

OVERSIGHT OF REMEDIATION**CHAPTER 26C****DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHT OF THE REMEDIATION OF CONTAMINATED SITES****Authority**

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Chapter 26C, Department Oversight of the Remediation of Contaminated Sites, expires on October 23, 2002.

Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 26C, Department Oversight of the Remediation of Contaminated Sites, was adopted as R.1993 d.186, effective May 17, 1993. See: 24 N.J.R. 1281(b), 25 N.J.R. 2002(a). Petition for Rulemaking: Notice of Receipt of and Action on a Petition for Rulemaking. See: 28 N.J.R. 5499(a), 29 N.J.R. 704(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 26C was re-adopted as R.1997 d.499, effective October 23, 1997. See: Source and Effective Date. As part of R.1997 d.499, Subchapter 2, Procedures for the Identification of the Appropriate Oversight Document, was renamed Oversight Documents; Subchapter 3, Memorandum of Agreement, was repealed and a new Subchapter 3, Administrative Process for Voluntary Cleanups was adopted; Subchapter 4, Spill Compensation and Control Act Directive; Subchapter 5, Administrative Consent Orders; Subchapter 6, Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund; Subchapter 7, Remediation Funding Source; Subchapter 8, Site Access; Subchapter 9, Oversight Costs; and Subchapter 10, Civil Administrative Penalties and Requests for Adjudicatory Hearings, were adopted as new rules; Appendix A, Standard Memorandum of Agreement; Appendix E, Standard Letter of Credit; Appendix F, Standard Standby Trust Agreement; Appendix G, Standard Fully Funded Trust Agreement; Appendix H, Standard Surety Bond; and Appendix I, Oversight Cost Formula, were repealed; Appendix C, Standard Responsible Party Oversight Document, was recodified as Appendix A, Standard Administrative Consent Order; and Appendix D, Standard Publicly Conducted Administrative Consent Order was recodified as Appendix B, effective November 17, 1997. See, also, section annotations.

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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

7:26C-1.1 Scope

This chapter identifies the administrative procedures for a person to participate in the remediation of a contaminated site or of a potentially contaminated site under Department oversight, and presents the procedures to determine the applicable oversight document.

Amended by R.1997 d.499, effective November 17, 1997.
See: 29 N.J.R. 46(a), 29 N.J.R. 4957(a).

Rewrote (a), and eliminated the paragraph delineation; and deleted existing (b) through (d).

Case Notes

Provision of environmental cleanup agreement requiring purchaser to provide subsequent purchaser or lessee with copy of any declaration of environmental restrictions imposed or required for site was ambiguous under New Jersey law as to whether it obligated purchaser to execute declaration that would be required only if vendor remediated property to less stringent standard, or merely imposed duty for purchaser to provide copies of any previously executed declaration. *Sumitomo Machinery Corp. of America, Inc. v. AlliedSignal, Inc.*, C.A.3 (N.J.)1996, 81 F.3d 328.

7:26C-1.2 Certifications

(a) Any person submitting workplans and reports to the Department pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26E shall include the signatures and certification below.

1. "I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted herein and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, to the best of my knowledge, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant civil penalties for knowingly submitting false, inaccurate or incomplete information and that I am committing a crime of the fourth degree if I make a written false statement which I do not believe to be true. I am also aware that if I knowingly direct or authorize the violation of any statute, I am personally liable for the penalties."

2. The certification in (a)1 above shall be signed as follows:

i. For a corporation, by a principal executive officer of at least the level of vice president;

ii. For a partnership or sole proprietorship, by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or

iii. For a municipality, State, Federal or other public agency, by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.

(b) The certification listed in (a)1 above shall be signed by a person described in (a)2 above or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if:

1. The authorization is made in writing by a person described in (a)2 above;

2. The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having a responsibility for the overall operation of the site or activity, such as the position of plant manager, or a superintendent or person of equivalent responsibility (a duly authorized representative may thus be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position);

3. The written authorization is submitted to the Department; and

4. If the authorization is no longer accurate because a different individual or position has responsibility for the overall operation of the facility, a new authorization satisfying the requirements of this subsection shall be submitted to the Department prior to or together with any reports, information, or applications to be signed by an authorized representative.

(c) The following certification shall be submitted along with the remediation funding source, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26C-7: