



Release Based Cleanup Program Info Sheet
for sites in the Property Transfer Program (PTP)

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This info sheet is a general overview, always refer to the law for specifics.

What will happen to the Property Transfer Program (PTP) after March 1, 2026?	Do my cleanup obligations change?	The Release-Based (R-B) cleanup standards applicable to all sites include:	Who is required to report releases under the R-B process?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•After March 1, no new PTP filings will be required.•Properties already in PTP will still need to complete site-wide investigation and remediation to achieve cleanup standards.• There is also an opportunity to use the Release-Based process to close out obligations for past filings. (see below)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•All obligations of all certifying parties remain in place, including requirements for site-wide investigation and remediation.•On March 1, 2026, the cleanup standards for all sites, including PTP, will become the R-B cleanup standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•All existing RSR options, updated and incorporated into the R-B cleanup standards•Permit by rule for Historically Impacted Material•Managed Multifamily Residential Direct Exposure Criteria (DEC)•Passive Recreation DEC•and others	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•The creator or maintainer of the release•The current owner of a property is considered a maintainer, regardless of fault for the creation of a release•Any person who discovers a Significant Existing Release (SER) must notify the creator / maintainer and must notify DEEP if they do not report

IS A NEWLY DISCOVERED RELEASE AT A PTP SITE REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED UNDER THE RELEASE BASED (R-B) PROCESS?

New spills must be reported to DEEP Dispatch and are typically addressed with R-B process

Releases that occurred before the transfer filing are addressed under PTP (Legacy releases)

Addressed under PTP

Date of Transfer Act Filing (or Phase II)

Addressed under R-B process (with a few exceptions)

Releases that occur after the transfer filing / Phase II are addressed under R-B process

When did the release occur?

Confused about which program applies?

We get it – it's complicated!

[This quiz helps sort things out for your situation.](#)



I HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD – DOES IT NEED TO BE REPORTED AS AN SEH OR SER?

Addressed under SEH

Depends on when it is discovered

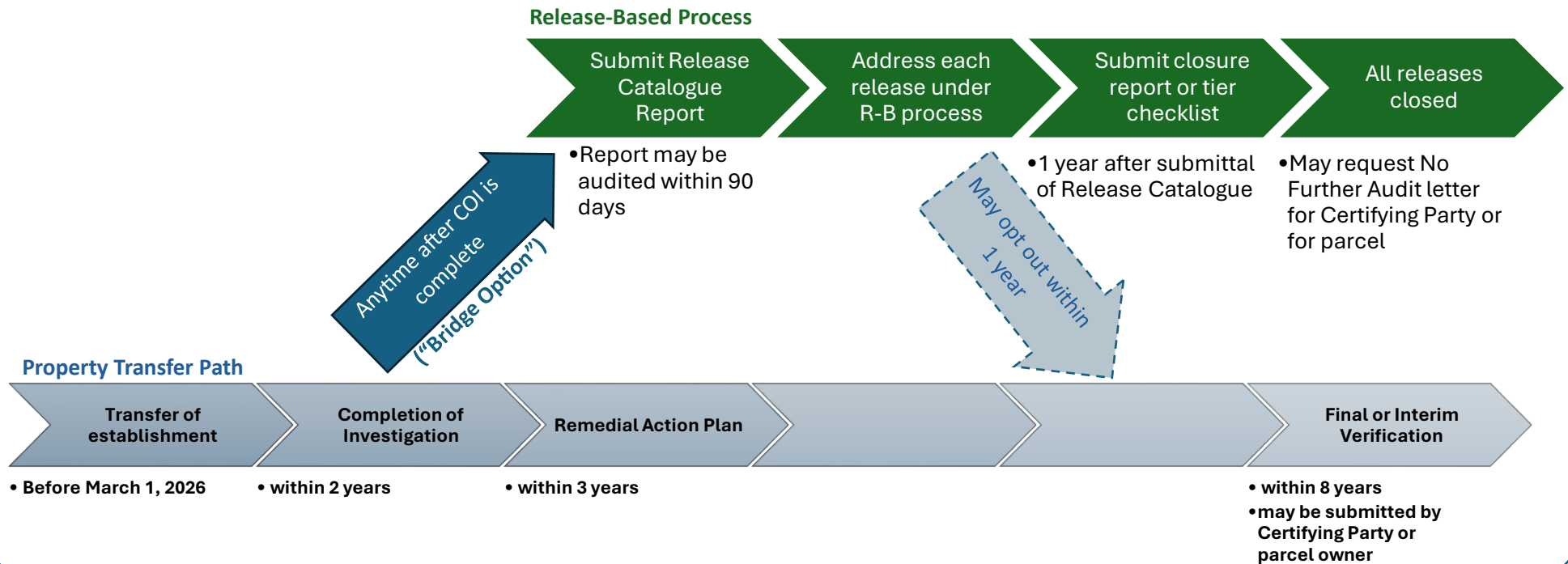
Addressed under SERs

Transfer filing date

Final verification / approval

When did the release occur?

CAN I CHANGE TO THE RELEASE-BASED PROCESS? HOW DOES IT WORK?



HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS?

WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Always refer to the appropriate statutes for the specific language. The information here is intended only to acquaint you with statutory and regulatory changes, please reach out if you have specific questions.

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