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GREETING FROM BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Paul Hauge is the Commissioner's new designee to serve as Chair of the SRPLB. Mr. Hauge is an Advisor to the Commissioner for Legal and Regulatory Affairs. In addition to providing advice on a variety of legal and regulatory matters, Mr. Hauge assists in litigation brought on behalf of the Department by the Division of Law and outside counsel.

Read Mr. Hauge's full biography here.



"It was an honor to be designated as Board Chairperson by Commissioner LaTourette in January, following the departure of Paul Stofa from DEP and his return to the Division of Law. In my brief time as Chairperson, I have already come to appreciate the hard work and dedication that our volunteer Board Members bring to the job. On behalf of the entire Board, I want to express heartfelt thanks to departing Board Member Peter Strom, and to give a warm welcome to new members Jay Meegoda and Nicholas Huszar. I look forward to working with the Board and the entire LSRP community toward our shared goal of timely, effective, and efficient remediation and revitalization of contaminated sites, with protection of public health and safety and the environment our highest priority."



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WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Mr. Nicholas Huszar is an environmental geologist and has been a Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) since 2014. He has over 24 years of experience working in the environmental consulting and remediation field. *Read Mr. Huszar's full biography <u>here</u>.*

Dr. Jay Meegoda is the program director of the Geotechnical group and a Distinguished Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He has been working as an educator, consultant and researcher in engineering for over 44 years. *Read Dr. Meegoda's full biography <u>here</u>*.



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CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS $\stackrel{\star}{\sim}$ KEY POINTS FOR LICENSE RENEWAL $\stackrel{\star}{\sim}$

Lawra Dodge, Continuing Education Committee Chairperson

Every LSRP is required to participate in continuing education, and completing continuing education requirements is mandatory for license renewal. Do you know what the requirements are? Check the facts below!

• To meet the continuing education requirement for license renewal, LSRPs must earn a minimum of 36 continuing education credits ("CECs") within the 3-year license renewal period.



- Only programs approved by the SRPL Board for continuing education credit will count towards the 36 CECs required for license renewal.
- Of the 36 CECs required for license renewal each LSRP must earn a minimum of 3 Ethics CECs, 10 Regulatory CECs, and 14 Technical CECs. The remaining 9 CECs may be distributed amongst any of these 3 categories and the category of Individual Professional Development.
- Up to 18 of the 36 CECs may be attended in "Alternative Verifiable Learning Format."
- An "Alternative Verifiable Learning Format", or AVLF, continuing education program is defined as a continuing education program that does not allow interaction with an instructor or other participants in the course in real time; for example, a pre-recorded webinar, videotaped presentation, or slide show.
- "Live" programs, whether offered in person or online, allow participants to ask questions of the instructors and receive a response through a live chat function or direct interaction in real time.
- Certain programs may be offered in both AVLF and Live format. Attendees should check the program certificate provided to them to be sure that the format in which they attended the program is correctly noted.

For more information, please consult the Board website at https://www.nj.gov/lsrpboard/continuing-education/



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NEW GROUND WATER QUALITY STANDARDS-

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The NJDEP has updated New Jersey's Ground Water Quality Standards (GWQS), effective February 3, 2025. These revisions include more stringent criteria for 50 of the 72 constituents of Class II-A ground water. The new standards may require additional delineation and/or remedial action for certain constituents; therefore, it is important for LSRPs to be aware of the changes and discuss them with their clients. Note the following key points:

- The revisions include updated GWQS and Practical Quantitation Limitations (PQLs) for 72 constituents, including for the following commonly encountered constituents: tetrachloroethylene, trichloroethylene, benzene, ethylbenzene, vinyl chloride, and total polychlorinated biphenyls.
- Existing remediation projects can use the previous GWQS if certain conditions are met, including submission of a RAWP or Remedial Action Report (RAR) no later than six months after the effective date of the new GWQS, the RAWP or RAR is approved by NJDEP or certified by an LSRP, the new GWQS is not lower than the previous standard by more than an order of magnitude, and all applicable regulatory timeframes have been met. Note that if there is no approved RAWP or RAR, the newly adopted GWQS are to be used on the date of promulgation.
- The Brownfield Act protects against reopening valid No Further Action (NFA) or Response Action Outcome (RAO) determinations unless the new GWQS exceed the previous standards by an order of magnitude (i.e. unless the difference between the new remediation standard and the level or concentration

of a contaminant at the property differs by an order of magnitude.) See N.J.S.A. 58:10B-13e.

- Approved RAWPs are also protected if the RAWP is being implemented in a reasonable timeframe, as may be indicated in the approved RAWP, unless the new GWQSs are more stringent by an order of magnitude. See N.J.S.A. 58:10B-12j.
- A total of seven compounds, including vinyl chloride, cyanide, cobalt, heptachlor



epoxide, methoxychlor, 1,1-biphenyl, and 1,3-dichlorobenzene, do not qualify for grandfathering because the new GWQS has been lowered by an order of magnitude.

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REMINDER OF LSRPS' OBLIGATION TO MAINTAIN RECORDS

Charles Stebbins, Outreach Committee Chairperson

Per N.J.A.C. 7:26I-6.27, LSRPs are required to maintain and preserve all data, documents, records, and information concerning the remediation of contaminated sites for which they have been retained. This includes records they and others working under their direct supervision have developed, as well as records of work done by others that the LSRP has reviewed, evaluated, and relied upon. An LSRP must maintain the records a minimum of 10 years after submitting a notification of dismissal to the NJDEP, issuing their last AOC-specific or entire-site RAO, or completing their obligations with respect to any RAP.

No one, including an LSRP's current or former employers and/or clients, may restrict the LSRP from maintaining data, documents, records, and information for any site in the format and location that the LSRP chooses.

Employers or clients who interfere with the LSRP's maintaining or accessing records can be reported to the Board through the filing of a complaint, via a form available on the Board website at <u>NJ Site Remediation Professional</u> Licensing Board - [Professional Conduct]

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Dana Haymes, SRPL Board Executive Director

The SRPL Board Website is a great resource for finding any information you may need about your LSRP license or issues related to being an LSRP <u>https://www.nj.gov/lsrpboard/</u>.

The SRPL Board staff works diligently to keep the site updated with information we hope will be useful to LSRPs. For example, on the website you can find links to the SRPL Board meeting agenda and minutes <u>NJ Site</u> <u>Remediation Professional Licensing Board - [Board Meeting Documents]</u>, the SRPL Board Rules <u>njac7_26i.pdf</u>, Continuing Education Programs approved for Continuing Education Credits <u>https://www.nj.gov/lsrpboard/continuing-education/</u>, and the DEP Dataminer <u>NJDEP New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DataMiner)</u>.

The latest update is a handy one page document of the most important links which you can save to your desktop or even print <u>https://www.nj.gov/lsrpboard/about-the-board/quick_reference_links.pdf</u>. We hope you find this reference page helpful. If there is any information you would like to see included on this page, or anywhere on the Board website, feel free to drop a line to the Board at <u>SRPLBoardContact@dep.nj.gov</u>.

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