

Transforming Cleanup in Connecticut



Today's Agenda

January 10, 2012

Public Meeting on Remediation Transformation

- Opening Remarks from DEEP
- Summary of Evaluation
- Summary of Concept
- Explanation of Next Steps
- Stakeholder Input and Comment

Why Now

- Status quo is not good for:
 - environment and public health – pollution remains and risks can increase with time
 - economy – too much uncertainty and too much input to get outcomes
- Everyone has learned from the pros and cons of the current system
- Current system too cumbersome and too slow to yield results commensurate with risk quickly

What We Need To Succeed

- New ideas that *catalyze* environmental restoration and economic growth
- Robust Stakeholder input
- Information about what has succeeded for other States/Nations
- Knowledge of what works from 40 years of experience protecting public health and the environment

What We Need From You

- Your support for the new Connecticut Release Reporting and Remediation (R³) Program
- Your time to discuss the R³ Program
- Your support will:
 - Protect public safety and health
 - Restore our environment
 - Unlock property value
 - Build Connecticut's Economy
 - Protect "Greenfields" and preserve CT's character

What Has Happened Thus Far

- White Paper in January 2011
- Robust Stakeholder process over summer and fall, including:
 - Visioning Session in June 2011
 - Stakeholder Evaluation Workgroups in September 2011
- 2 years of dialogue on Release Reporting

What We Heard

- Takes too long and too much \$\$ to exit
- Program needs to be more self-implementing
- Current system is too complex
- Need multiple risk-based exits
- Need milestones and clear timeframes
- DEEP needs more robust and quicker Audits

What We Heard

- No realized value until final exit is attained
- DEEP needs stronger enforcement ability
- More valuable public participation needed
- Data must be more transparent and accessible
- Some stakeholders want more time to discuss details

What We Need To Change

From

- Multiple and Overlapping Programs
- Property-based and Release-based System
- Few Properties Exit Cleanup Program
- Command and Control System



To

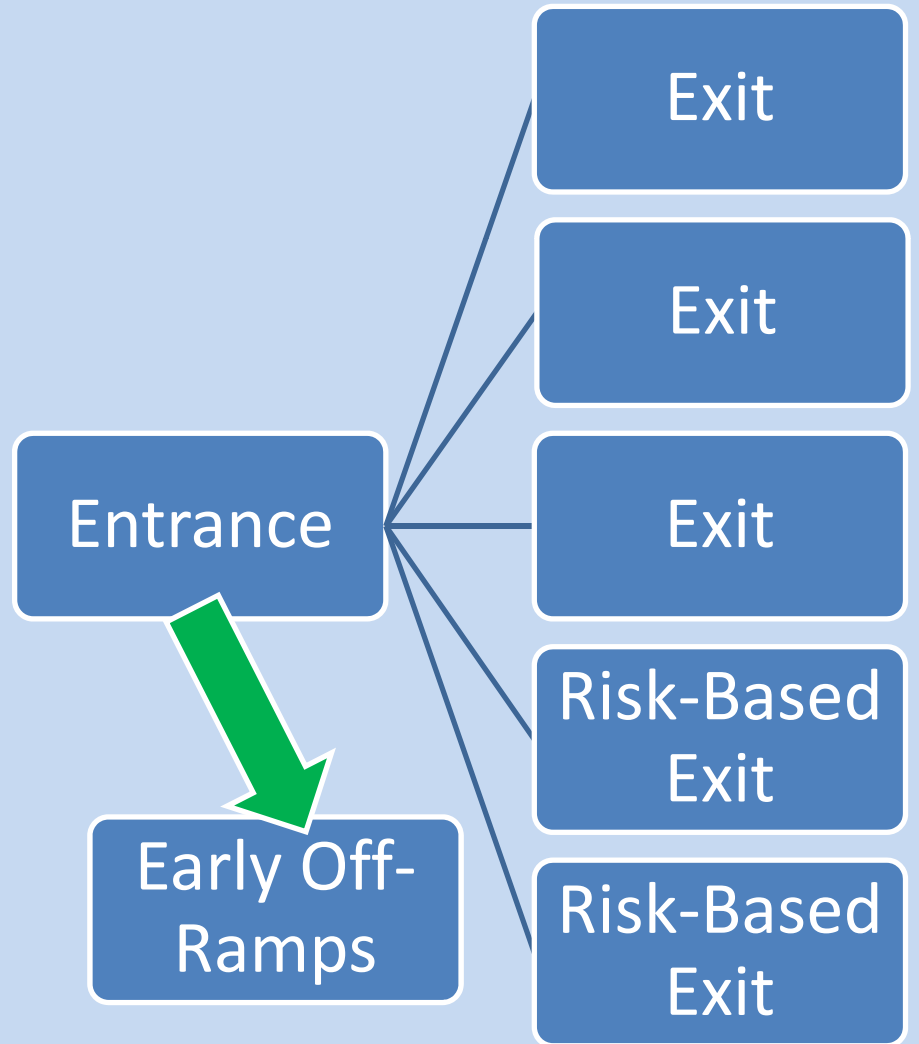
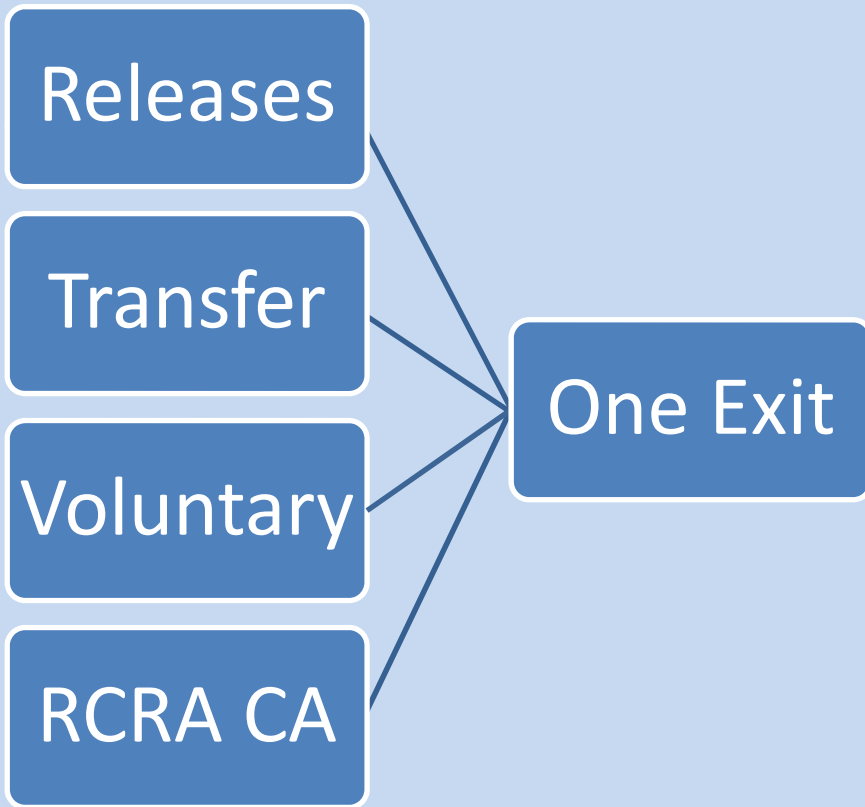
- Unified Program
- Primarily a Release-based System
- Earlier and Multiple Exits
- Self-Implementation and Clearer Obligations

