

Hi all,

As discussed at yesterday's Working Group meeting, DEEP has drafted the attached language for consideration as an addendum to the minor legislative realignments the Department has proposed. This draft language creates a stakeholder engagement process that kicks off once the Release Based regs are adopted. We largely drew from the existing Remediation Roundtable, which should look familiar to most interested stakeholders. We think this language strikes a good balance of freeing up DEEP's bandwidth to start the process of designing and pursuing implementation of the regs, while providing opportunity for all of you and the public to both advise on the implementation before they effect as well as opportunities to provide feedback once the new system is in place.

We have provided this language to the Environment and Commerce Committee chairs for their review and consideration.

Thank you!

Emma

Sec. X. Section 22a-134tt of the General Statutes is amended by adding subsection (i) as follows  
(Effective October 1, 2025):

(i) The first time regulations are adopted pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall hold seven public meetings to seek stakeholder input on the implementation and efficacy of the release-based cleanup program.

(1) Notice of each public meeting shall be posted on the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's internet website.

(2) The first public meeting required by this subsection shall be held not more than one hundred and twenty days before the effective date of regulations adopted pursuant to this section;

(3) The second public meeting shall be held not more than one hundred and twenty days after the effective date of regulations adopted pursuant to this section. There shall be not less than ninety days but not more than one hundred eighty days between each public meeting except the first and second public meetings. The final public meeting required by this subsection shall be held not more than two years after the effective date of regulations adopted pursuant to this section.

(4) For a period of not less than forty-five days before the final public meeting required by this subsection, the commissioner shall accept written comments on the implementation and efficacy of the release-based cleanup program.

(5) Not more than one hundred eighty days after the final public meeting the commissioner shall provide to the Governor and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment and commerce a report that: summarizes the comments received; recommends any changes to the general statutes that will improve the implementation and efficacy of the release-based cleanup program; identifies conceptually any regulatory changes necessary to improve the implementation and efficacy of the release-based cleanup program; and provides a proposed schedule for issuing a notice of intent for any regulatory concepts identified.