



RR REPORT

Important Updates from the DNR Remediation and Redevelopment Program

April 30, 2015

Revisions to the Case Closure GIS Registry Form Updated March 2015

The [Case Closure GIS Registry form \(4400-202\)](#) has been updated as of March 2015. The revised form reflects requested changes, clarifications and incorporates information from the Impacted Property Notification Information form (4400-246), which will be archived after June 30, 2015. A [summary of revisions](#) is available for more information.

The DNR strongly encourages consultants and responsible parties to use the new case closure form for all new submittals. **The DNR will accept case closure requests on the case closure form dated November 2013, (Form 4400-202, R 11/13), until June 30, 2015.** If you elect to use that form (R 11/13), any “new” information required in the revised form consistent with changes to NR 700 will need to be submitted as part of that case closure request, even if the November 2013 case closure form does not specifically request that information.

After June 30, 2015, the DNR will only accept new case closures submitted on the case closure form dated March 2015 (R 3/15) or later. If you have questions about this, please contact the appropriate regional [RR team supervisor](#).

The DNR is in the process of updating [DNR’s Frequently Asked Questions: Administrative Completeness Review at Closure, ch. NR 726 \(RR-975\)](#) in response to questions on the revised case closure form.

Issues and Trends Webinar: Keeping Lenders and LGUs out of Trouble at Contaminated Properties

On May 6, 2015, Dan Kolberg, P.E., local governmental specialist at DNR, will lead a teleconference discussion entitled *Keeping Lenders and LGUs out of Trouble at Contaminated Properties*. Dan will discuss state and federal liability exemptions available to lenders considering acquisition/foreclosure of contaminated property. You’ll learn the precautions lenders should take when acquiring and working with properties through the methods listed in the state’s Spill Law. You’ll also learn what some of the complications are when a local government is interested in acquiring the same property that an exempt lender already owns. There are reasons why these are not always smooth transactions.

- Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1 p.m.
- Join by phone: 1-855-947-8255, passcode 6612 745#

You can download Dan’s presentation and find a schedule of future [Issues and Trends webinars](#) on the [RR Program Training webpage](#). A recording of this presentation will be available shortly after the conclusion of the event.

Investigative Waste Guidance Finalized

[Guidance for the Management of Investigative Waste \(RR556\)](#), for sites undergoing an NR700 response action has been updated. The basic requirements for management of such wastes have not changed. The document contains up to date references and directly incorporates regulatory requirements that were previously outlined in separate attachments.

Questions about this guidance may be directed to [Gary Edelstein](#), 608-267-7563.

Barron County and Turtle Lake Receive DNR Brownfields Awards

The DNR assisted two Barron County communities with contractor services from its [Wisconsin Assessment Monies \(WAM\) program](#) to investigate potential environmental issues at an old pickle cannery and former creamery. Each award is valued at up to \$30,000, depending on the services provided.

The WAM awards are in the form of state-provided consulting services to the recipient, and therefore require minimal effort by the awardee. This program is especially useful in smaller communities because there is no match or project administration involved. Eligible sites include closed or closing manufacturing plants and vacant land with a history of manufacturing.

For more information see the [DNR press release](#).

Brownfield Study Group Members Make a Case for Waterfront Issues in Milwaukee BizTimes

Calling the Milwaukee Harbor District a “jewel in the rough,” two members of the Brownfields Study Group recently [blogged in the city’s BizTimes](#) that its 2015 Report, [Investing in Wisconsin](#), lays out a number of proposals to help revitalize Wisconsin’s numerous waterfront industrial properties. Cleaning up and redeveloping those places can be complex; the Report, the two maintain, spells out a plan for consistency and expediency in redeveloping these prime locations.

2015 Renewal Award Nominations Now Being Accepted

Renewal awards are presented for outstanding redevelopment projects in four different categories: environmental impact, economic impact, social impact and sustainability. Successful applications should demonstrate measurable results or impacts such as jobs created and/or retained, increased revenues to the local tax base, decreased crime rates or improved human health and safety. In order to be considered for a Redevelopment & Renewal Award, the project must be completed by the date the application is submitted.

Winners will be honored at the 2015 Brownfields Conference in Chicago. The deadline for nominations is May 29, 2015.

For more information visit www.redevelopmentreuse.com/pages/renewal_award_nominations

May 6 Deadline to Submit a Poster for the 2015 Brownfields Conference

Do you have best practices, innovations, or technologies in brownfields revitalization and sustainable redevelopment to share with your colleagues?

This is a great way to show off your brownfields-related project, research or technology. Posters will be showcased in the Exhibit Hall for thousands of attendees. Additionally, there will be awards for the Best Overall Poster and People's Choice. Awardees will be exclusively featured in [Brownfields Renewal](#) and [PM Magazine's](#) Online Publication PM+. Posters should be designed to educate and inspire the thousands of conference attendees, including professionals, government leaders, contractors, students, and stakeholders from across the international brownfields community. Anyone may submit and there is no limit to the number of ideas that may be submitted; however only the top ideas will be selected for presentation. Selected ideas will be notified by June 1 to allow presenters sufficient time to prepare for the conference.

[Submit your ideas online](#) for the poster gallery at Brownfields 2015 in Chicago by May 6.

Upcoming ITRC Training

May 5 - [Issues and Options in Human Health Risk Assessment – A Resource When Alternatives to Default Parameters and Scenarios are Proposed](#)

May 7 - [ISM Part 1: Soil Sampling and Decision Making Using Incremental Sampling Methodology](#)

May 12 - [Groundwater Statistics for Environmental Project Managers](#)

May 13 - [Free 1-Day Classroom Training: LNAPL Transmissivity Testing Methods](#)

May 14 - [ISM Part 2: Soil Sampling and Decision Making Using Incremental Sampling Methodology](#)