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## NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CONTAMINATED SITE REMEDIATION AND REDEVELOPMENT Notice of Rule Proposal

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## **Public Notice**

Take notice that the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is proposing new rules, repeals, and amendments related to the Site Remediation Reform Act amendments. A statement of the substance of the proposal follows:

The Department is proposing to amend its site remediation rules to codify and implement the provisions of P.L. 2019, c. 263 (The SRRA 2.0 Act), which concerned the remediation of contaminated sites, and amended and supplemented various parts of the statutory law. The SRRA 2.0 Act became effective on August 23, 2019, and it included the Site Remediation Reform Act (SRRA), N.J.S.A. 58:10C-1 et seq., and related amendments to ISRA, N.J.S.A. 13:1K-6 et seq., the Spill Compensation Control Act (Spill Act), N.J.S.A. 58:23-11 et seq., and the Brownfield and Contaminated Site Remediation Act (Brownfield Act), N.J.S.A. 58:10B-1 et seq.

In addition to amendments related to the SRRA 2.0 Act, the Department proposes amendments to further simplify the remedial action permit process, streamline implementation of the licensed site remediation professional (LSRP) program, make technical changes and corrections, and clarify language in the chapters.

The proposal is scheduled to be published in the New Jersey Register dated October 21, 2024. A copy of the proposal is available from the Department's website at <a href="https://dep.nj.gov/rules/notice-of-rule-proposals/">https://dep.nj.gov/rules/notice-of-rule-proposals/</a>; official repository libraries; and LexisNexis free public access to the New Jersey Register, <a href="https://advance.lexis.com/">https://advance.lexis.com/</a>.

The Department will hold a public hearing on the proposal on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. The public hearing will be conducted virtually through the Department's video conferencing software, Microsoft Teams. A link to the virtual public hearing with telephone call-in option will be provided on the Department's website at <a href="https://dep.nj.gov/rules/notice-of-rule-proposals/">https://dep.nj.gov/rules/notice-of-rule-proposals/</a>.

If you are interested in providing oral testimony or submitting written comments at the virtual public hearing, please email the Department at <a href="mailto:CSRR">CSRR">CSRR"</a> rules@dep.nj.gov</a>, no later than 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, with your contact information (name, organization, telephone number, and email address). You must provide a valid email address, so the Department can send you an email confirming receipt of your interest to testify orally at the hearing and provide you with a separate option for a telephone call-in line if you do not have access to a computer or mobile device that can connect to Microsoft Teams. This hearing will be recorded. It is requested (but not required) that anyone providing oral testimony at the public hearing provide a copy of any prepared remarks to the Department through email.

Written comments may be submitted electronically by December 20, 2024 at <a href="https://dep.nj.gov/rules/rule-comment-form/">https://dep.nj.gov/rules/rule-comment-form/</a>. Each comment should be identified by the applicable N.J.A.C. citation, with the commenter's

name and affiliation following the comment. The Department encourages electronic submittal of comments. In the alternative, comments may be submitted on paper to:

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