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MAY 7, 2012 - KEY DEADLINE FOR NEW JERSEY PROPERTY OWNERS WHO HAVE NOT FINISHED CLEANUP

Press Release

The State Legislature and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) have imposed deadlines on property owners of contaminated sites which are not fully cleaned up. On May 7, 2009, the Site Remediation Reform Act (SRRA) was signed into law to assist the NJDEP with closing the backlog of over 20,000 existing contaminated site cases, and to more efficiently manage new remediation cases going forward.

Under the SRRA, Licensed Site Remediation Professionals (LSRPs) assume key responsibilities in the oversight and cleanup of contaminated sites. As a result of the LSRP program, more of New Jersey's contaminated sites are expected to be cleaned up in a more timely manner.

If you have an unremediated site, here is what you need to know:

- In accordance with the Administrative Requirements for the Remediation of Contaminated Sites (ARRCS) all new cases initiated after November 3, 2009 are required to hire an LSRP to oversee and conduct remediation.
- By May 7, 2012, all existing cases will need to be handled under the oversight of an LSRP.
- The NJDEP is issuing letters to responsible parties of existing cases informing them that NJDEP case managers will no longer be involved, and that an LSRP must be retained by the May 7, 2012 deadline.
- For cases that are not expected to complete remediation by this time, RT recommends that responsible parties enter into the LSRP program now, rather than wait for the rapidly approaching deadline.

Many responsible parties that are nearing the completion of remediation are making the push to close their cases and receive a No Further Action (NFA) letter from NJDEP, rather than opt into the LSRP program.

In cases where this is not possible, an LSRP must be hired to take over supervision of the case, and upon completion of the remediation, issue a Response Action Outcome (RAO).

Opting into the LSRP program includes the initial completion of an LSRP Notification of Retention or Dismissal Form. This form is signed by both the LSRP and the responsible party, and is automatically approved by NJDEP upon submittal. RT has already taken numerous sites through the LSRP program successfully throughout the state and we can provide you with the information you need to guide your site through the new process, which offers more cost effective and timely cleanup options in many cases.

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