Register Now for Consultants’ Day 2015

Early bird registration discounts are still available for Consultants’ Day 2015, hosted by DNR’s Remediation and Redevelopment Program. The full-day conference costs just $55 until Feb. 27. The same training and information concerning conducting cleanups in Wisconsin under the NR 700 rule series will be presented at two locations: Stevens Point on April 15 and Pewaukee on April 29. See the agenda for more details.

DNR has applied to the Department of Continuing Education at UW-Stevens Point for CEU credits. In addition, we are now offering a reduced rate for Wisconsin state government employees. Contact Mick Skwarok with questions about Consultants’ Day 2015 or to request the promotional code for State of Wisconsin employees.

Visit the RR Program Training Page for more information and to register.

RR Program Hiring DOT Hydrogeologist LTEs

The Wisconsin DNR seeks to fill six DOT Limited Term positions. Opportunities are located in Eau Claire, Fitchburg, Milwaukee, Waukesha and Green Bay. Selected candidates will be WDNR leaders for contaminated sites identified during Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation road construction projects. Responsibilities include hydrogeologic review of Remediation & Redevelopment cases to determine status and recommendations. The deadline to apply is March 9, 2015.

See the job announcement for additional information.

Monthly Webinar Training Series

The RR Program invites you to join our staff from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4 for the first in a year-long series of Web or teleconference-based training sessions on a variety of issues from the Remediation and Redevelopment Program.

Our first presentation is titled LGU Exemption and Property Acquisition. Local Government Specialist, Dan Kolberg, P.E., will discuss state and federal liability exemptions available to local governments considering acquisition of contaminated property. You’ll learn the precautions LGUs should take in acquiring properties through the eight approved methods listed in the state’s Spill Law. You’ll also learn what the liability exemptions can and can’t do for you and how they may impact your plans to redevelop and reuse property.

Additional information can be on the RR Program Training Page, including a schedule of our Issues and Trends sessions and instructions on how to join each event. There’s no cost to participate. Just
grab your lunch and log on or dial in. Each session will last approximately one hour, with time for questions throughout.

Our commitment is to provide you with a series of educational opportunities throughout the year. Look for more information on the rest of the 2015 *Issues and Trends* schedule in a future RR Report.

**RR Program’s NR 700 Technical Focus Group to Meet in March**

The RR Program will host a NR 700 Focus Group Meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 from 9-11 a.m. in room 613 at the DNR office building – 101 S. Webster St. – in Madison. Agenda items include:

- Proposed vapor intrusion action levels
- NR 718 soil management guidance
- NR 720 soil averaging guidance
- Post closure concerns related to continuing obligation requirements

If you are interested in participating, please notify Judy Fassbender.

A call in option will also be available. More information on discussion topics and a detailed agenda will be available prior to the meeting on the Technical Focus Group’s webpage.

The Technical Focus Group originated in 1995, when the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board directed that the RR Program establish a forum for review of the newly established NR 700 rules. The Focus Group now also serves as the RR Program's technical advisory group on changes to technical chapters of the rules.

**Link up with the RR Program**

Colleagues and customers now have another way to connect with DNR’s Remediation and Redevelopment Program. Through the social media site LinkedIn, subscribers can stay current on DNR and RR Program events, training opportunities and news. RR Program information will be shared on DNR’s showcase page titled Environmental Quality. If you have a LinkedIn account, be sure to check us out and follow us for news and information from the RR Program.

**Reminder:**

**Averaging Soil-Contaminant Concentration Guidance Available for Comment**

DNR’s RR Program has created a draft guidance document, *Averaging Soil-Contaminant Concentration Data* (RR-991), to help responsible parties and consultants understand the data analysis that the agency recommends in those situations where a responsible party elects to perform soil averaging, under ch. NR 720, Wis. Admin. Code. This guidance document is available for public comment until March 9, 2015.

Comments and questions regarding this guidance document may be directed to Resty Pelayo, 608-267-3539.
Upcoming ITRC Webinars

March 10 - Issues and Options in Human Health Risk Assessment – A Resource When Alternatives to Default Parameters and Scenarios are Proposed

March 12 - Mining Waste Treatment Technology Selection

March 17 - Integrated DNAPL Site Strategy

March 19 - Biochemical Reactors for Mining-Influenced Water