



***Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management***  
**Office of Waste Management**  
**State Site Remediation & Brownfields Program**

### **Who We Are....**

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's (DEM) Office of Waste Management (OWM) Site Remediation & Brownfields Program was established to provide fair, comprehensive and consistent regulation of the investigation and remediation of hazardous waste and hazardous material releases, implemented in a timely and cost-effective manner. The program is designed to determine if a site poses a threat to human health and the environment and evaluate whether or not proposed remedies effectively provide protection.

This program also supports the redevelopment and reuse of contaminated sites through the Brownfields program. Sites are identified, evaluated, cleaned up and brought back to beneficial reuse in Rhode Island communities.

### **What We Do....**

OWM's Site Remediation & Brownfields Program regulates and provides technical oversight for the investigation and remediation of releases of hazardous waste and/or hazardous materials to the environment; ensures that those investigations and remedial activities are conducted in a consistent manner that adequately protects human health and the environment; and enforces regulations regarding the proper disposal of abandoned hazardous wastes and hazardous materials.

### **How You Can Help...**

Under the Freedom of Information Act you have a right to review site files. OWM wants to hear from you if you have any environmental

information that we are unaware of about a property before we approve a clean up. If you have any issues regarding a property's proposed reuse, please contact us and we will put you in contact with the appropriate municipal official.

### **The Process....**

Cleaning a contaminated site requires investigation, planning and action. The *Rules and Regulations for the Investigation and Remediation of Hazardous Material Releases* (<http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/waste/remreg04.pdf>) define the specific documents that are needed, or may be needed, as part of that process:

- Notification of Release;
- Site Investigation Work Plan (SIWP);
- Public Notice of Investigation;
- Site Investigation Report (SIR);
- Public Notice of Completed Site Investigation & Public Comment Period on Technical Feasibility of Proposed Remedy;
- Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP);
- Remedial Action;
- Closure Report; and, if applicable,
- Environmental Land Usage Restriction (ELUR).

### ***FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US:***

#### **AT OUR WEB SITES:**

<http://www.dem.ri.gov>

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/brownfields/default.htm>

#### **STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?**

#### **CALL OR EMAIL US:**

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