

In November 2013, Commissioner Martin approved moving forward with the development of a new Remediation Standards Rule to replace the existing June 2008 version. External stakeholders representing a variety of entities have been invited to be involved. Invitees include representatives of environmental groups, environmental justice advocates, county planners, municipalities, the Licensed Site Remediation Professionals Association (LSRPA), the New Jersey Business and Industry Association (NJBIA), the Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey (CIANJ), and the Site Remediation Industry Network (SRIN). Participation in this portion of the process will be restricted to those invited.

The current 2008 rule involves soil, groundwater, and surface water standards. Under consideration are the addition of standards for vapor intrusion, impact to ground water, dioxin, and extractable petroleum hydrocarbons.

The first meeting of the external stakeholder group is planned for 1:00 pm on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 in the First Floor Public Hearing Room of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Building, 401 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. The main purpose of this first meeting will be to describe the proposed path forward for this effort. It is anticipated that similar meetings will be held initially on a monthly basis.

Those not participating directly can follow the progress of this effort via postings on this website. Summaries of the topics covered at the meeting and relevant information will be made available following the meetings. As per the Administrative Procedures Act, following proposal of the rule, formal comments on the rule can be made by anyone during the announced comment period. This will allow active participation by anyone who chooses to do so inclusive of those not invited to participate in the present external stakeholder effort.

The tentative agenda of the first meeting follows.

Meeting Purpose: External stakeholder group organization and operation

1. Introduction of Department personnel involved
2. Purpose of the external stakeholder process
3. Description of the entire required process
4. Meeting schedule
5. Conduct of the meetings
6. Expected external stakeholder participation
7. Conceptual approach to develop the remediation standards