HIGH ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS PRESERVED

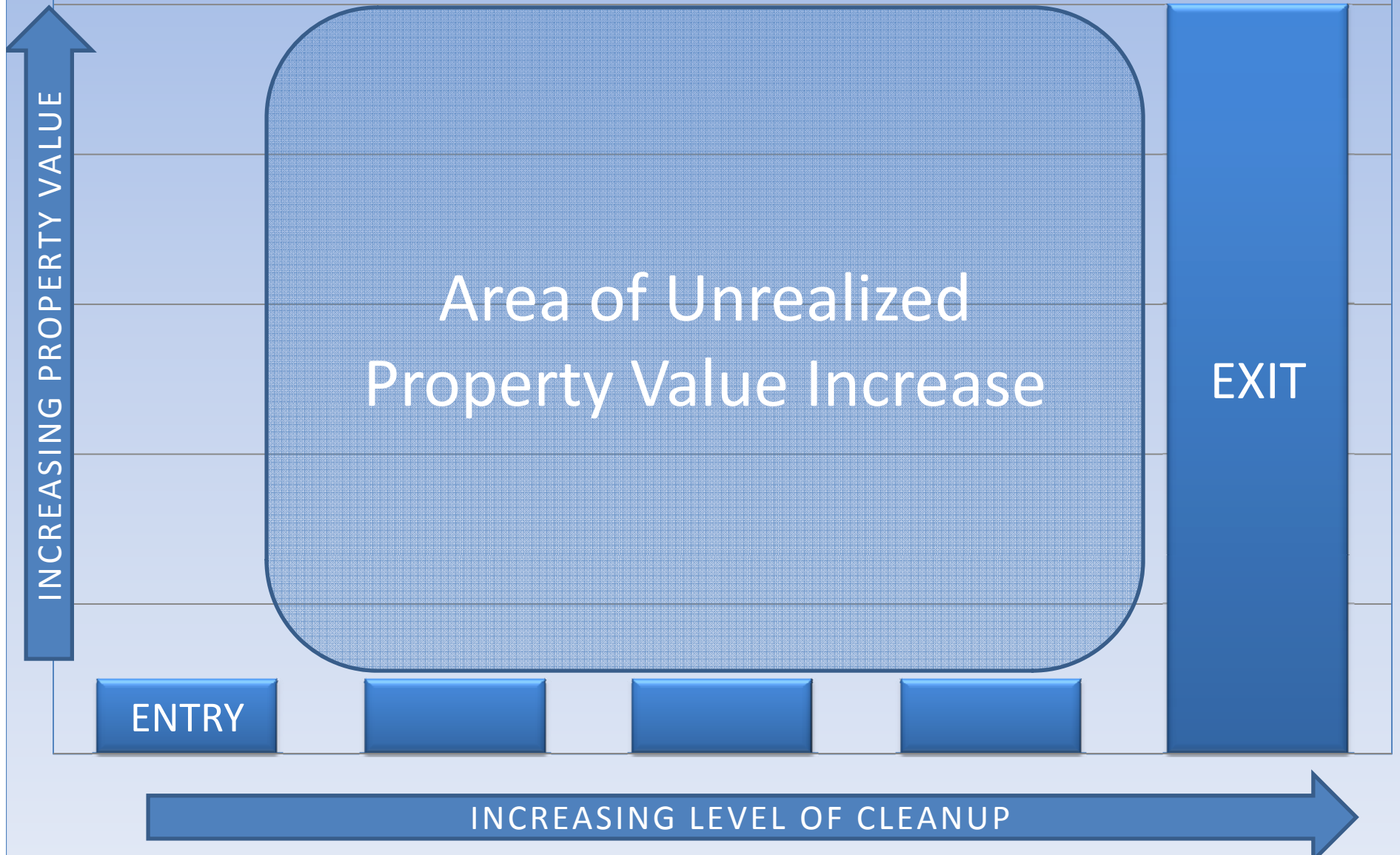
Many Potential
Entrances & One
Exit



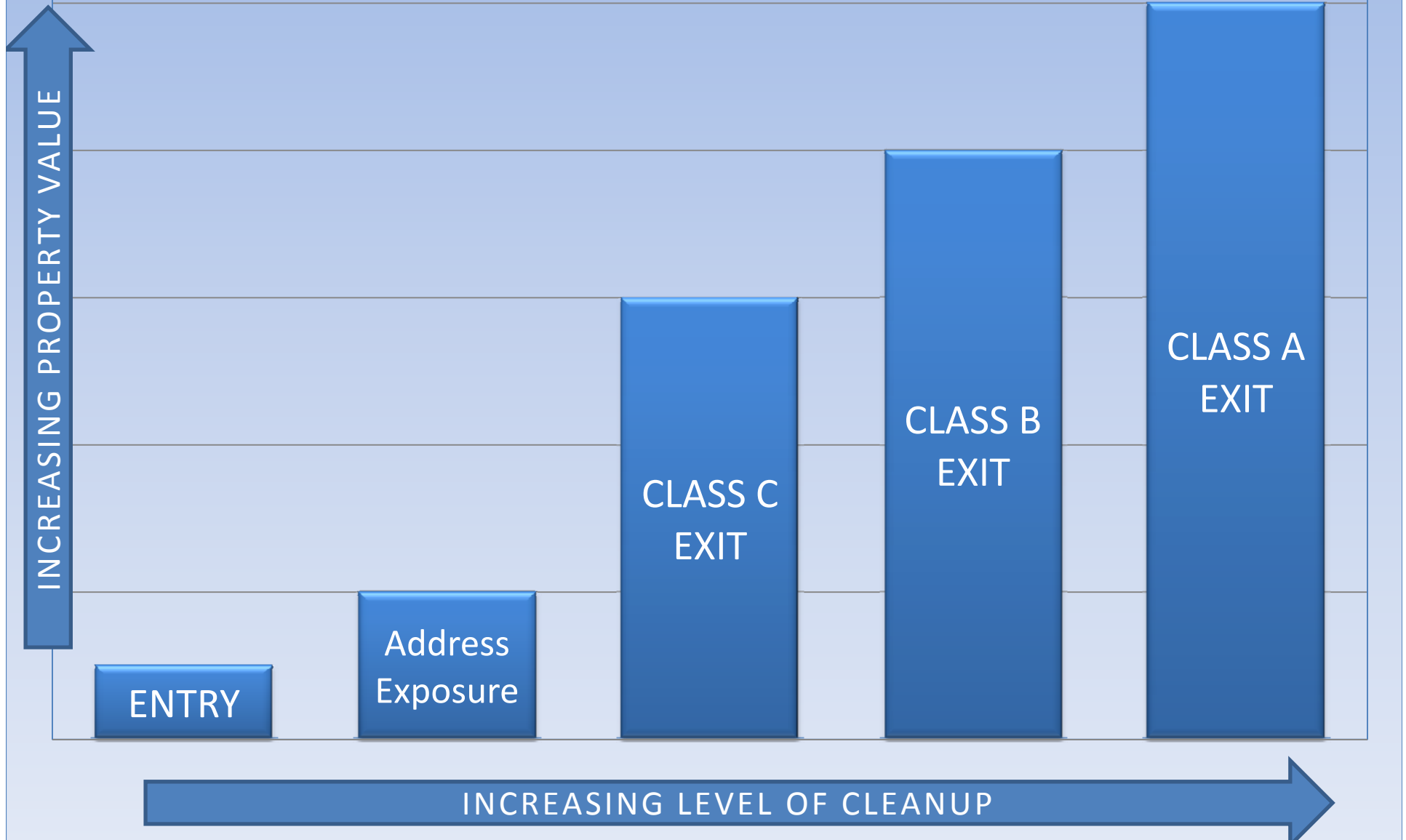
Clear Entrance,
Multiple Exits & Early
Off-Ramps



Current State of Cleanup in Connecticut Entry Point and Exit



Future State of Cleanup in Connecticut Entry Point and EXITS



Future State

Cause,
Know, or
Discover
Release

Notify DEEP
–
Immediate
Off-ramps

Timely
Eliminate
Potential
Exposures

Multiple
Tiered EXITS
–
Timeframes



Certain Releases
with *quick*
cleanups require
no further action

MULTI-LEVEL EXIT CLASSES

C I/II



B I/II



A



INCREASING LEVEL OF CLEANUP



MULTI-LEVEL EXIT CLASSES

C I/II

- Soil Cleanup Complete
- GW Remedy Operational
- Long-term Maintenance

B I/II

- Soil & GW Cleanup Complete
- Land-Use Controls
- Long-term Maintenance

A

- Soil & GW Cleanup Complete
- Unrestricted Reuse

INCREASING LEVEL OF CLEANUP



CLEANUP EXIT SUBCATEGORIES

B-II or C-II

**Risk-Based and/or Site-
Specific Standards and
Approach**

B-I or C-I

**Default
Standards and
Approach**

INCREASING LEVEL OF CLEANUP



Key Takeaways

- Release-based approach
- Self-implementing with robust auditing and enforcement
- Multiple, clear, and early exits
- Risk-based cleanup options
- Transparency and meaningful participation
- No more Transfer Act
- Level playing field for all businesses

What Stakeholders Should Do

- Review the Report
- Submit comments – DEEP is very interested in two types of comments:
 1. General response to the vision and concept
 2. Specific comments, concerns, and requests that DEEP can review as we work on the details of this proposal

What DEEP Will Be Doing

- Develop details on legislative ***concept*** based on Stakeholder input
- Develop additional revision to the RSRs that will address proposed changes
- Develop guidance on new program
- Develop enhancements to LEP authorities and Regulations
- Develop Program Metrics

Stakeholder Input and Comments

- DEEP will try to take down all comments made today for consideration
- Please state your name

We Will Take Your Comments

