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Law Intended to Speed NJDEP Approvals

A new Site Remediation Reform Act (SRRA) was signed into law on May 7th, 2009 by NJ Gov. Jon Corzine.

The SRRA places the primary oversight responsibility for the majority of remediations into the hands of environmental consultants (such as REPSG) who will need to become Licensed Site Remediation Professionals (LSRPs) by a newly formed licensing board, thereby privatizing the clean-up process and streamlining the NJDEP's oversight process. Important portions of the SRRA are as follows:

- The NJDEP will issue temporary licenses until such a time as the LSRP board has

been established and its regulations developed;

- With limited exception, all remediations must use an LSRP (subject to a three year phase-in period, depending on the nature of the case);
- The LSRPs will essentially assume the NJDEP's SRP oversight and closure authority for most cases; however, the NJDEP will retain primary oversight of certain categories of cases;
- Some new limitations will be imposed on the selection of the remedial action to be used for sites with certain sensitive land uses (such as

residential or educational areas) and for direct oversight cases;

- Mandatory timeframes for initiating and completing various remediation activities will be established by the NJDEP;
- A permitting program for the monitoring and maintenance of engineering and institutional controls will be established; and
- The statute of limitations for claims by the State for natural resource damages associated with many sites will be extended.

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EPA's New Lead Renovation, Repair, and Safety Rule

On April 22, 2008, the EPA issued a new rule regarding the use of lead-safe practices, along with other actions, specifically aimed at preventing lead poisoning.

In April 2010, under this rule, any renovations, repair, and/or painting projects – performed by contractors – that disturb lead-based paint in child-care facilities, schools, and homes built before 1978 will need to be certified and follow specific practices in order to prevent contamination from lead. This rule will apply to the following paid renovators/contractors working within the above locations:

- Renovation contractors;
- Maintenance workers in multi-family housing; and
- Painters and other specialty trades.

repairs, and/or painting projects which disturb lead-based paint in the above specified locations, follow the following lead-safe practices:

- Contractors should follow be sure to:
 - Contain the work area;
 - Minimize dust; and
 - Clean up thoroughly.
- Take the time to read the following:
 - EPA's [Regulations on Residential Property Renovation at 40 CFR 745.80, Subpart E;](#)

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Between now and April 2010, the EPA is recommending that anyone conducting renovations,



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The impetus for the Act is the massive backlog of sites requiring remediation.

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 Accompanying the SRRA, Governor Corzine issued an **Executive Order** which requires the NJDEP to annually file reports on LSRP program progress. Additionally, the order requires that all documents submitted to the Department by LSRPs be made available on the Internet.

The Executive Order also requires the Department to increase its oversight of any site containing groundwater contamination above remediation standards, or for sites that may be used for residential or educational purposes. The Executive

Order also requires the auditing (by the NJDEP) of case documents submitted by all LSRPs during the next 2 years; with the SRRA only requiring audits of at least 10% of all LSRP submittals completed annually.

This is meant to help insulate “an LSRP’s professional judgment from economic pressures to the maximum extent practicable;” allowing for the minimization of the role of cost as a factor in the remedy selection process.

Set up for the temporary licensing program for LSRPs is required to be completed by the Department

within a period of 90 days; with the development of interim program rules to be completed within 6 months, prior to the formal promulgation of the SRRA’s regulations.



Additional information on the SRRA is available at the NJDEP’s **SRP web site**; with a helpful presentation concerning the SRRA available for download **here**.

The Pennsylvania Sunshine Program

still has plenty of money available for rebates for the installation of solar systems.

Save money, and help the planet, by following a few simple tips.

Philadelphia and Solar City Partnership

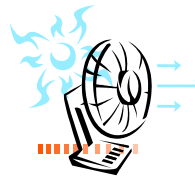
The Philadelphia region is quickly working towards becoming a solar energy production leader, thanks in part to the development of a 3 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) system located in Bucks county – the largest system of its kind east of the Mississippi River. The “Solar City Partnership” – a joint effort



between the City of Philadelphia and the U.S. Department of Energy – is helping to create its own solar energy initiatives, with the long-term goal to fully utilize the potential that solar power has for producing reliable, cost-effective, and safe energy independent of fossil fuels.

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The typical American’s home uses more than \$2,200 a year in energy, and contributes more greenhouse gas emissions than an average car.



Now that summer and its sunny days are here, the EPA is offering some helpful advice on how to both reduce both energy bills and greenhouse gas emissions.

“A few simple changes will help create real reductions in high summer electric bills and pro-

Helpful Energy Saving Tips!

vide a hefty cut in greenhouse gas emissions in the bargain,” said EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson.

