

Date: February 27, 2006
To: Region 'Y' Contacts
From: ASTSWMO CERCLA T3 Focus Group
(ASTSWMO CERCLA Staff Associate Jennifer M. Patterson: swmjenn@sso.org)
Re: Research Regarding State Cleanup Levels, Regulations And/Or Guidelines

The Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO) CERCLA Training and Technology Transfer (T3) Focus Group is developing a compilation of available references for State cleanup levels, organized by environmental medium and exposure route, for use by all the States/Territories as a resource in developing cleanup criteria.

As a member of the ASTSWMO T3 Focus Group, I am writing to ask for your assistance in our research efforts by completing the attached spreadsheet and returning it to ASTSWMO. The T3 Focus Group hopes to have a compilation of the results available on the ASTSWMO website by June 30, 2006. The results will assist States in the development of new cleanup criteria and the modification of existing standards. (The resultant document will not establish any official opinions, positions, preferences or recommendations by ASTSWMO or by any individual ASTSWMO Focus Group member or their respective State or Region.)

To facilitate data collection, we have tried to keep the process simple:

1. Please begin by filling in the respondent information in the "Introduction" tab of the attached spreadsheet. (This information will be automatically copied to each section of the questionnaire, minimizing redundant typing.)
2. Fill in information re: your State's/Territory's cleanup levels in the various sections of the spreadsheet. The sections of the spreadsheet are media-specific, i.e., there is a separate spreadsheet page (a.k.a. "tab") for Soil, Groundwater, Surface Water, Vapor Intrusion and Sediment. There is also an Example page so that you may judge the appropriate level of detail for your responses.

For each medium (on each page or tab), we are asking for information on standards and/or guidelines that your State may have developed to address potential exposures associated with that medium. For example, on the Soil page there are several exposure categories, such as dermal contact, ingestion, and groundwater protection. If your State has standards or guidelines that address these exposures, we are asking that you provide three pieces of information:

1. ***Where can the information be found?*** Please enter a citation to the State Regulations and/or Guidelines, which establish the numerical cleanup values or action levels (as promulgated by law or as used in practice by your State/Territory). Please include electronic links to the Regulations or Guidance documents cited, as available. Example: "Rules and Regulations for the Investigation and Remediation of Hazardous Material Releases, as amended 2004" DEM-DSR-01-93. <http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/waste/remreg04.pdf> or www.dem.ri.gov.
2. ***What are the standards/guidelines based on?*** Please enter the basis for establishing the numerical cleanup values or action levels. There are two drop-down lists here to specify target cancer- and non-cancer risk levels, as well as space for describing key assumptions.
3. ***Who can be contacted for more information?*** Please provide the name and contact information of the person(s) within your State who will act as Point of Contact for future questions about: the cleanup values, action levels, regulations and guidance documents cited. Please include a name, telephone number and email address, if possible.

Note: Empty items will be interpreted to mean that your State does not have a regulation or guideline addressing that particular medium/exposure combination.

Here is a section describing New Jersey soil criteria that consider inhalation exposures:

State: New Jersey		Program: Voluntary Cleanup Program		Name & Email: John Smith February 30, 2006		John.Smith@yourstate.us		
I. Soil	Inhalation	Cancer	Noncancer	Regulations		Cancer	Noncancer	Guidelines
		Risk Basis	Risk Basis			Risk Basis	Risk Basis	
				1. Citation/Location: N.J.A.C. 7:26D (Pending Proposal) Interested Party Review Document available at http://www.nj.gov/dep/srp/regs/srs/proposed/ - Estimated formal proposal in the		1. Citation/Location: Soil Cleanup Criteria available at: http://www.nj.gov/dep/srp/regs/scc/		
				2. Basis: 1.E-06 HI= 1		2. Basis: 1.E-06 HI= 1		
				3. Contact: Contact person is Barry Frasco, (555) 555-1122, Barry.Frasco@yourstate.us		3. Contact: - Contact person is Barry Frasco, (555) 555-1122, Barry.Frasco@yourstate.us		

The full Soil example is provided in the spreadsheet on the page/tab labeled “EXAMPLE.”

There is also a section on each page where you may indicate which other programs in your State/Territory (such as your RCRA or UST program) use the same or similar standards.

Please submit your response by March 24, 2006 via e-mail to the ASTSWMO CERCLA T3 Focus Group Coordinator at: swmjenn@sso.org. If you have any questions while filling out this document, please feel free to contact Jennifer Patterson, ASTSWMO CERCLA Staff Associate, at: swmjenn@sso.org or (202) 624-5423.

Thank you for your assistance! ASTSWMO’s mission is to enhance and promote effective State and Territorial waste management programs and affect national waste management policies. Without the effort and involvement of the State/Territorial agencies and its members, this would not be possible. We look forward to sharing the final compilation of this research with you and the other States/Territories later this Spring.