New Real Estate Fact Sheet Available

A new fact sheet called “Environmental Contamination and Your Real Estate” (RR-973) has been developed by the RR program, in consultation with DNR legal services. The purpose of the fact sheet is to provide some insight to property owners about the impact environmental contamination may have on a property’s value.

The DNR regularly works on contaminated sites that involve concerned property owners. From vapor intrusion in homes, to pipeline spills, to molybdenum in groundwater, property owners often seek answers from the agency on how such situations may impact the value of their properties. They are also concerned about possible impacts to the resale of their property, particularly in light of the state’s real estate disclosure law.

The fact sheet provides general answers to these questions, and recommends that property owners seek independent legal advice on their particular situation.

Issues and Trends Webinar on DNR Guidance on Cover Systems as Soil Performance Standard Remedies

Environmental professionals responsible for selecting and designing cover remedies will want to mark their calendars for the RR Program’s next “Issues and Trends” webinar, when DNR remediation engineer Gary Edelstein provides an overview of the agency’s guidance for Cover Systems as Soil Performance Standard Remedies (RR-709). Gary has been working in the agency’s remediation program since it began more than 25 years ago. His areas of expertise include remedy design, Superfund sites and cleanup processes, PCB sites and TSCA requirements, hazardous waste remediation, soil background determinations and historic fill exemptions.

Gary’s presentation will focus on the criteria for selecting an acceptable cover system design and examples of implementation.

Pre-registration for this webinar is not required. More information, including the webinar link, will be coming in a future edition of the RR Report and will be available on the RR program training page.
**Missed an Issues and Trends Webinar?**

The RR Program is hosting a new webinar series in 2014. If you happened to miss a one, no problem, visit the [RR program training page](#) to download the audio and follow along with the full page presentation or print off the handout to write in some notes.

All presentation and audio files will be added to the Issues and Trends within a week of the webinar.

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**“60 – 60” - Submit Site Investigation Reports & Remedial Action Option Reports on Time**

Site investigation reports and remedial action option reports are typically required to be submitted to DNR shortly after completion of certain actions, unless noted below.

**Do not wait to submit either of these reports until requesting case closure.** Simply submitting the case closure request form to the department does not satisfy the requirement to submit the ch. NR 716 SI and ch. NR 722 RAOR report(s) to the department.

Site investigation reports must be submitted within 60 days of completion of the field investigation and receipt of laboratory data, in accordance with s. NR 716.15, Wis. Adm. Code, unless otherwise approved by the project manager.

Also, remember that fee-based DNR reviews of these reports, early in the process, are available and can help the responsible party and consultant avoid sometimes costly issues or significant delays at case closure.

Remedial action option reports (RAOR) are to be submitted within 60 days of submitting the site investigation report, as required in s. NR 722.13, Wis. Adm. Code, unless otherwise specified by DNR. The RAOR may be submitted as part of the SI report and satisfy this requirement. The only exception to the submittal requirement is for sites in the Drycleaner Environmental Response Fund (DERF) Program, as specified by s. NR 722.02 (2). Remedial action selection for DERF sites is addressed through the bidding process.

Further information on the timelines for these submittals can be found in the “[NR 700 Process and Timeline](#)” (flow chart) [RR Publication 967](#), or for sites in the DERF Program see the [DERF webpage](#).
Good Partners Making Good Things Happen at Former Milwaukee Die Casting

Federal, state and local environmental agencies are working together to clean up the former Milwaukee Die Casting property and ready it for redevelopment. Located in the Estabrook Park area of northern Milwaukee, this brownfield property will soon be a vacant, grassy lot with potential for commercial or industrial redevelopment.

The US EPA, the Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services, the City of Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources are coordinating efforts to protect and enhance public health and the environment on this site, just as they have done on hundreds of others over the years. Brownfield renewal also has the added bonus of creating a positive local economic impact, showing that environmental protection and economic development do go hand in hand.

White Stuff in Oconomowoc Gutters Not Snow

When you're working on the DNR spills team, you have to be prepared for anything. Last week in Oconomowoc, a food processor experienced an equipment malfunction and inadvertently dusted a six square block area with powdered milk. The incident occurred shortly before a rain storm moved through the area.

DNR Hydrogeologist and spills team member Steve Mueller said the company helped clean up the residue in the neighborhood and offered car wash coupons to neighbors.

There were no human health concerns, but milk products in lakes and rivers can deplete oxygen, making it difficult for fish to breathe.
ITRC Online Training Opportunities

Click the links below for more information about upcoming training sessions.

May 13 - ISM Part 1: Soil Sampling and Decision Making Using Incremental Sampling Methodology

May 15 - ISM Part 2: Soil Sampling and Decision Making Using Incremental Sampling Methodology

May 20 - Mining Waste Treatment Technology Selection

May 22 - Biochemical Reactors for Mining-Influenced Water