Some tips to save money and help protect the environment, include:

- Make use of your ceiling fans! But remember, ceiling fans cool people, not rooms – so turn them off when you leave the room.
- Seal air leaks using caulk, spray foam, or weather stripping.

- Inspect your air ducts for leaks, and seal them with foil tape or a special duct sealant.
- Check your cooling system’s air filter monthly, and be sure to change out the filters every three months.
- Turn off lights and equipment when not in use so they don’t generate unnecessary heat.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with Energy Star qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs which use less energy and generate less heat than conventional bulbs.



Philadelphia and Solar City Partnership

The City of Philadelphia hopes to make solar technologies cost-competitive, thereby transforming the local solar energy market. In addition, the city plans to work on solar projects on parcels of city-owned land, such as the creation of a 1+MW solar PV system being developed at the Naval Yard by Conergy and Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation;

a project that will produce more than 900,000 kWh of clean electricity.

The Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) is also hoping to establish multi-MW solar power installations at three of their locations throughout the city. The purpose of these installations would be to help decrease the amount of power that PWD would need to buy from its energy suppliers, while simultaneously provid-

ing the facilities with a clean, stable-priced, emission-free energy source.

For more information on the Solar Partnership, please visit their [website](#).

In addition, if you would like to learn more about please check out the following City of Philadelphia webpages:

- [Solar System Installers and Integrators](#)
- [Local Solar Projects in Philadelphia](#)

- [How Solar Power works](#)
- [How can you pay for solar power?](#)



EPA Risk Management Program Update

In March 2009, the EPA released a [new electronic method](#) for submitting Risk Management Plan (RMP) information.

The Risk Management Program requires that any facilities that use, store or produce “hazardous toxic and flammable substances listed in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 40 CFR 68.130 in an

amount above the ‘threshold quantity’ specified for that substance” are required to develop and implement a RMP.

The purpose of these RMPs is to prevent the accidental releases of any substances that could cause serious harm to the public and/or the environment from short-term exposures, and in order to help mitigate the severity of releases that do occur.

The EPA is asking that all facilities use the new electronic method to submit RMPs because it is “easy to use, will improve data quality, and will enable you to access your RMP 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.”

More information on EPA’s RMP Guidance can be found on [their webpage](#), along with information specific to the [RMP rule](#).

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Photo: Peeling lead-based paint at a Philadelphia area residence in 2006.

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- [Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers, and Schools](#);
- [Contractors: Lead Safety During Renovation](#); and
- [EPA Small Entity Compliance Guide to Renovate Right](#).

Also, it is recommended that

interested parties take the time to look up [additional EPA publications and brochures](#) on lead-safe renovation, repair and painting and on lead poisoning prevention.

Contractors, firms, and renovators may begin the certification process on October 22, 2009. Renovators need to undergo eight hours of initial training, and must become certified by April 22, 2010. Certified renovators are responsible for training other employees and

for overseeing work practices and cleaning in order to maintain compliance with the new rule.

For additional information on the EPA’s new lead rule, please visit their [website](#).



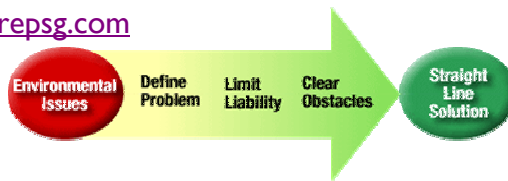


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Local Food Economy Leadership Award



The Local Food Economy Leadership award recognizes Greater Philadelphia's food system leaders who have successfully leveraged collaborations with other stakeholders to create a more sustainable food system, and have garnered national attention, making this region a leader in local food system efforts.

This award is the first part of a new technical and financial assistance program **DVRPC** is creating in partnership with the William Penn Foundation. This larger program seeks to build capacity within and expand recognition of Greater Philadelphia's emerging local food economy.

Jerry Naples, a Principal here at REPSG, accepted this award on behalf of his efforts with **Greensgrow's** Philadelphia Project.



Front row: Ann Karlen (Fair Food) and Barry Seymour (DVRPC); **Back row:** Rachel Millenbach (Weavers Way Community Programs), David Sillers (Weavers Way Community Partnerships), Bob Noble (Weavers Way Cooperative Association), Glenn Bergman (Weavers Way Cooperative Association), John Weidman (The Food Trust), Patty Hasson (Greensgrow Philadelphia Project), Jerry Naples, Jr (REPSG), Miriam Manon (The Food Trust), and the Honorable Edwin (Ted) Erickson, PA State Senate, 26th District, recipient of DVRPC's 2009 Regional Leader Award.