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If you are receiving this email (directly from the Department), you are confirmed as a participant in the by invitation only External Stakeholder Meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 1:30 pm in the Public Hearing Room of 401 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. This meeting will be about the proposal to amend the Remediation Standards N.J.A.C.7:26D that are scheduled to sunset June 2, 2015.

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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 eighth meeting of the invited external stakeholder group is planned for 1:30 pm on Wednesday, November 12, 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 eighth meeting is to have a technical exchange on external stakeholder issues and concerns with the to-be proposed amendment of the remediation standards. It is to be organized and led mainly by the external stakeholders.

The Department has received the following agenda topics:

1. ARS Process and Language – John Donohue (FMA) and Elizabeth George-Cheniara (NJBA) (45 minutes – 60 minutes)
2. EPH Standards and Application – John Donohue (FMA) and Ashley Bell (SRIN) (30 minutes – 45 minutes)

3. Outdoor / Indoor Exposure Timeframes – (TBD – Scott Drew to determine) (15 – 20 minutes) (LSRPA)
4. MGW Mass limit - Kevin Long (30 minutes) (LSRPA)
5. Age Adjusted non-cancer ARS for residential exposure – (TBD) (15 – 20 minutes)

The Department is assuming the meeting will be a series of PowerPoint presentations of the issues and concerns of the external stakeholders, which will then be considered by the Department. Because these presentations have not been provided yet, it will not be possible to circulate them to all the external stakeholders prior to the meeting Wednesday November 12, 2014.

The presenters are reminded that they need to bring sufficient copies of their presentations and handouts, and that suitable electronic versions of their presentations need to be provided, preferably in advance. The Department is also requesting that meeting notes be taken by the external stakeholders to facilitate the Department subsequently generating a meeting summary.

Be advised that the revised meeting summary for the October 14, 2014 meeting is attached. Please review prior to the meeting.

Note that, with the extension of the time frame for promulgation of the remediation standards, tentative meetings have been established for 2015. The specifics follow:

12/9/2014
1/13/2015
2/10
3/10
4/15 (Wed)
5/12
6/10 (Wed)
7/14
8/11
9/15
10/13
11/10
12/8/2015

All meetings are tentatively set for Tuesday from 1:00 to 4:00 (except where indicated) and are in the 1st Floor Public Hearing Room at 401 East State Street.

For the invited external stakeholders who cannot attend in person, the Go-To-Meeting option will be made available. However, prior coordination with Kathleen Kunze is required to make the necessary arrangements (Kathleen.Kunze@dep.nj.gov).

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.