



Due Diligence and  
Outreach At  
Proposed Schools, Child-  
Care Facilities, &  
Recreational Facilities

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# Environmental Equity & Public Participation

- Industrial Property Remediation and Reuse Act
- Section 23-19.14-5
- Item 4 Added During the 2006 Legislative Session
- Pertains to Proposed Schools, Child-Care Facilities, & Recreational Facilities

# Proposed Location of New School, Child-Care Facility, Or Recreational Facility For Public Use

- IS IT CONTAMINATED?
- IS IT SUSPECTED OF BEING CONTAMINATED?

# PERSON PROPOSING REUSE SHALL:

- COMPLETE AN ALL APPROPRIATE INQUIRY (AAI) – defined 23-19.14-3 (o)
- HOLD PUBLIC MEETING:
  - ◆ Prior to finalizing scope of investigation;
  - ◆ To obtain information about conditions at the Site & environmental history;
  - ◆ In city or town where Site is located.

# Public Notice For Meeting

- At least 10 business days prior to meeting;
- In addition to all other Public Notice Requirements Required by Regulations;
- May be made part of another Site meeting provided that minimum standards for notice and comment are met.

# Public Record of Meeting

- Record of Meeting will be open for a period of at least 10 business days and not more than 20 business days;
- For the Receipt of Public Comment;
- Results of AAI, analysis and the public meeting, including the comment period shall be documented in written report to be submitted to the Department.

# What Can be Done While Waiting for Public Notice to be Complete?

- NO WORK shall be Permitted at the Site.

That Includes:

- ◆ No Grubbing;
- ◆ No Site Preparation;
- ◆ No Investigation;
- ◆ No Remediation;
- ◆ No Construction

# Are There Any Exceptions?

- There is an Exception if the Director determines that such work is necessary to mitigate or prevent:
  - ◆ An Imminent Threat to Human Health, Public Safety, or the Environment; or
  - ◆ Off-Site Migration of Known or Suspected Contamination

# Standards Or Regulations Will Be Established

- To Define the Requirements of AAI for the Purposes of This Chapter;
- For Reporting the Results of the AAI;
- For the Process for Notification To the Public Of the Public Meeting;
- To Conduct the Public Meeting; and
- To Report on the Public Comments

# Sites That Are Currently In This Process

- Kettlepoint Bike Path
- Providence Central High School  
Gymnasium
- Proposed Woonsocket Middle School

# Other Sites On The Horizon

- **Park View Recreational Facility-Cranston**
- **East Transit Street Boat Ramp**
- **City Of Pawtucket Bike Path**
- **RI School For The Deaf**

# Lessons Learned To Date

- Complete This Requirement EARLY In The Process!!!!;
- Get The Public Notice For the Meeting Out On Time;
- DO NOT START FIELD WORK PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF THIS TASK!!!