

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), the Site Remediation Industry Network (SRIN), the New Jersey Builders Association (NJBA), the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists (AEG), and the Fuel Merchants Association of New Jersey (FMANJ). 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 third meeting of the external stakeholder group is planned for 1:00 pm on Tuesday, May 13, 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 third meeting will be to continue the presentation and discussion of the to be proposed amendment of the remediation standards. It is anticipated that similar meetings will be held 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 third meeting follows.

Meeting Agenda:

1. Introduction
2. Discussion of April 15, 2014 meeting summary
3. Status of topics under review by the Department
4. Presentation of the conceptual approach for developing standards for the migration to ground water pathway (impact to ground water pathway)
5. Presentation of the conceptual approach for developing standards for extractable petroleum hydrocarbons