

SUBGROUP: Funding Sustainability

Remediation and Redevelopment External Advisory Group



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Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024 | 10-11:30 a.m.
State Natural Resources Building (GEF 2) | Room 513
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 Lodie.Thistle@wisconsin.gov

Introductions

In Person:

Ryan Blundon, Lifetime Radon
Gena Larson, DNR
Pam Mylotta, DNR
Michael Prager, DNR
Mark Rutkowski, Shannon & Wilson
Alyssa Sellwood, DNR
Jodie Thistle, DNR
Ben Vondra, DNR

Michelle Castile
Tom Coogan, DNR
Rob Hoverman, DNR
Jason Lowery, DNR
Dave Misky, Milwaukee Redevelopment Authority
Bill Nelson, Godfrey & Kahn
Molly Schmidt, DNR
Jason Scott, WEDC
Matt Thompson, DNR
Chris Valcheff, True North Consultants
Ted Warpinski, Halling & Cayo
Ned Witte, Godfrey & Kahn
Heidi Woelfel, GZA

Zoom:

Jennifer Borski, DNR
Margarette Brunet, DNR

Review Takeaways from last meeting

Update on NR 700 subgroup discussion of RR program fees

- Status of issue papers that will be discussed during the NR 700 subgroup meeting later today (1. Fees, 2. Site Investigations and Conceptual Site Models)
- Issue paper topics meant to address future rulemaking topics, however, issue papers are broad and discuss other issues and potential solutions.
- Timeframe for rulemaking was annual and was anticipated to start July 2024, but will now begin in July 2025. Contact Molly for more information.

Update on recent legislative bills

- AB 1055- Includes Revitalize Wisconsin proposal that was in Governors Budget, includes funding for innocent landowners and DERF sites
- SB 312 – Funding for PFAS and limits to when DNR can require owners to address PFAS.

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Funding Gaps Prioritization – Recap and Next Steps

- Top funding gap priorities
 - Emergency water costs have increased significantly
 - VI on BOTW. Open sites with known screening level or indoor action levels exceeded – now identified in BOTW with action code. Another action code identifies open sites with off-site impacts.
 - Discussed importance of community health concerns, recognized that several of the other gaps are aimed at community health issues (drinking water in rural areas, vapors in homes)
 - Flexible cleanup spending may be very broad, the other topics can be defined. Need to define further what would fall under that before advancing topic.
 - Group agreed that “vapor sites without an RP” and “emergency water for private wells” would be the top 2 priority issues and group will work on issue papers related to these topics and flexible cleanup funding could be for next priority (after further clarification of what that means).
- Next steps to prepare issue papers with recommendations – The plan is for the subgroup will prepare issue papers that include:
 - Why is this important?
 - What are the needs?
 - How many sites would need this funding?
 - What current programs are there that can pay for these sites in some cases? What is lacking?
 - Recommendations
- **Vapor Intrusion sites without RP - Discussion**
 - How is “without an RP” defined, include sites with RPs who are not financially viable
 - What are the funding needs?
 - Universe of sites that need funds- how many sites?
 - DNR, FY23 & 24, vapor related investigations at 10 of appx 160 sites that need investigation. Appx. \$1M (over half spent, the rest allocated to be spent by end of FY). DNR has system to prioritize sites with vapor issues.
 - Mitigation systems may also be needed, including commissioning/documentation, and continuing obligations to maintain by RP
 - How will CO be transferred? Formal requirement. Prior to mitigation there is communication/training on what will be needed to maintain system.
 - Consider sites when non-causer RP is asked to cover cost of a mitigation system (e.g., large commercial/industrial system with high maintenance costs). Source removal is important.
 - Ad-hoc group to continue to work on this topic. **Email Mark Rutkowski and Michael Prager if you’d like to participate.**
- **Emergency Water for Private Wells** – Ad-hoc group to continue work on this topic. **Email Mark Rutkowski and Michael Prager if you’d like to participate. Chris Valcheff offered to help.**

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Priorities for Subgroup for 2024

- Volunteers to meet ad-hoc to work on papers

Next Steps and Assignments

Email Mark Rutkowski and Michael Prager if you'd like to participate ad-hoc group to drafting issue papers.

Next meeting date

- Remediation and Redevelopment External Advisory Group (EAG) – April. 11, 2024
- RR EAG Subgroup Series – May. 29, 2024

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