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CSRR Contacts Update

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CONTAMINATED SITE REMEDIATION & REDEVELOPMENT



May 29, 2025

Contact Updates

 Please refer to the CSRR website for most current information

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https://dep.nj.gov/srp/about/organization-chart/





SRPLB Update

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 32 individuals passed the LSRP licensing exam and received their licenses in May.

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Technical Guidance



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Technical Guidance Update

Updating existing documents	Tentative Date, Document
SI/RI/RA Soil Technical Guidance	November 2025, final draft
Historic Fill	End of 2025, final draft
Technical Impracticability	2026, final draft
Analytical Methods	End of 2025, final draft
Landfills Investigation Technical Guidance	2026, final draft

Questions? Contact Sana Qureshi via email at: sana.qureshi@dep.nj.gov



Questions?



Training Update

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Updates

- Updating the training committee webpage Organizing to make more efficient
- Trainings for the remainder of the year to be determined
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Rules Update

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Questions?



Spill Fund Financial Criteria

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CSRR Financial Relief Criteria

COMPOUND

Perfluorononanoic Acid (PFNA)

Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)

Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS)

Hexafluoropropylene oxide-dimer acid (HFPO-DA or GenX)

Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS)

Perfluorobutane sulfonate (PFBS)



NJ MCL/GWQS (ppt)	CSRR Financial Relief Criteria (ppt)
13	10
14	4
13	4
20	10
NA	10
NA	2,000

Questions?



DEP Explorer Demo

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Questions?



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Questions?



Order of Magnitude

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Listserv sent on May 27, 2026



Based on the Ground Water Quality Standards (GWQS) adopted on February 3, 2025, Contaminated Site Remediation & Redevelopment (CSRR) posted the "Order of Magnitude Guidance for the Ground Water Remediation Standards and Phase-In Guidance for Initial Ground Water Remedial Action Permit Applications that include Contaminants where the Ground Water Remediation Standard decreased by an Order of Magnitude or More".

This document includes key information including the order of magnitude evaluation process and phase-in guidance for scenarios beyond Remedial Action Permits. As such, this new guidance supersedes the "Phase-In Guidance for Initial Ground Water Remedial Action Permit Applications that include Contaminants where the Ground Water Remediation Standard changed by an Order of Magnitude."

The guidance document can be found at <u>https://dep.nj.gov/srp/guidance/rs/</u> under "Phase In/Order of Magnitude Guidance."



Where to find this guidance

Home / Guidance / RS

Remediation Standards

Introduction to Remediation Standards

May 2021

Phase In/Order of Magnitude Guidance

The Department has issued the following guidance documents to assist remediating parties in complying with the amended ground water remediation standards adopted or developed on February 3, 2025:

Phase-In Period for Use of Ground Water Remediation Standards N.J.A.C. 7:26D – v3.0



Order of Magnitude and Phase-In Guidance for the Ground Water Remediation Standards and Initial Remedial Action Permit Applications 🛼

Phase-In Guidance for Initial Ground Water RAP Applications Reported





Before you start

- Before you can perform an order of magnitude (OOM) evaluation it must be determined which contaminant's Ground Water Remediation Standard (GWRS) changed by an order of magnitude or more.
- The May 2025 guidance provides that information: ullet
 - On February 3, 2025 GWRS for seven compounds (vinyl chloride; cobalt; 1,1-biphenyl; cyanide (free); 1,3-dichlorobenzene (meta); heptachlor epoxide; and methoxychlor) decreased by an OOM or more.





Post final remediation document Step 1-**OOM Identification/Comparison Evaluation**

- Identify each ground water contaminant at the site or area of concern • (AOC) whose GWRS decreased by an OOM or more.
 - vinyl chloride; cobalt; 1,1-biphenyl; cyanide (free); 1,3-dichlorobenzene (meta); heptachlor epoxide; and methoxychlor
- Compare the concentrations of each such ground water contaminant still • present at the site or AOC against the new GWRS.
- If the difference between the on-site concentrations and the new GWRS is ulletless than an OOM, no further remediation is required for that contaminant.
- If the difference between the on-site concentrations and the GWRS are an ulletOOM or greater, step 2 below is required



Step 2- OOM Remedial Action Protectiveness Evaluation:

- Evaluate the site or AOC(s) to determine if the existing remedial action remains protective of public health and safety and of the environment based on the new GWRS for the contaminant(s).
- If the evaluation determines that the remedy remains protective, no further remediation is required for that contaminant.
- If the evaluation determines the existing remedy is not protective, additional remediation activities should be conducted to achieve compliance with the new GWRS and to ensure protection of public health and safety and of the environment. This could include the installation of additional monitoring wells and ground water sampling.



1. Sites With an Unrestricted Use NFA or RAO issued prior to the February 3, 2025 (or within the six-month phase-in period ending August 3, 2025)

 The OOM evaluation (steps 1 and 2 above) will be conducted whenever the site or AOC "re-enters" the Contaminated Site Remediation & Redevelopment Program (i.e., an ISRA trigger, child-care facility license renewal, property sale that requires update of site conditions for loan approval, etc.).



