



# SRPL Board Bulletin



## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

*“Keeping LSRPs Informed”*



### LSRP Supplemental Certification Form

#### Available Now

In February 2024, NJDEP’s Contaminated Site Remediation & Redevelopment (CSRR) announced the availability of Version 1.2 of the LSRP Supplemental Certification for Initial Soil RAP Applications. CSRR made changes to this form based on LSRP feedback via the Remedial Process Improvement Initiative (RPII). These changes clarify CSRR’s intent to allow the use of this LSRP Supplemental Certification Form for a broad range of Soil Remedial Action Permit Applications.

[Click here to visit the NJ DEP CSRR Forms Library and scroll down to the Remedial Action Permit Initial Application – Soil](#)

### Statewide Water Supply Plan

FYI, NJDEP seeks comments on the Draft 2024 Statewide Water Supply Plan. The Plan for the first time addresses the challenges presented by climate change. The 60-day comment period is open until April 26, 2024.

Click here <https://dep.nj.gov/water-supply-plan/>

**Trivia: At the end of my license renewal cycle, when can I start earning CECs for the next cycle?**  
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### *Outreach Committee Chairperson’s Message*

I am happy to be chairing the NJ SRPL Board’s Outreach Committee and was pleased to issue our first quarterly newsletter in January. We on the Board are looking for ways to communicate information more effectively to LSRPs and the wider NJ Site Remediation community. The newsletter is a positive step in that direction in that it highlights Board activities, important issues, and data/information you need to know, as well as provides an easy interface with and access to the Board’s website. We are all busy and being able to quickly read or simply glance at the newsletter should save time and keep us better informed.

We would also like you to look forward to receiving the newsletter and for it to be a “fun” experience - as much as work can be fun! To this end, for a future issue of the newsletter, we encourage you to send us field photos of interesting, technically challenging, or unusual site remediation work along with a short description of what is being shown - no site-specific names or case information, of course. [Please click here to email the Board your photo\(s\).](#)

In closing, I would like to thank the Outreach Committee members and Board staff for their hard work in making the newsletter a reality and look forward to further developing and sustaining the newsletter.

Sincerely,

*Charles Stebbins*

## *Continuing Education Committee*

### Important Board Rule Changes

On September 21, 2022, the Board adopted Amendments to N.J.A.C. 7:26I, the Regulations of the New Jersey Site Remediation Professional Licensing Board. Some of the most significant changes affect Continuing Education.

The first major change was to adopt a new definition of Alternative Verifiable Learning Format, also known as “AVLF.” The new definition defines this term as “any continuing education that is presented in a format that does not provide the ability to interact with the instructor or other participants during the presentation.” What this means is that LSRPs that attend a program via simulcast through Teams, Zoom or another similar format will be attending the program “live” rather than via AVLF, as long as there is a means of interacting with the rest of the class and instructors in real time, including using a “chat” function within the simulcast. LSRPs will be able to count such continuing education programs as live, and such programs will not be subject to the 18 CEC limit on AVLF programs.

Another major change is the new category of “Individual Professional Development.” The Board added this category to allow LSRPs to pursue continuing education that will advance their ability to provide professional services. In each 3-year license term LSRPs must earn 36 continuing education credits (CECs). Of those 36 CECs, 3 must be in the category of Ethics, 10 must be in the category of Regulatory, and 14 must be in the category of Technical. The remaining 9 CECs may be in any of the CEC categories, including the new Individual Professional Development category, as long as the Board has approved the credits. The Board hopes this will enable LSRPs to educate themselves more broadly, gain ideas and refine the skills that will help them succeed in their professional practice.

**Trivia Answer: The day after the renewal application period ends (89 days prior to the effective date of your renewed license).**

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## *Professional Conduct Committee*

### Updates

The Site Remediation Reform Act and the Board Rules require the Board to audit at least 10% of all LSRPs annually for submissions and conduct. Findings of non-compliance may result in complaints submitted to the Professional Conduct Committee (“PCC”). In 2023, the Audit Committee referred five complaints to the PCC (out of a total of 72 audits). The basis of these complaints was the failure of LSRPs to submit the notification to the NJDEP that a mandatory timeframe may not be met as required by N.J.A.C. 7:26I-6.8(c). LSRPs should be aware that they should submit the required notification to the PRCR and the NJDEP, even in the following circumstances.

1. When an extension of a mandatory timeframe has been requested and not yet approved, and the timeframe is imminent. Submission of an extension request on behalf of a PRCR does not constitute compliance by an LSRP with this regulation.
2. When a previous timeframe has been missed and the case is in Direct Oversight. Even if a timeframe was previously missed, if there is a new timeframe that will also be missed, the notification should be submitted.
3. When the LSRP has been in communication with NJDEP representatives about the timeframe, the notification should still be made.
4. If the LSRP believes that the timeframe is not correct as shown in DataMiner. The LSRP should contact the NJDEP to have the timeframe corrected, but until that is completed, the notification should be made.
5. When a document is submitted within the timeframe and then withdrawn, or if there is an open case; for instance, when an AOC-specific Remedial Investigation Report has been submitted, but a required site-wide Remedial Investigation is not complete. If the Remedial Investigation timeframe is still open and will not be completed before the timeframe date, the notification should be made.

**LSRPs should review the Case Tracking Tool monthly to confirm timeframes and ensure compliance with notification requirements. Use professional judgement to decide when to make notifications.**