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COMMUNICATION TIPS FOR WORKING WITH THE NJDEP

SRPL BOARD LSRPs

The following are communication tips from our Board LSRPs to aid in building a successful working relationship with NJDEP Staff in Contaminated Site Remediation & Redevelopment:

- ✚ When the NJDEP emails with an issue, respond immediately by email acknowledging receipt of their email. It should take less than one minute.
- ✚ If the NJDEP is requesting a response within 7 days, let them know if you are likely to make that timeframe or not. Same for the 30-day timeframes.
- ✚ If you get a call or voicemail from the NJDEP, call back immediately. If it is an easy question, give the NJDEP your response. If it is a more complex question that will take time to answer, let them know you have received the message and are working on the response.
- ✚ When responding to written comments, list the NJDEP comment and your response immediately below. If the comment does not require a detailed response, simply write “Comment Acknowledged.”
- ✚ If you are not making progress after more than two rounds of written comments/responses, consider elevating to a NJDEP supervisor for resolution. If elevation does not help to resolve the matter, consider requesting a technical consultation or technical review panel meeting to discuss the outstanding matters.
- ✚ Use DataMiner BEFORE calling the NJDEP to check the status of a document, review, or remedial action permit. [DATAMINER](#)
- ✚ Make sure to review guidance documents and information on the CSRR website BEFORE calling the NJDEP on technical issues (as they will know if you did or not when you ask your questions). [CSRR](#)
- ✚ Always be courteous and professional in dealing with the NJDEP. Treat the NJDEP staff as you would treat your client.

<<< [If you have suggestions to add to the tips listed above, click here to email the Board at SRPLBoardContact@dep.nj.gov](#) >>>

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WELLS AND REMEDIATION: LSRP REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**STEVEN DOMBER, NEW JERSEY STATE
GEOLOGIST AND SRPL BOARD
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The Bureau of Water Allocation and Well Permitting (BWAWP) reminds Licensed Site Remediation Professionals (LSRPs) that monitoring wells must be properly decommissioned once they are no longer necessary for investigation and remediation. According to New Jersey's Technical Requirements for Site Remediation, all wells must be installed, maintained, and decommissioned in accordance with Well Construction and Maintenance; Sealing of Abandoned Wells rules, N.J.A.C. 7:9D. [NJAC 7:9D](#)

The first step that LSRPs can take to ensure that wells are properly decommissioned is to keep complete and accurate records of all wells in their remediation network. LSRPs should create and verify inventories of wells and their locations, including those located off-site. This is especially important in cases of wells installed prior to their involvement. Wells installed after June 30, 2008 require the submission of a well record which includes NJ State Plane (NAD 83) GPS coordinates, while older wells may have locational data on Well Certification Form B. A well search may be conducted by visiting [Well Search](#). Note that if a well was not properly located originally, it may not show up in a well search and other steps must be

employed to ensure that an accurate location is established for all wells.

It is important that throughout the course of remediation and redevelopment, LSRPs take steps to ensure that all network wells, both on-site and off-site, are not lost, damaged or destroyed, particularly when regrading and repaving. The process for managing damaged, destroyed or lost wells is outlined by N.J.A.C. 7:9D-3.5. This regulation was intended to apply to wells affected by accidents or natural disasters beyond the control of property owners. However, recent cases have involved wells impacted by property owners or their associates. When wells are damaged or lost, LSRPs must strictly follow BWAWP's Guidance for Damaged, Destroyed or Lost Wells [Guidance for Damaged, Destroyed or Lost Wells](#). LSRPs should be aware that this guidance is the basis for submitting an initial request and extensive additional investigation may be required. Proper documentation and pre-established access agreements for off-site wells are critical, particularly when dealing with off-site decommissioning. If the owners of property with off-site wells refuse to allow well decommissioning, the Department can intervene.

LSRPs must ensure all wells are accurately located, protected, and decommissioned to avoid violations, including potential penalties for failing to meet these obligations.

Additional information on this topic is available on BWAWP's [website](#) or by contacting them at wellpermitting@dep.nj.gov.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR LSRPs and LSRP Exam Applicants

The 2025 Annual Licensing fee in the amount of \$990 is due **January 15, 2025**.

[Click here for instructions on how to pay your LSRP Licensing Fees](#)

The next LSRP Licensure Examination is scheduled for **April 9, 2025**.

The Board will accept applications for the Licensure Examination **January 6, 2025 - January 31, 2025**.

[Click here to visit the Board website for the application form and instructions](#)

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SUNSET REFLECTIONS

from

LSRP MARSHALL KING

Thank you for your sunset picture submission.
Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Photo Taken By: LSRP Marshall King
This picture was taken from the boat launch at the
Manasquan River State Wildlife Management
Area in Allenwood, New Jersey.

LSRP EXAM DETAILS - DANA HAYMES, SRPL BOARD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The LSRP licensing examination will be held on April 9, 2025. Anyone interested in applying to become an LSRP may submit their application between January 6-31, 2025. Information about qualifications and eligibility criteria may be found at [NJ Site Remediation Professional Licensing Board - \[LSRP Eligibility\]](#). The application form and instructions may be found at [NJ Site Remediation Professional Licensing Board - \[Licensure\]](#). All applicants must take the Case Study Training Class provided by Rutgers on January 14-15, 2025. [LSRP Case Study Training: The Next Generation – Rutgers NJAES Office of Continuing Professional Education](#). Any questions may be directed to the SRPL Board.

RECENT NJDEP STATISTICS ON LSRP-ISSUED RAOs

CHARLES STEBBINS, LSRP AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE SRPL BOARD OUTREACH COMMITTEE

In November, the NJDEP announced some Response Action Outcome (RAO)-related statistics to the regulated community that point to the success of the Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) Program. Since the inception of the program in 2009, LSRPs have issued **22,376 RAOs** on contaminated sites across New Jersey. Of these, 648 (2.9%) were voluntarily withdrawn by LSRPs [and not reissued] and 25 (0.1%) were invalidated by the Department.

These numbers demonstrate the effectiveness of the LSRP Program over the past decade and a half.

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