

SUBGROUP: Funding Sustainability

Remediation and Redevelopment External Advisory Group



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Remediation and Redevelopment External Advisory Group – Funding Sustainability

Wednesday, May 29, 2024 | 10-11:30 a.m.
State Natural Resources Building (GEF 2) | Room G09
101 S. Webster St.
Madison, WI

Action items/assignments for next meeting

- Looking for more input in ad hoc groups (Vapor Intrusion Sites without an RP, Emergency Water for Private Wells) to develop issue papers – contact Mark Rutkowski (Mark.Rutkowski@shanwil.com) and Michael Prager (Michael.Prager@wisconsin.gov) if you are interested
- **ALL:** Subscribe to the RR EAG listserv to receive information about future meeting dates, agendas, resources, and other EAG-relevant items. Zoom attendees are automatically added to the listserv; if you would like to opt out, please email Coreenr.Fallat@wisconsin.gov

Introductions

In Person:

Gena Larson, DNR
Michael Prager, DNR
Mark Rutkowski, Shannon & Wilson
Ben Vondra, DNR
Jennifer Borski, DNR
Coreen Fallat, DNR
Roxanne Chronert, DNR

Zoom:

Frank Dombrowski, WEC Energy Group
Curtis Hedman, DHS
Heather Herr, GEI Consultants
Chris Lutzen, AECOM
Cory Katzban, Sigma Group
Leah Dechant, Shannon and Wilson
Renata Bungler
Julie Ketchum Waste Management
Margaret Brunette, DNR
Renata Bungler
Don Gallo, Don Gallo Law
Jason Lowery, DNR
Matt Thompson, DNR

Meeting Recap

Discussion of the [draft issue paper](#) on establishment of a vapor contamination, mitigation and stewardship clean-up fund.

- Need for fund to cover costs at sites without a viable responsible party.
- Discussion: should funds be limited to vapor intrusion or open for other types of contamination?
Recommendation: targeted approach to funding that addresses acute health risk across the state.
- Include support for innocent landowners in the approach.
- Discussion of Assembly Bill 1055 and similarities between the issue paper and the bill, as well as the Revitalize Wisconsin proposal in the last executive budget.
- Several of options for funding are not recommended; bad-player tax (chronic polluters) and acquisition, cleanup, and resale of old-dog sites.
- Suggestion to look at lottery revenue as a source of funding.

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Funding Gaps – Additional Priority Gaps for further white paper development

The group identified additional funding gaps for consideration and will discuss at future meetings.

Next Steps and Assignments

- Finish drafting the funding sustainability issue paper and share with the EAG.
 - Prioritize the list of funding sources in the paper.
 - Contact Michael to volunteer.
- Create ad hoc groups for papers on some of the issues identified.
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- Convene a small group to craft an innocent landowner statement to integrate into papers.

Next meeting date

- Remediation and Redevelopment External Advisory Group (EAG) – July 25, 2024

Adjourn



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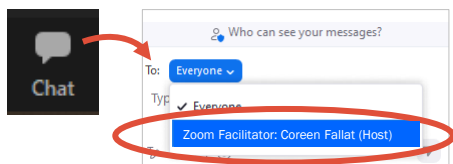
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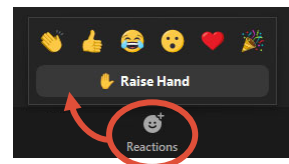
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Agenda

- Review Takeaways
- White Paper – Funding for Vapor Intrusion evaluation, mitigation, remediation and
- Next Steps

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Last Meeting Takeaways

- Update on fee issue paper from NR 700 subgroup
- Update on two legislative bills that did not pass, AB 1055 and SB 312
- Priorities funding gaps discussed and plan to evaluate and develop issue papers
- Began discussion about VI paper



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Priority Funding Gap – Vapor Intrusion

- Draft issue paper developed by Chris and Mark
- Sites without an RP & long-term stewardship of mitigation systems
- Describes the needs
- Proposal
- Options for where funding could come from



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Priority Funding Gap – Vapor Intrusion

Types of activities where funding is needed:

- Source identification
- Protection of building occupants
- Vapor mitigation operation, monitoring and maintenance costs
- Source cleanup/reduction to reduce or eliminate need for vapor mitigation.
- Long-term stewardship of mitigation systems

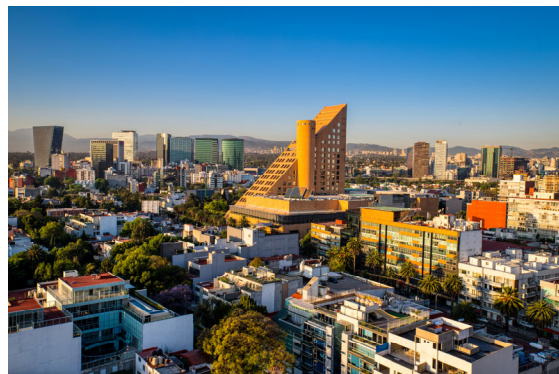


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Priority Funding Gap – Vapor Intrusion

- Discussion and thoughts about the white paper
- Changes or additions
- Next steps
- Forward to the full EAG?



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Funding Gaps – Other Priority Areas

- Emergency water for private wells
- Address community health concerns
- Flexible cleanup funding

Should group begin working on one or more of these?

What data or information is needed?

Volunteers?

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Next Steps and Assignments

- Next steps
- Assignments



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Future Meeting Dates

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RR EAG – July 25, 2024

- 9 a.m. – noon
- Milwaukee DNR Service Center

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