2. Sites With a Limited Restricted Use or Restricted Use NFA or RAO issued prior to the February 3, 2025 (or within the six-month phase-in period ending August 3, 2025)

 The OOM evaluation (steps 1 and 2 above) will be conducted as part of the submission of the next Ground Water Remedial Action Protectiveness/Biennial Certification Form



Sites Without an Approved/Certified **RAW or RAR:**

 For active sites or AOCs without a Department-approved or LSRPcertified RAW or RAR prior to the February 3, 2025 adoption of the GWQS, N.J.A.C. 7:9C (or within the six-month phase in period ending August 3, 2025), must be remediated to the February 3, 2025 GWRS pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26E5.1(d)4



3. Sites With an Approved/Certified Remedial Action Workplan (RAW) or Remedial Action Report (RAR) with an Unrestricted Use Final Remedy (Not an RAO or NFA) issued prior to the February 3, 2025 (or within the six-month phase-in period ending August 3, 2025)

- For contaminants that have not changed by an OOM for the remedial action, the GWRS identified in the RAW/RAR can be applied to the remediation of the site or AOC.
- Prior to the issuance of a Final Remediation Document the PRCR must conduct the \bullet remedial action protectiveness evaluation and perform any additional remediation for contaminants that have decreased by an OOM or more (Step 2) must be remediated to the February 3, 2025 GWRS:
 - vinyl chloride; cobalt; 1,1-biphenyl; cyanide (free); 1,3-dichlorobenzene (meta); heptachlor epoxide; and methoxychlor
- Note: Any additional data collected after the RAR is submitted can be submitted either as \bullet a new RAR (revised) or with the RAO as supplemental information.



4.a Sites With an Approved/Certified RAW with a Limited Restricted or Restricted Use Final Remedy (Not an RAO or NFA) issued prior to the February 3, 2025 (or within the six-month phase-in period ending August 3, 2025)

- For contaminants that have not changed by an OOM for the remedial action, the GWRS identified in the RAW can be applied to the remediation of the site or AOC.
- Prior to the issuance of a Final Remediation Document the PRCR must conduct the remedial action protectiveness evaluation and perform any additional remediation for contaminants that have decreased by an OOM or more (Step 2) must be remediated to the **February 3**, 2025 GWRS:
 - vinyl chloride; cobalt; 1,1-biphenyl; cyanide (free); 1,3-dichlorobenzene (meta); heptachlor epoxide; and methoxychlor



4.b Pending Initial Ground Water RAP Applications/RARs submitted prior to February 3, 2025 (or within the six-month phase-in period ending August 3, 2025)

- Sites where a Final Remediation Document have not been issued. \bullet
- Sites or AOCs that submitted an RAR and Initial Ground Water RAP Application which includes a ۲ contaminant(s) that decreased by an OOM or more prior to the February 3, 2025 adoption of the GWRS, N.J.A.C. 7:9C (or within the six-month phase-in period for Initial RAP Applications submitted/post-marked by August 3, 2025)
- The Department will be inspecting/reviewing these Initial Ground Water RAP Applications using the GWRS in ۲ effect at the time of RAP Application submission
- If the Ground Water RAP is approved/issued, the Department will include OOM remedial action ۲ protectiveness evaluation (step 2 above only) requirement in the RAP Schedule
 - Must be conducted prior to and included with the submittal of the first Remedial Action Protectiveness/Biennial • Certification (Bi-Cert) Form due for the site
 - Note that any technical Ground Water RAP Modification or Termination Application submitted before the first Bi-• Cert Form submission must include the OOM remedial action protectiveness evaluation



4.b Pending Initial Ground Water RAP Applications/RARs submitted prior to February 3, 2025 (or within the six-month phase-in period ending August 3, 2025) (continued)

- If the RAR and Initial Ground Water RAP Application needs to be withdrawn for \bullet any reason or is deemed administratively or technically incomplete by the Department and a RAW was not approved
 - Remediation, including an updated receptor evaluation, additional delineation if • required, and remedial action selection, must be completed using the GWRS adopted on February 3, 2025
 - Must demonstrate that the remedial action is protective of public health and safety. and of the environment prior to re-applying for the Initial Ground Water RAP


4.b Pending Initial Ground Water RAP Applications/RARs submitted prior to February 3, 2025 (or within the six-month phase-in period ending August 3, 2025) (continued)

- Completed OOM remedial action protectiveness evaluations for pending RAP Applications
 - Can be submitted at any time to the permit inspector/reviewer assigned to the RAP Application* or to Michael Gaudio, Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Remedial Action Permitting, at Michael.Gaudio@dep.nj.gov.

*This information is available in real time on DataMiner through the 'Pending Permit Progress' Report'. Instructions for producing a 'Pending Permit Progress Report' are: Step 1: Search by Category and select Pending Permit Progress Reports. Click Submit.

- Step 2: Select Pending Permit Progress by Program Interest ID.
- Step 3: Select All for programs and enter the PI number for Report Criteria. Click Submit.
- The OOM remedial action protectiveness evaluation requirement will not be included in the ۲ Ground Water RAP if the information is sufficient and the Ground Water RAP can be approved/issued.



Questions?



RAP Updates

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Questions?





