

Members of the Release-Based Working Group,

Ahead our meeting this afternoon, I wanted to share some exciting news. Earlier today, DEEP formally transmitted the Release-Based Cleanup Regulations (“RBCRs”) to the Office of Attorney General for review. Before taking this important step towards the adoption of the RBCRs, we worked hard to review and incorporate the many thoughtful comments you and other commenters provided.

As you will see, this new draft of the updated RBCRs include significant revisions that reflects your thoughtful input. I hope you will take a moment to review the hearing officer’s report (listed as “comments response summary document” on the State’s eRegulations website (here: <https://eregulations.ct.gov/eRegsPortal/Search/RMRView/PR2024-025>). That report includes a redline version of §§ 22a-134tt-1 to 22a-134tt-13, inclusive (including §§ 22a-134tt-App-1 to 22a-134tt-App12), as well the Department’s responses to the comments received. Five general comment responses are provided that reflect substation (on the topics of applicability to parcels used for residential activity, “lower bounds,” discovery through multiple lines of evidence, permitted environmental professionals, and the Department’s statutory authority to adopt the RBCRs). These more general discussions are followed by responses to specific comments on individual regulatory provisions.

Thank you, as always, for dedicating your time and expertise to this critical project. We look forward to discussing these changes in more detail at our meeting this afternoon.

Best,
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