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# Q&A

**Q** How does Governor Christie's signing of Assembly Bill No. 4543 affect environmental cleanups in NJ?

**A** The passing of this bill allows NJDEP to grant up to 2-year extensions for the completion of environmental "remedial investigations." Under The Site Remediation Reform Act, certain remedial investigations were required to be completed by May 7, 2014.

The deadline applies to cases where contamination was identified, or should have been identified, on or before May 7, 1999. Major conditions of applicability for extensions include: (1) retention of a Licensed Site Remediation Professional (2) compliance with existing regulatory "mandatory time frames" (3) posting of a "remediation funding source" or "remediation trust fund" and (4) payment of all applicable fees and penalties. Responsible parties must also be in compliance with other NJDEP requirements.

Applications for extensions must be submitted by March 7, 2014. The State will then have 45 days to notify the applicant of its decision. If you have any questions on this matter or other related matters, please contact Marc D. Policastro at 732-741-3900.



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