# P.A. 20-9 Working Group on Release-Based Cleanup Regulations 15th Meeting

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# I. Remarks by Agencies







# II. Remarks by Legislators







### Subcommittee Process & Schedule

- Concepts Papers due March 31, 2022
- Advice and Feedback from Working Group anticipated June 2022
  - Concept Papers will be posted for public review and feedback
  - DEEP will provides its feedback on Concept Papers
  - Working Group internal review process to be determined ...





#### Additional Issues for Review

- DEEP launched a new webpage listing issues raised by the Working Group that may require additional evaluation
- Includes DEEP feedback, including Method 3 Memo/Discussion

#### Release-Based Clean Up Program Regulation Development

Under a release-based system, Connecticut's cleanup framework will be aligned with 48 other states and will maintain environmental protections important to the state's public health, water, and natural resources. Public Act No. 20-9 charges DEEP to work with the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), legislative leaders, and a variety of stakeholders to chart a new path for Connecticut's cleanup program. DEEP and DECD will co-chair a working group to receive advice and feedback for regulations to be adopted by DEEP following our guiding principles. Stakeholder input will be critical to ensuring that the regulations are practical and can be implemented by property owners and practitioners.

Working Group Meetings - meeting dates, Zoom links, agendas, and other materials

Topical Subcommittees – suggested topics and issues

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Stakeholder Engagement Advice and Recommendations – concept papers and requests for public comments will be posted on the stakeholder page along with advice and feedback from the Working Group

Additional Issues for Review – A webpage listing issues raised by the Working Group that may require additional evaluation during the development and implementation of a Release-Based Clean-up Program.



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#### Method 3 Discussion

- DEEP's memo on method 3-type risk assessments relates to the current subcommittee process
- Subcommittee 7 still will be able to develop significant new approaches that will result in LEP-implemented risk assessments
- Current RSRs already contain certain method 3-type risk assessment remedies
- A few method 3-type risk assessment components require DPH review and approval per statute (§22a-1i)
- DEEP is willing to have a discussion about specific items that will require DPH review
- This discussion requires stakeholders beyond Subcommittee 7 membership



#### Guidance and Forms Ad Hoc Team

- Ad Hoc Teams to work through proposed charge and report back to the Working Group
  - Membership: Representatives of the Working Group and DEEP Resources
- DEEP to solicit volunteers for Ad Toc Team early next week
- First meeting the first week of March
- Team report out due first week of May



# Subcommittee Report Out/Discussion

Subcommittee 6 - Modification of Cleanup Standards for Lower-Risk Releases







# Subcommittee Report Out/Discussion

Subcommittee 7 - LEP-implemented,
 Risk-Based Alternate Cleanup Standards







# Subcommittee Report Out/Discussion

 Subcommittee 8 - Clean-up Completion Documentation, Verifications, and Audit Frequency and Timeframes









## **Public Comment**

Additional feedback can also be sent to:

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