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Fall 2021

• Project planning: QAPP development & site selection

Summer 2022

Tim Maguire, Ph.D

• Sampling of saline fish and water

Summer 2023

• Sampling of freshwater fish and water





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Spring 2025

• Final report and data available

Ongoing

• Incorporation of BAFs into water quality standards

Development of NJ-Specific PFNA, PFOA, and PFOS Bioaccumulation Factors (BAFs)

Simplified Surface Water Quality Criteria Equation:

$$Criterion(\mu g/L) = \frac{Reference Dose x RS}{DW intake + (Fish Cons)}$$

- USEPA recently (December 26th, 2024) released draft surface water quality criteria for PFOS, PFOA, and PFBS with their own BAFs
 - Other states have previously incorporated their own BAFs using field studies, laboratory data, or literature reviews- Florida, Minnesota, Michigan
- New Jersey initiated this state-specific study in 2021

SC x Body Weight

umption Rate x BAF)

Development of NJ-Specific PFNA, PFOA, and PFOS Bioaccumulation Factors (BAFs)

A **Bioaccumulations Factor (BAF)** is the ratio of a contaminant concentration in fish tissue to the contaminant concentration in water and is used in **surface water quality criteria** development.



Bioaccumulative contaminants concentrate in fish tissue and can result in much higher exposure than drinking water alone.

Study design & PFAS Analysis

- Site Selection
 - Water column pre-sampling was conducted to prioritize sites and establish representative concentrations
- Fish tissue, water, & sediment PFAS concentrations
 - Electrofishing, gill-netting, traps, rod & reel
 - Grab & Van Dorn sampling
 - Analysis: SGS AXYS Method MLA-110 Rev 02 Ver 12 (USEPA Method 1633)

Secondary parameters

• Stable isotope analysis to determine trophic levels

 Temperature, specific conductance, dissolved oxygen, pH, organic carbon, and salinity

Sampling Results Summary

33 water bodies were sampled

- Total water samples tested= 129
- Total fish samples tested = 312
- Total species represented: 15
- PFAS detected = 32

PFAS that did not occur in any sample:

- **PFDos**
- 4:2 FTS
- 8:2 FTS
- **N-EtFOSA**
- ADONA
- 9cl-PF3ONS
- 11cl-PF3OUdS
- **PFMPA**

Saline Species: Freshwater Species:

- Bluegill
- **Chain Pickerel**
- **Channel Catfish**
- **Common Carp**
- Largemouth Bass
- Pumpkinseed
- **Smallmouth Bass**
- **Yellow Perch**

Summer flounder (Paralichthys dentatus)

- **Black Sea Bass**
- **Northern Puffer**
- **Oyster Toadfish**
- **Summer Flounder**

Found in Both:

- American eel (catadromous)
- Spot
- White Perch (anadromous)

New Jersey development of BAFs for PFAS

This robust data set enables NJDEP to calculate state-specific BAFs for fresh and saline waters with the following procedure:

Step	Nomenclature	Sample composition	
Step 1	Baseline BAF	BAF derived from field data for each species at each site	Baseline
Step 2	Species BAF	Baseline BAFs combined for each species from all sites within area of interest (fresh water or saline waters)	Geometric m
Step 3	Final BAF	All species BAFs combined from all sites within area of interest (fresh water or saline waters	Geometric m

eans of Baseline BAFs

ean of Species BAFs (95% UCL)

New Jersey development of BAFs for PFOS

Species BAF (N =Sites: fresh, saline) Fresh (L/kg)	Saline (L/kg)
American Eel (16, 6	6) 2510	o 628
Black Sea Bass (o, 1	2) -	138
Northern Puffer (o, :	2) -	301
Oyster Toadfish (o, (6) -	716
Spot (1, 0	6) 980	1220
Summer Flounder (o, /	4) -	353
White Perch (9, 0	6) 2040	911
Bluegill (13, 6	0) 2970	-
Chain Pickerel (6,	0) 2200	- (
Channel Catfish (2, 6	0) 306	5 -
Common Carp (4, 4	0) 1670	-
Largemouth Bass (15, 6	0) 4160	-
Pumpkinseed (4,	0) 2180) -
Smallmouth Bass (3, 4	o) 5439	- (
Yellow Perch (1,	0) 2150) -
Geomean	1970	495
95% UCL	2770	681

New Jersey development of BAFs for **PFOA**

Species BAF (N =Sites; fresh, saline)	Fresh (L/kg)	Saline (L/kg)
American Eel (13, 5)	15.3	39.5
Black Sea Bass (o, o)	-	-
Northern Puffer (o, o)	-	-
Oyster Toadfish (o, 4)	-	46.4
Spot (1, 5)	7.96	38.7
Summer Flounder (o, o)	-	-
White Perch (o, 5)	-	19.1
Bluegill (6, o)	16.1	-
Chain Pickerel (o, o)	-	-
Channel Catfish (o, o)	-	-
Common Carp (1, 0)	8.33	-
Largemouth Bass (2, 0)	23.7	-
Pumpkinseed (2, 0)	10.5	-
Smallmouth Bass (o, o)	-	-
Yellow Perch (o, o)	-	-
Geomean	13	34
95% UCL	109	158

Bluegill sunfish (Lepomis macrochirus)

New Jersey development of BAFs for PFNA

Species BAF (N =Sites: fresh, saline)	Fresh (L/kg)	Saline (L/kg)
American Eel (14, 4)	190	183
Black Sea Bass (o, o)	-	-
Northern Puffer (o, o)	-	-
Oyster Toadfish (o, 5)	-	315
Spot (1, 5)	107	294
Summer Flounder (o, 2)	-	136
White Perch (7, 6)	43.8	202
Bluegill (8, o)	105	-
Chain Pickerel (1, 0)	63.9	-
Channel Catfish (2, 0)	42.9	-
Common Carp (4, o)	154	-
Largemouth Bass (7,0)	31	-
Pumpkinseed (4, o)	66.7	-
Smallmouth Bass (1, 0)	74.5	-
Yellow Perch (1, 0)	172	
Geomean	81	216
95% UCL	295	949

