



**Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
Remediation Division
Remediation Roundtable
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Presented below are the Department's responses to verbal comments made at the Remediation Roundtable held on March 28, 2018. The comments and responses may have been edited for clarification purposes.

SELECTED VERBAL COMMENTS FROM THE MARCH 28, 2018 ROUNDTABLE:

Year in Review

Comment: How many properties are currently in transfer act?

Response: *There are about 5,200 sites on file, but 8,000-9,000 property transfer filings. Many are multiple filings for the same property.*

Wave 2 RSRs Update

Comment: What do you anticipate for public comment period?

Response: *No decision has been made yet, but clearly more than 30 days would be needed and tons of outreach to let you know what's happening.*

Comment: Any thoughts about going forward with the AUL regulation package?

Response: *There will be an updated EUR package that is public noticed with the RSRs package.*

Comment: Any thoughts on pre-public comment period before it enters the formal regulation process?

Response: *We have been presenting and discussing the concepts in the revised draft over the course of the past few years at previous Roundtables and public outreach forums.*

Tidal Wetlands Habitat Restoration in Connecticut:

Comment: Do you use any dredge material for marsh restoration?

Response: *DEEP has reused dredged material within Rocky Neck State Park to restore some of the degrading wetlands along Brides Brook. Others have proposed similar projects in Guilford and Norwalk but these have not moved forward as of yet. It is great when suitable material can be reused beneficially, rather than just dumping it as a waste product.*

Roundtable Tips:

Navigating the File Room

Comment: Are there any long range plans for digitizing files for access by all?

Response: *There are long range plans to digitize records for the agency; however, the budget is a very big constraint. Those talks continue to be moved lower down in the queue until budget resources are increased, but it is still a long term plan for the agency.*

Comment: Can the community at large make donations?

Response: *That suggestion would need to go through the Commissioner's Office and legislature.*

Comment: To make this process go smoothly in the future does it make sense for all consultants to provide forms electronic form now?

Response: *The difficult part for the agency is indexing the document once it is received so it can be retrieved after it is saved, since we currently have to do this by hand it takes 4-5 minutes to index and file. Multiply that by hundreds of files and it's not an easy process. Until we have the proper mechanisms in place we would still request files come in via hard copy, excluding those such as annual monitoring reports, for which we have developed a process for accepting electronically as discussed in previous Roundtables.*

Comment: What is the status of getting all manifests searchable? It is pertinent for researching transfer sites.

Response: *There were technical difficulties with the bulk scanning project which required DEEP to seek another vendor, that vendor has since been chosen and the project should be back on schedule soon.*