



# RR REPORT

Important Updates from the DNR Remediation and Redevelopment Program

August 17, 2015

## Issues and Trends Webinar Continuing Obligations: Pre- and Post-closure

Understanding continuing obligations, both before and after a closure letter is written, is key to avoiding contamination exposure on a site over the long term. Jane Lemcke, DNR Hydrogeologist, will discuss continuing obligations and pre- and post-closure considerations.

- Date: September 2, 2015
- Time: noon – 1 p.m.
- Join the call: 1-855-947-8255, passcode 6612745#
- Questions prior to the event – send to [DNRRRComments@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DNRRRComments@wisconsin.gov)

You can download handouts for this presentation a few days before the event and find a schedule of future [Issues & Trends webinars](#) on the [RR Program training webpage](#). A recording of this presentation will be available shortly after the conclusion of the event on the [training library](#).

## Milwaukee Project Wins National Brownfields Award

Congratulations to Menomonee Valley Partners (MVP) in Milwaukee for winning a 2015 Brownfields Redevelopment and Renewal Award. MVP received the Social Impact Award for its work on [Three Bridges Park](#), which opened in 2013 after a decade of planning and construction. The efforts transformed a vacant rail yard into a 24 acre park that includes bike and pedestrian bridges that reconnect the Valley to Mitchell Park and southside neighborhoods; an urban ecology center; a one mile extension of the Hank Aaron State Trail; and green space immediately adjacent to some of the most densely-populated areas in the state.

Following decades of decline, public and private partnerships have made substantial progress in redeveloping the Valley. In the last 16 years, 39 companies have moved in and more than 5,000 jobs have been created.

## New Vapor Intrusion Guidance Finalized

A new guidance document, [DNR Case Closure Continuing Obligations: Vapor Intrusion \(RR-042\)](#), is now final. This document will help responsible parties and consultants select among five continuing obligations related to the vapor intrusion pathway that may be applicable at the time of closure request. The guidance provides the application, documentation and notification requirements for each of the five continuing obligations set out in Wis. Admin. §§ NR 726.15(2)(h)-(L). You can find a link to the June 3, 2015 webinar describing this document on the [RR Program Training Library webpage](#).

To see the author's responses to comments during the public input process please visit the [DNR proposed guidance webpage](#).

## **Get Your Tickets for the Brownfields 2015 Community Reception in Chicago**

Join your colleagues for a night of networking at the Brownfields 2015 Community Reception at the Chicago Field Museum, September 3, 2015. Make sure you have tickets for this event, which is not included in the conference registration.

Ticket orders must be received by **August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. On-site tickets can only be purchased at the ticket counter in the registration area of the Hilton Chicago until Thursday, September 3 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets cannot be purchased on-site at the Field Museum. For more information visit [www.brownfieldsconference.org/en/activities/community\\_reception](http://www.brownfieldsconference.org/en/activities/community_reception).

You can register for the reception without attending the conference.

## **PECFA U&C Standardized Invoice Update July 2015 – December 2015**

The Remediation and Redevelopment Program has published the [Usual & Customary \(U&C\) Cost Schedule](#) and [Standardized Invoice #18](#) which includes a unit cost modification. Specifically, task 5 - activity code CR05 (primary closure request), has been increased by \$500.00 from \$1,969.50 to \$2,469.50.

The U&C schedule or reimbursement schedule is for common tasks associated with the investigation and cleanup of eligible petroleum contamination sites. For more information visit the [PECFA webpage](#).

## **RR Program Staff Updates**

**Sarah Frederick, Hydrogeologist** – Sarah joins the Northeast Region RR Program as one of the program's new DOT LTE PECFA specialists. Sarah began working for the program in mid-July and on August 5th transferred to the Oshkosh Service Center. Sarah recently completed her degree in geology at the College of Wooster in Ohio.

**Barb Flietner, Hydrogeologist** – Barb has been working on DOT related sites in the RR Program since June 2014 and recently received a second half-time position as a PECFA specialist. Barb brings extensive experience working on environmental projects and has experience as a project manager. She has a degree in professional geology from UW Oshkosh.

**Madison Larkin, Hydrogeologist** – Madison is assisting the RR program with stalled PECFA cases out of the Madison office, beginning August 10<sup>th</sup>. She recently graduated from Miami University (Oxford, Ohio) with a degree in geology with an emphasis on geochemical engineering and a minor in global environmental sustainability, where she also conducted research on plutonium remediation technologies. She is currently attending UW Madison to earn a master's in Hydrogeology.

**Katie Simonsen, Environmental Program Associate** – Katie recently joined the RR Program's Northern Region as a LTE Environmental Program Associate working out of the Rhinelander Service Center. She also works part time as a customer service representative for the Agency. Katie has been part of Wisconsin's Northwoods for ten years, working primarily in the non-profit sector. She earned her master's degree in Restoration Ecology from UW Madison, and her bachelor's from Baylor University in Biology and Environmental Science.

### **Upcoming ITRC Training**

August 20: [Issues and Options in Human Health Risk Assessment – A Resource When Alternatives to Default Parameters and Scenarios are Proposed](#)

August 27: [Petroleum Vapor Intrusion: Fundamentals of Screening, Investigation, and Management](#)

September 3 - [Groundwater Statistics for Environmental Project Managers](#)

September 22 - [LNAPL Part 1: An Improved Understanding of LNAPL Behavior in the Subsurface](#)

September 24 - [LNAPL Part 2: LNAPL Characterization and Recoverability](#)

September 29 - [LNAPL Part 3: Evaluating LNAPL Remedial Technologies for Achieving Project Goals](#)