American eel (Anguilla rostrata)

Study results were generally consistent with literature values for each PFOS, PFOA, and PFNA

= = Geometric mean

Study results were generally consistent with literature values for each PFOS, PFOA, and PFNA

300		
PFOA	PFNA	
13	81	
109	295	
34	216	
158	949	
0	Fresh	Saline

BAF Comparisons (L/kg)

State or Study	Qualifier/Descriptor	Reference	PFOA	PFOS	PFNA
Wisconsin	WDNR Rule Package, paired fish and water from internal and external data- not used in rulemaking	WDNR, 2022	40	4745	_
Minnesota	State Data Set- 90 th percentile used for rulemaking, no differentiation based on trophic level	MPCA, 2020	_	4289 7210 (90 th percentile)	_
Florida	Geometric means summarized from literature (including non-native species)	Stuchal and Roberts, 2020	68	2358	-
Michigan	PFOA BAF based on laboratory kinetic models for rainbow trout	MDCH, 2015; Ruffle et al. 2024	4	2329 (TL3) 5047 (TL4)	_
ITRC PFAS Technical and Regulatory Guidance Document	Secondary analysis (unpublished*) of ITRC data (2022) by NJDEP	ITRC, 2022	34 (F) 379 (S)	1152 (F) 2479 (S)	332 (F) 483 (S)
Peer Review Article	Median BAFs summarized from primary literature	Burkhard, 2021	8	1230	117

BAF Comparisons (L/kg

State or Study	Qualifier/Descriptor	Reference	PF	AC	PFOS		PFNA	
Wisconsin	WDNR Rule Package, paired fish and water from internal and external data- not used in rulemaking	WDNR, 2022 4			4745		-	
Minnesota	State Data Set- 90 th percentile used for	MPCA, 2020	-		4289		-	
		PFOS	PFOA	A F	PFNA	th e)		
Florida	NJ Freshwater BAF	1970		13	81		-	
Michigan	NJ Saline BAF	495		34	216	3) 4)	-	
ITRC PFAS Technical and	EPA BAF (TL weighted)	1040		35	-	- /	332 (F) 483 (S)	
Regulatory Guidance Document								
Peer Review Article	Median BAFs summarized from primary literature	Burkhard, 202	21 8		1230		117	

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Conclusions and additional considerations:

Extensive data set to be analyzed

- BAF calculations were 1st step
- Continued comparisons using species, trophic level, region, water quality parameters, PFAS chain lengths, and functional groups
- Development of fish consumption advisories

PFAS do not "follow the rules" of bioaccumulation

- Inconsistent accumulation with trophic level
- Catfish; BAFs and accumulation consistently lower
 - Does physiology or behavior drive exposure & accumulation?

Additional research questions

• Do additional normalization steps need to be considered in PFAS BAF development?

Development of PFOS Fish Consumption Triggers

Unlimited trigger concentration $(\mu g/g) = \frac{Reference Dose x Body Weight}{Meal Size}$

Where:		
	Reference Dose (Hg) =	1.8 ng/kg-day
	Body weight =	70 kg
	Meal size =	227 g (8oz)

Unlimited trigger concentration (ng/g) = $\frac{1.8 \frac{ng}{kg} - day \times 70 kg}{227 g}$

• Triggers for less frequent consumption – consumption trigger multiplied by appropriate factor

- Advisories for infrequent consumption (once every 3 months & yearly) are not recommended for high-risk populations (pregnant, nursing, may become pregnant; young children)
- Consistent with NJDEP advisories for other contaminants (e.g., PFAS, PCBs).

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New Jersey Fish Consumption Triggers for PFAS (ng/g; ppb)

		General Population				High Risk Population*			
Advisory Level:	PFOA	PFNA	PFOS	PFUnA	PFOA	PFNA	PFOS	PFUnA	
Unlimited (daily)	0.62	0.23	0.56	0.4	0.62	0.23	0.56	0.4	
One meal per week	4.3	1.6	3.9	2.8	4.3	1.6	3.9	2.8	
One meal per month	19	6.9	17	12	19	6.9	17	12	
One meal every 3 months	57	21	51	37	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
One meal every year	226	84	204	146	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Do Not Eat	>226	>84	>204	>146	>19	>6.9	>17	>12	

* Advisories based on consumption frequencies of "Once Every 3 Months" or "Yearly" are not applicable to high-risk groups (pregnant, may become pregnant, or nursing; young children).

Current Fish Advisory work:

- Recently published NJDEP Fish Consumption Advisory Guidance document (Fall 2024)
 - Contains detailed technical information for the overall program, risk equations, trigger values, and background on each chemical
- Inshore Monitoring (Summer 2025)
 Fill data gaps for species from inshore coastal waters
- Evaluate PFAS advisories in relation to updated toxicity factors and increased sampling throughout the State

Methods for the Development of Fish Consumption Advisories in the State of New Jersey

Prepared by:

The Interagency Toxics in Biota Risk Subcommittee

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Development of NJ Surface Water Quality Criteria

Note: for presentation purposes the BAFs are simplified to be representative for a single trophic level of fish. In deriving criteria for chemicals with information for multiple trophic levels (i.e., for trophic levels 2 through 4), each trophic level-specific bioaccumulation factor and fish consumption rate are multiplied together, and that product is then 6/17/summed with the products (i.e., bioaccumulation factor x fish consumption rate) for the other trophic levels.

