



RR REPORT

Important Updates from the DNR Remediation and Redevelopment Program

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RCL Spreadsheet Update

The Wisconsin DNR recently updated the numerical soil standards, or residual contaminant levels (RCLs), in the Remediation and Redevelopment program's spreadsheet of RCLs. The spreadsheet now corresponds with the November 2015 update to the US EPA Regional Screening Level (RSL) website.

A summary of new and changed RCLs in the December 2015 RCL spreadsheet is available on the [RR Program's Environmental Professionals webpage](#) on the Soil RCLs tab.

Issues & Trends Schedule Finalized for 2016

Vapor intrusion, background contaminant levels, and NAPL transmissivity testing are just a few of the topics staff will cover during the [2016 schedule](#) of the well-received *Issues & Trends* series, a monthly, noon-time conference call event hosted by the RR Program. Beginning at noon on the first Wednesday of each month (except July), DNR staff and guests will present and discuss current noteworthy topics for environmental consultants and others who work with cleanups and brownfield redevelopment. The *Issues & Trends* series is part of the RR Program's commitment to reaching out to its stakeholders and partners on a regular basis.

RR Program Successes Highlighted in Agency Report

Take a bow, RR Program, your FY2015 successes and milestones are front and center in the latest [Annual Report](#) from DNR's Air, Waste, and Remediation and Redevelopment (AWaRe) Division. The 29-page report examines and highlights program successes in customer service, new laws and regulations, emerging and ongoing issues, and measuring program performance.

During the reporting period, the RR Program celebrated its 20th anniversary. Since 1995, staff have worked with partners across the state, helping to clean up more than 15,000 brownfield properties and returning more than 20,000 acres back into productive use. The program marked the anniversary by continuing to work with our external advisory partner, the Wisconsin Brownfields Study Group, to create its [2015 Report – Investing in Wisconsin](#), which outlines proposals that will make a strong program even better.

Other RR notables in the Division Report include updates on major redevelopments in the Fox Valley and Madison, RR efforts to help clean up the former Badger ammo plant, and outreach achievements that help keep our partners and stakeholders informed and involved.

The Division's commitment to service excellence was demonstrated by the fact that 97% of our customers who completed our survey indicated they were very satisfied or satisfied with the service they received from staff.

This is the AWaRe Division's final annual report. The Division has merged with several DNR water programs and has formed the new Environmental Management Division.

Redevelopment News in the RR Program's 128a Reports

Additional information about RR Program successes, beyond those highlighted in the Division annual report mentioned in the preceding article, can be found in the program's [s.128a Grant Accomplishments Reports](#). These twice-yearly reports highlight the numerous achievements in the Brownfields program under a cooperative agreement with the US EPA. Since 2003, DNR's Brownfields program has utilized these grants to enhance its state response program by supporting hands-on assistance, voluntary cleanup actions, conferences and training, online site information and policy development to address emerging issues.

A mid-year 128a report will be available soon.

In the News: Amazon.com Sets Up Shop on Former Brownfield

Online retail giant Amazon.com is [making headlines](#) after it inked a deal to set up a fulfillment center in Milwaukee's Stadium Business Park. The area used to be home to the former Ampco Foundry, which was rife with historic contamination of soil and groundwater. Considered one of the [RR Program's early successes](#), the city and developer both benefited from DNR technical assistance, grants, and participation in DNR's Voluntary Party Liability Exemption program, which exempts the landowner – upon completion – from future liability for known contamination on the site.

Fund for Lake Michigan Accepting Pre-proposals

The Fund for Lake Michigan is accepting pre-proposals for projects that improve the water quality of Lake Michigan through habitat restoration, pollutant reduction, stream restoration or improvements to coastal areas in Wisconsin.

The 2016 grants will focus on projects that:

- Enhance the ecological health of near shore and coastal areas and the rivers in Lake Michigan Basin through **habitat preservation and restoration**.
- Improve the quality of the water flowing into Lake Michigan by **reducing pollutants** including toxins and nutrients such as phosphorus.

Grants are made only to nonprofit organizations and to governmental agencies. Additional information about the Fund can be found at fundforlakemichigan.org. **Pre-proposals are due March 1st, 2016.**

Federal Planning Assistance for Broadband and Sustainable Community Development

Communities interested in using broadband service to help revitalize small town main streets and promote economic development are encouraged to apply for [Cool & Connected](#), a pilot program sponsored by USDA Rural Utilities Service and the US EPA Office of Sustainable Communities.

Through *Cool & Connected*, a team of experts will help community members develop strategies and an action plan for using planned or existing broadband service to promote smart, sustainable community development.

Eligibility:

- Any community representative is welcome to submit a letter of interest.
- Special consideration will be given to small towns and rural communities that face economic challenges.
- Special consideration will be given to communities in places where USDA has provided loans or grants in support of broadband or other internet related services.

For more information contact [Ed Fendley](#). **The deadline to submit a letter of interest is Wednesday, February 24, 2016.**

Upcoming ITRC Training

February 18 - [Groundwater Statistics for Environmental Project Managers](#)

February 23 - [Petroleum Vapor Intrusion: Fundamentals of Screening, Investigation, and Management](#)

February 25 - [Remedy Selection for Contaminated Sediments](#)

March 8 - [Integrated DNAPL Site Characterization](#)

March 10 - [Use and Measurement of Mass Flux and Mass Discharge](#)

March 24 - [Mining Waste Treatment Technology Selection](#)

March 31 - [Biochemical Reactors for Mining-Influenced Water](#)