

UDEQ ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FOR CURRENT PROPERTY OWNERS:

- Is my site eligible for the Environmental Cleanup Program? *All sites are eligible unless it is under an administrative order or enforcement/compliance action by another regulatory agency or is already being managed by the VCP or another DEQ program.*
- What are examples of an “enforcement action” that would result in ineligibility for the Environmental Cleanup Program? *Applicants who have owned or operated a site for which a “Notice of Violation” has been received but not yet resolved or are under investigation for potential violations are examples of enforcement actions that would preclude eligibility.*
- How long does it take to get my application reviewed and approved? *Applications are reviewed and approved (if no corrections are needed) within 3-5 working days.*
- How is the Environmental Cleanup Program different than the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) that is administered by the DERR? *Services offered by these two different cleanup programs differ slightly in the deliverables (such as a “comfort letter” versus a “Certificate of Completion”) offered to the current landowners or prospective property purchasers, and the length of time involved in proceeding through the overall regulatory process.*

FOR PROSPECTIVE LAND PURCHASERS:

- As a prospective property purchaser or developer of a contaminated property, am I an eligible applicant? *Yes, unless any of the conditions described in the “enforcement action” response (see “For Current Property Owners” section) apply to you or the property being considered for the environmental cleanup.*
- Is there a fee associated with requesting a Comfort Letter? *Yes, there is a \$500 processing and evaluation fee that needs to be submitted at the same time as the [Comfort Letter Request Form](#).*
- Does the Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control offer a pre-application meeting to discuss the Environmental Cleanup Program? *Yes, in fact we encourage a meeting in order to assist the applicant through the streamlined process.*
- Is there an application fee and/or process to begin the process? *No, there is no application fee. However, the Division does charge (on an hourly basis) for the technical oversight provided to help the site through the investigation, cleanup and site management or closure process. The application can be found here [Environmental Cleanup Program application](#).*

FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS:

- What soil and groundwater screening levels are accepted? *For soil, EPA Regional Screening Levels may be used. In the event groundwater contamination is present, concentrations should be screened using EPA’s Regional Screening Levels or other approved health-based standards, such as tap water screening criteria.*