Fresh water exposure pathways

Drinking Water and Fish Consumption

 $L) = \frac{RfDx RSCx BW x Conversion Factor}{DW intake + Fish Consumption Rate x BAF}$

 $\left(\frac{Cancer Risk}{CSF}\right) x BW x Conversion Factor$ Criterion(μ g/L) = $\frac{CSF}{DW intake + Fish Consumption Rate x BAF}$

Questions?

Application of Sustainable Resilient Remediation (SRR) in the Remedial Decision Process and for Final Remedy Selection in New Jersey

Julian Davies, LSRP Senior Project Manager Sovereign Consulting Inc.

June 11, 2025

Glossary

ARRCS – Administrative Requirements for the Remediation of	O&M – Operation and M
Contaminated Sites (NJ)	PA – Preliminary Assessm
ASTM - American Society for Testing and Materials	PCB - Polychlorinated Bip
CL:AIRE - Contaminated Land: Applications in Real Environments	PCE – Perchloroethylene
CMR - Code of Massachusetts Regulations	PGT - Project Greenhouse
CSRR – Contaminated Site Remediation & Redevelopment (NJ)	RA – Remedial Action
EU – European Union	RAP – Remedial Action Pe
GHG – Greenhouse Gas	RAR – Remedial Action R
GSR – Green and Sustainable Remediation	REAL - Resilient Environm
GW – Groundwater	RGGI – Regional Greenho
HFC – Hydrofluorocarbon	RI – Remedial Investigation
HSSE – Health, Safety, Security, and Environment	SB – Senate Bill
IFRS - International Financial Reporting Standards	SBMP – SRR Best Manage
ISO - International Organization for Standardization	SEC – Securities and Exch
ISSB - International Sustainability Standards Board	SEFA - Spreadsheets for E
ITRC – Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council	SHMCAP - State Hazard N
LNAPL – Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid	SI – Site Investigation
LSRP – Licensed Site Remediation Professional (NJ)	SovCon – Sovereign Cons
MCP - Massachusetts Contingency Plan	SRRA – Site Remediation
MW – Monitoring Well	SURF - Sustainable Reme
NICOLE - Network for Industrially Contaminated Land	TCE – Trichloroethylene
NJDEP – New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJ)	USEPA – US Environment
NJPACT - New Jersey Protecting Against Climate Threats (NJ)	USDOD – US Department

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nmental Protection Agency rtment of Defense

Sustainability

GSR Evolution

USEPA: Green Remediation (2008) SURF: "White Paper" (2009) ITRC:

GSR-1 (survey): 2011 GSR-2 (framework): 2011 SRR (sustainable resilient remediation): 2021 ASTM, USDOD (Navy, Air Force, Army) CL:AIRE, NICOLE, SURF-UK, ISO NJDEP: SRRA, ARRCs, Admin Guidance (2023)

The Three Pillars of Sustainability

Sustainability (SRR) Process

Quantitative: Environmental; Economic

Qualitative: Social

SRR Regulation

International

- EU: "European Climate Law" (Jun 2021)
- ISSB IFRS S2 "Climate-related Disclosures Standard" (Jan 2024)

> Federal

- USEPA: Superfund Green Remediation Strategy; Principles for Greener Cleanups; Green Remediation Best Management Practices; Methodology for Understanding and Reducing a Project's Environmental Footprint; GHG Standards for Vehicles; GHG Reporting Program; Clean Power Plan; HFCs Phase-Down; Methane Regulations
- SEC "Climate-related Disclosure Rule" (Mar 2024) {in-litigation 2025}

States

- MA: MCP amendment 310 CMR 40.0191(3)(e) & SHMCAP (Sep 2023)
- CA: SB 253 & 261 acts "Climate Corporate Data Accountability" (Oct 2023)
- Climate Action Plans (19 states)
- GHG Targets (24 states + DC)
- Carbon Pricing Mechanisms (CA, OR, WA, RGGI 11 NE states)

Where does New Jersey stand?

• SRRA 2.0 (Aug 2019) | ARRCS (Feb 2023) "GSR" provision

"Green remediation" means the practice of considering all environmental effects of the remediation and incorporating options that maximize the net environmental benefit of cleanup actions.

- NJPACT "Executive Order 100" (Jan 2020)
- **REAL** "Resilient Environments and Landscapes" regulation (Jan 2024)
- Senate Bill S2425 "Low-carbon Transportation Fuel Standard Program" (Jan 2024) pending
- Senate Bill S4117 "Climate Corporate Data Accountability Act" (Feb 2025) proposed
- **GSR** NJDEP administrative guidance (Sep 2023)

Green Remediation: CSRR encourages strategies which consider environmental impacts of cleanup activities at every stage of the remedial process to maximize the net environmental benefit of a cleanup. Examples are reducing energy and water usage, promoting carbon neutrality, promoting industrial materials reuse and recycling, and protecting and preserving land resources.

Resilience Measures: CSRR encourages LSRP/contractors to integrate climate change vulnerability assessments and adaptation measures into the remediation process to ensure the resilience of remedies to climate change impacts.

The SRR Process

*Source: ITRC SRR-1 (Apr 2021)

SRR Implementation

*Source: ITRC SRR-1 (Apr 2021)

Figure 6-10. SRR implementation.

Source: ITRC SRR Team.

