- Join by phone: 1-855-947-8255, passcode: 6612 745#
- Questions in advance may be sent to [DNRRRCComments@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DNRRRCComments@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.

## **Meet the Funders: Leveraging Brownfields Assessment/Cleanup Funds with Economic Development Resources**

Join EPA's Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization on **October 25, 2016, 1:00PM-2:30PM EDT.** Brownfield grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are one of many sources of funds that can support redevelopment of contaminated properties. This webinar will highlight a number of economic development resources available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Economic Development Administration, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to leverage your brownfield dollars and fund community revitalization. The webinar also will feature speakers from two communities that successfully used grants, loans and other support from these agencies for their revitalization efforts. It is the second in EPA's Office of Brownfield and Land Revitalization's webinar series on what communities need to know to successfully leverage resources for brownfields revitalization. **Register Online at:** <https://clu-in.org/conf/tio/BFLeveraging2/>

## **EPA Announces \$2 Million Grant Opportunity to Provide Technical Assistance to Tribal Communities**

The EPA anticipates award of one cooperative agreement to support tribal communities addressing Brownfields related issues. The cooperative agreement awarded under the Technical Assistance to Tribal Communities Addressing Brownfields announcement will help tribal communities tackle the challenge of assessing cleaning up and preparing brownfield sites for redevelopment. The focus of the technical assistance will be on the following subject areas: Developing a forum to share ideas and support the development of training and peer network learning related to Brownfields; Assisting tribes in understanding and building Tribal Response Programs; Providing science and technology related assistance to Brownfields assessment, remediation, and site preparation; Helping tribes develop integrated approaches to brownfield cleanup and reuse; and Helping tribes develop brownfields financial and planning strategies. The maximum amount for the cooperative agreement is \$2,000,000. The proposal deadline is **October 31, 2016.**

EPA will be having an outreach webinar about this RFP on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 from 3:00-4:30 pm ET Call In Number: 866-299-3188 passcode: 202/566-2745# Webinar Link: <http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/r8jomkmz9zm/>

## **Idle Sites Redevelopment Program to Provide Grants for Abandoned or Underutilized Properties**

The [Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation](#) (WEDC) is now accepting applications for a grant program to assist Wisconsin communities looking to revitalize and develop industrial and commercial sites that have been abandoned or require extensive improvements. View the full [press release](#) for more details.

## **Upcoming ITRC Training**

**Oct. 4 - [Issues and Options in Human Health Risk Assessment – A Resource When Alternatives to Default Parameters and Scenarios are Proposed](#)**

**Oct. 6 - [LNAPL Part 1: An Improved Understanding of LNAPL Behavior in the Subsurface](#)**

**Oct. 11 - [LNAPL Part 2: LNAPL Characterization and Recoverability](#)**

**Oct. 13 - [LNAPL Part 3: Evaluating LNAPL Remedial Technologies for Achieving Project Goals](#)**

**Oct. 20 - [Petroleum Vapor Intrusion: Fundamentals of Screening, Investigation, and Management](#)**