



Panel: Remediation Update

UNDERSTANDING NEW
CHANGES & CHALLENGES

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Principal, Remediation Director
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- >15 Years of Experience
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Full-service environmental and land use
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- Project Geologist with 10+ years of experience.
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- Skilled in drilling oversight, well installation, aquifer testing, and sampling across multiple media.
- Experienced with regulatory programs under USEPA, USACE, KDHE, ODEQ, MDNR, NDHHS, ADEE, and CERCLA/RCRA.



Discussion Context

What changes are we seeing based on recent legislative initiatives under the new administration?

Recalibration of Standards & Substances

What's regulated and how

- PFAS/PFOA/PFOS designations
- RSL update cadence
- TSCA reporting
- State-federal alignment

Streamlining of Permitting & Reviews

How projects are approved

- Consolidated/expedited approvals
- Speed-vs-certainty tradeoffs
- Regulator-practitioner engagement

Realignment of Accountability & Capital

Handling risk, compliance & financing

- Inspection cadence and enforcement
- Liability/safe harbors
- Grants, tax credits, financial assurance



Panel Q&A



Regional Drivers



Which recent federal or state statutory changes have had or will have the most immediate impact on remediation projects in the Midwest, and why?

Permitting Speed vs. Certainty



How are new streamlining provisions affecting approval timelines, and what tactics maintain constructive regulator–practitioner dialogue?

PFAS & Emerging Contaminants



What measures are facilities taking today to stay ahead of evolving PFAS and 1,4-dioxane criteria?

Funding & Incentives



Which federal or state grant/credit programs are Midwest entities winning, and where do applications stumble?

Enforcement & Liability



In what specific ways have recent changes to contribution-protection and lender-liability safe harbors shifted negotiation dynamics among potentially responsible parties (PRPs), and how are you adapting your strategies to these new rules?

Forward Look



Looking ahead, which anticipated legal or regulatory shifts should responsible parties be preparing to leverage now to stay ahead of the curve in remediation planning?

Audience Questions



Key Takeaways