SRR Assessment and Implementation Quantitative

Environmental Tools

- EPA SiteWise: life cycle analysis; metrics; decision support
- **EPA SEFA:** metrics; workbooks; environmental footprint analysis
- **Sovereign PGT[®]** (proprietary):
 - single site / multi-site (portfolio) application
 - task based hierarchy structure (granularity)
 - baseline & life cycle analysis and projection
 - metrics dynamic tracking & reporting (monthly)
 - \checkmark CO₂ emissions tracking & reduction calculation
 - ✓ workforce exposure tracking & reduction calculation
 - ✓ waste tracking & reduction calculation
 - ✓ energy use tracking & reduction calculation
 - ✓ water replenishment tracking

PGT HIGHLIGHTS Operational simplicity Only 1-point of manual data entry Minimal site PM training required Automated data transfer Relational database for comparative analysis Presentation format flexibility available at all hierarchy levels Forecasting & Tracking application Scalable & easy customization Development expansion options

SRR: CO₂ Emissions Tracking

single site (year-on-year)

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Activ	/e Indus	trial F	acility Si	ite, Moi	rris County, NJ	0—				—(
					Activity	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
'ear and	SubActivity				□ Drilling	87.64	701.11		438.20	1,226.9
) 6K ···					Direct Push / GeoProbe	87.64	525.84		438.20	1.051.6
		11			Well Installs		175.27			175.2
					Field Work Mob/Demob	5,154.44	5,796.59	3,702.86	3,355.34	18,009.2
	1.1	1.1			Field Work Mob/Demob	5,154.44	5,796.59	3,702.86	3,355.34	18,009.2
5K · ·	••••••••••••••••••	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			Groundwater Sampling / Gauging	2.51	1.25	1.25	1.43	6.4
					Gauge Only			0.00		0.0
					Low Flow	2.51	1.25	1.25	1.43	6.4
		1.1			Lab Courier Pickup	323.49	323.49	388.19	323.49	1,358.6
4K • •	•••	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			Lab Courier Pickup	323.49	323.49	388.19	323.49	1,358.6
			1.1		LNAPL Recovery			0.00	0.00	0.0
					Absorbent Sock			0.00	0.00	0.0
214					Report Preparation	0.88	0.29	1.17	0.59	2.9
3K · ·					Report Preparation	0.88	0.29	1.17	0.59	2.9
					Site Layout	989.09	2,967.28	0.00	2,472.74	6,429.1
					Air Knifing / Pre-Clearing	989.09	2,967.28		2,472.74	6,429.1
214					Ground Penetrating Radar	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.0
2K					Survey	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
			1.1		Utility Markouts	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.0
			1.1	11.1	Waste Disposal	684.50	342.25	1,026.75	2,395.75	4,449.2
16					DRILL_Pickups				684.50	684.5
					GWSG_Pickups	684.50	342.25	342.25	342.25	1,711.2
					LNAPL_Pickups			684.50	1,369.00	2,053.5
		li .			Total	7,242.56	10,132.28	5,120.23	8,987.54	31,482.6
) ок 📲	2020	2021	2022	2023						

SRR: CO₂ Emissions Tracking

multi-site (month-to-month)

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SRR: CO₂ Emissions & Waste Generation Comparison **GW Sampling Methodology Example**

Volumetric Average Purge Vs. Low Flow Or No-purge

Considerations:

- Low flow or no-purge GW sampling 1) does not generate significant GW waste, if any.
- Volumetric average purge generates 2) GW waste. Disposed offsite via recycling/destruction.
- GW waste requires transportation 3) offsite (associated vehicle GHG emissions).
- Disposal facility utilizes energy 4) sources (associated GHG emissions) for recycle/disposal.

*Assumptions:

- 1) GW purge waste is non-haz.
- Minimum one 55-gallon drum of 2) purged GW waste p/event.
- 100-mile return trip to transport 3) drums from site to disposal facility.
- Transportation fuel used = diesel. 4)

SiteWise v3.2 Results

- 0.0026 metric tons CO₂ emissions to recycle/treat <u>one</u> 55gallon drum of purge GW.
- 0.14 metric tons CO₂ emissions for transport of <u>one</u> 55gallon drum of purge GW.

	Soil Residue	Residual Water		On enstion 4
Will DIESEL-run vehicles be retrofitted with a particulate reduction technology?	No	No	Landfill type	Non-Hazardous
Weight of the waste transported to landfill or recycling (tons)	0.0	0.2	Region	NJ
Fuel used	Diesel	Diesel	vvaste disposed in landfill (tons)	0.22948
Total number of trips	0.0	1.0	Landfill methane emissions (metric tons CH ₄)	0
Number of miles per trip	0.0	100.0	Waste disposed in non-hazardous landfill (tons)	0.2
Total distance traveled (miles)	0	100	Waste disposed in hazardous landfill (tons)	0.0
Fuel efficiency by weight of load (mpg)	7.4	7.4	Energy used (MMBTU/top)	1.60E-01
Total fuel used (gal)	0.0	13.6	Electricity used (MMAL (and)	7.705.00
BTU per gallon fuel used	135,847	135,847	Electricity used (MVVn/ton)	7.70E-03
N-O emission factor (g/gal)	1.012+04	1.01E+04	CO ₂ e emission factor (lb/ton)	2.50E+01
CH ₄ emission factor (g/gal)	1.14E+01	1.14E+01	NOx emission factor (lb/ton)	1.40E-01
NOx emission factor (g/gal)	3.27E+00	3.27E+00	SOx emission factor (lb/ton)	7.50E-02
SOx emission factor (g/gal)	5.79E-02	5.79E-02	PM _{ex} emission factor (lb/ton)	4.00E-01
PM ₁₀ emission factor (g/gal)	2.91E-01	2.91E-01		4.002-01
ENERGY OUTPUT			Electricity production elliciency	43.1270
Energy used (BTU)	0.0E+00	1.8E+06	ENERGY OUTPUT	
CO₂ OUTPUT			Energy used (BTU)	4.9E+04
CO ₂ emission (metric ton)	0.0E+00	1.4E-01		
N ₂ O emission (metric ton CO ₂ e)	0.0E+00	4.8E-04		0.05.00
CH ₄ emissions (metric ton CO ₂ e)	0.0E+00	3.3E-03	CO ₂ emission (metric ton)	2.6E-03
NOx, SOX and PM ₁₀ OUTPUT	0.05+00	4.45.05	CH ₄ emissions (metric ton CO ₂ e)	0.0E+00
SOx emission (metric ton)	0.0E+00	7.8E-07	NOx, SOx and PM ₁₀ OUTPUT	
PM ₁₀ emission (metric ton)	0.0E+00	3.9E-06	NOx emission (metric ton)	1.5E-05
ACCIDENT RISK			COv emission (metric ten)	7.95.00
Fatality risk	0.0E+00	7.8E-07	SOX emission (metric ton)	1.00-00
Injury risk	0.0E+00	6.3E-05	PM ₁₀ emission (metric ton)	4.2E-05





SRR: CO₂ Emissions & Waste Reduction – SI/RI

Active Terminal Site, Middlesex County, NJ

SRR Assessment & Implementation Steps:

- Activity = MW drilling & soil borings. Expected duration = 10 weeks
- Event planning stage: emissions/workforce exposure/waste forecast via PGT™
- Event execution stage: monthly emissions/workforce exposure tracking via PGT[™] during field implementation
- SRR actions implemented
 - Evaluation of emissions for on-site handling/pre-treatment alternatives for waste stream
 - Combined drilling and soil boring activities reduced field time (workforce exposure & emissions)
 - Combined field teams and their vehicle usage ((multiple personnel commute within single vehicle)
 - SBMPs utilized
- · Emissions reductions:
 - Waste drums (& disposal) reduced from 300+ to 56
 - Waste transportation and oversight (& associated vehicles) reduced \geq
 - Reduce # of water frac tanks(10,000-gal) needed from 2 to 1 \geq
 - Elimination of GW pre-treatment system (& related emissions)

Sovereign PG1 "" Output	Results								
Emissions E	Breakdown			Waste Pr	oduced		HSSE & Risk		Planning
Task	CO ₂ Emissions (kg CO ₂)	Energy Cost (\$)	Energy Use (hrs)	Waste Water* (gal)	Soil (yards ³)	Sovereign Miles Driven	Contractor Miles	Waste Disposal Miles	 Duration 10 weeks 300 drums (150 GW/150 soil)
Field Work Mob/Demob	2505.85	\$1,082.60	51.25			300.00	1750.00		2 Frac Tanks
LNAPL Recovery	7668.50	\$3,101.00	56.00			see mob/demob	see mob/demob		GW pre-treatment system
Drilling				10000	37.5	see mob/demob	see mob/demob	2750	• Gw pre-treatment system
Waste Disposal	3764.75	\$1,646.28	68.75			see mob/demob	see mob/demob		
Total	13,939.10	\$5,829.88	176.00	10000.00	37.50				
Emissions E	Breakdown			Waste Pr	oduced		HSSE & Risk		
Task	CO ₂ Emissions	Energy Cost	Energy Use	Waste Water*	Soil	Sovereign Miles		Waste Disposal	
Task	(kg CO ₂)	(\$)	(hrs)	(gal)	(yards ³)	Driven	contractor willes	Miles	
Field Work Mob/Demob	1442.40	\$621.96	30.00			200.00	1000.00		
LNAPL Recovery						see mob/demob	see mob/demob		
Drilling				7500	14	see mob/demob	see mob/demob	500	
Waste Disposal	684.50	\$299.32	12.50			see mob/demob	see mob/demob		
Total	2,126.90	\$921.28	42.50	7500.00	14.00				



Completion

- **Duration 6 weeks**
- 56 drums (soil)
- 7.500-gals GW (1 Frac Tank)
- No GW pre-treatment
- CO_2 emissions reduction = 11,862 kg CO_2
- Waste soil reduction = 23.5 cubic yards
- Workforce exposure reduction: 100 hrs SovCon driving | 750 mi subcontractor driving (drilling) | 2,250 mi subcontractor driving (waste disposal)

SRR: CO₂ Emissions Reduction - RA

Camden County, NJ

Substitute Daily Commute with Overnight Stays Substitute Out-of-town with Local Employee

	CO ₂ Emissions (kg CO ₂)	Energy Cost (\$)	Energy Use (hrs)
Baseline Total	9,909	\$ 4,493	641
Proposed Total	5,698	\$ 2,751	540
Reduction	4,211	\$ 1,742	101
% Reduction	42 %	39 %	16%

Eliminate 19 Daily Commute Days related to 24 days of injection events*

- Mob/Demob: 1 Contractor Heavy Trucks traveling 130 miles per day (19 days = 2,470 miles total)
- Eliminate **1,632 Miles** with Local Employee ٠
 - Mob/Demob: 10 miles per day traveled by Sovereign Employee from Cherry Hill (24 days = 240 miles total) vs 78 miles per day traveled by Sovereign Employee from Robbinsville (24 days = 1,872 miles total)

*Assuming injection events are 5 days in a row (M-F)

Morris County, NJ Substitute Active LNAPL Recovery with Passive Recovery

	CO ₂ Emissions (kg CO ₂)	Energy Cost (\$)	Energy Use (hrs)
Baseline Total	8,987.54	\$ 3,476.09	574.48
Proposed Total	8,315.04	\$ 3,262.30	542.85
Reduction	672.49	\$ 213.79	31.63
% Reduction	7%	6%	6%

- - 4,125 gallons)



• Substitute 15 Dewatering Events with Passive Recovery & Quarterly Product Removal

• Mob/Demob: 1 Sovereign Light Truck traveling 115 miles per day (460 miles total vs 1,725 miles)

LNAPL Drums: 4 drums (200 gallons total vs

SRR Implementation Applying SBMPs

Soil Excavation RA @ a former terminal site, MA (replicated at NJ site in Bergen County in 2023)





		= Complete
	Sovereign	Documentation Method
•	_	Photograph installed sign
	Horizontal and vertical excavation extents shall be verified via field screening using XRF	Completed - see project documentation
		Completed
on a on a mil e liner d with aterial	All impacted soils must be staged on poly sheeting or equivalent impermeable surface	Confirm by post completion photographs

SRR Assessment of Selected Remedial Options Qualitative

	Ac	tive Industria	l Facility Site,	Morris Coun	ty, NJ	Favorable Somewhat Favorable
						Unfavorable
Metric	Comprehensive On-Site Excavation	Comprehensive Off-Site Excavation	On-Site Engineering Control with Deed Notice	Off-site Hotspot Excavation	Passive NAPL Recovery	Groundwater MNA
Effectiveness	Permanently removes contaminant	Permanently removes contaminant	Prevents contact with contaminant	Partially removes contaminant	Permanently removes contaminant	Proven remedial option w/ natural processes
Risks	Large scale excavation related risks	Excavation related risks	Regular inspection / maintenance of barrier needed	Small scale excavation related risks	Low risk	Driving
Reliability	Permanently removes contaminant	Permanently removes contaminant	Stable long-term solution	Permanently removes contaminant	Permanently removes contaminant	Proven remedial option w/ natural processes
Costs	High	High	Medium	Medium	Low	Low
Resiliency	No future climate change concerns	No future climate change concerns	Minimal future climate change concerns	Minimal future climate change concerns	No future climate change concerns	No future climate change concerns
GHG Emissions	High	High	Moderate/Low	Medium	Low	Low/Moderate
Implementation	Physical constraints. Active business	Multi-party coordination needed	Regular inspection / maintenance of barrier needed. Deed Notice recording	Common & readily available	Only O&M needed	Only monitoring needed
Site Benefits	Directly removes contaminant	Directly removes contaminant	Leaves contaminant on site	Directly removes contaminant. Lowers health risk	Directly removes contaminant. Minimally invasive	Indirectly removes contaminant. Minimally invasive
Timeliness	Short- term	Short- term	Short-term	Short-term	Uncertain duration. Long-term	Uncertain duration. Long-term
Non-Pecuniary	Disruption to business	Disruption to business. Possible aesthetic improvement	Minimal short-term impact to business	Minimal short-term impact on local businesses/neighbors	Minimal impact on local businesses/neighbors	Potentially viewed as 'no action'



Final Remedial Options SRR Scoring Semi-Quantitative

Active Industrial Facility Site, Morris County, NJ

Metric	Relative Importance Score (1 - 5)	No Action* (Baseline)	Comp. On-Site Excavation	Comp. Off-Site Excavation	On-Site Engineering Control w/ Deed Notice	Off-site Hotspot Excavation
Effectiveness	5	0	10	10	5	5
Risks	5	0	0	5	5	5
Reliability	4	0	8	8	8	8
Cost	4	8	0	0	4	4
Resiliency	3	3	6	6	8	6
GHG Emissions	3	6	0	0	3	3
Implementation	2	4	0	0	2	4
Site Benefits	2	0	4	4	2	4
Timeliness	1	0	2	2	2	2
Non-Pecuniary	1	0	0	0	2	2
Total		21	30	35	41	43



Remedial Option Selection Sustainability Summary

	Active Industrial Facility Site, Morris Cour				
ITRC Sustainability Considera					
Social	 Prevents human exposure and reduces health risks from Minimal impact to business Minimal impact to neighbors 				
Economic	Business can remain open during remediationLower overall cost compared to sitewide excavations				
Environmental	 Removes PCE/TCE and NAPL from groundwater Prevents wildlife exposure to PCBs Lower greenhouse gas emissions and less ground dis excavations 				
Resilience	 Minimal climate change concerns Regular inspection, O&M, and monitoring will be perf Extreme weather-related erosion & increased grounds future risk 				





SRR Implementation Reporting

NJDEP Key Document Submittal

- Include an SRR section in each report (SI, RI, RA) •
- Summarize SRR application and results lacksquare
- Highlight SRR assessment results and its use as • part of decision process for remedial activity
- Memorialize SRR components as part of the final • remedy within the RAR – since 2022
- Memorialize SRR components within RA permit \bullet application (Section K) – for consideration



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Questions?



The last CVP/SRAG Meeting for this year will take place October 15, 2025 9:00-12:00

