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1-800-292-4706

Vision

The Remediation and Redevelopment Division's (RRD) vision is to create a future where Michigan's contaminated properties are reliably managed, revitalized, and the environment is protected. The RRD works with the owners of contaminated properties throughout Michigan. RRD oversees publicly funded cleanups, provides technical assistance and financial incentives to private parties and the public to assess, reduce or even eliminate human and environmental risks at contaminated properties and to facilitate the redevelopment of properties to increase economic vitality, reduce urban sprawl, and provide safe areas for people to live, work, and play.

Mission, Goals

RRD's mission is to work toward our goals through compliance assistance, partnerships, collaboration, and enforcement. Its goals include: 1) assess and reduce risk at contaminated properties; 2) provide risk management and compliance assistance to the public and regulated community; 3) effectively communicate risks associated with contaminated properties; 4) facilitate the revitalization of contaminated properties; 5) effectively manage public funds; and 6) provide opportunities for staff to build and maintain professional expertise.

Overview of Environmental Protection Programs

The RRD administers two environmental cleanup programs and coordinates DEQ implementation of brownfield redevelopment financing for environmental response activities. The authority to oversee these programs is provided in the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA) and the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, 1996 PA 381, as amended. The two cleanup programs are the Environmental Remediation program and the Leaking Underground Storage Tank program. In addition, the RRD manages portions of the federal Superfund program, established under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. These programs guide RRD's efforts in the remediation and redevelopment of contaminated properties in Michigan. The RRD oversees responsible party cleanups, addresses public health and environmental threats at locations of environmental contamination, and facilitates brownfield redevelopment.

Programs

Environmental Remediation (Part 201) and Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (Part 213): Michigan's environmental cleanup laws – [Part 201](#) and [Part 213](#) – provide for the protection of public health, safety, welfare, and the environment through:

(1) Responsible party cleanups: overseeing and providing information and compliance assistance to support cleanup of contaminated facilities by parties responsible for causing contamination, initiating enforcement action, if necessary, and recovering state cleanup funds from liable parties.

(2) State-funded actions: providing funding and oversight of state contractor actions to address environmental contamination that pose a risk to the public health or environment when a responsible party cannot address an environmental contamination. Activities include providing alternative drinking water supplies, conducting groundwater/soil investigations and remediation, and removal of underground storage tanks and other hazardous substance containers.

(3) Investigations, risk assessments, and more: The RRD has staff and equipment for conducting hydrogeological and geophysical investigations, soil and groundwater sampling, groundwater modeling, monitor well installation, and bathymetric studies. These investigations assist in identifying parties who are liable for contamination and in assessing risks posed by groundwater contamination or other suspected sources, and assessing contaminated sediments. Staff develop soil and groundwater cleanup criteria, evaluate risk assessments, manage enforcement programs, and provide various public information and education materials via the RRD website.



Programs (continued)

Superfund Program: Some of the state's and nation's most serious and costly contaminated properties are placed on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) [National Priorities List](#). Lansing-based RRD staff manage portions of the federal [Superfund Program](#), including: determining whether actions at Michigan Superfund facilities comply with state environmental regulations, carrying out brownfield assessment activities that help local units of government assess redevelopment concerns at properties in their communities, performing specialized sampling, and coordinating with the U.S. EPA Region 5 office in Chicago.

Laboratory Services: The RRD [Laboratory](#) serves as a scientific environmental testing program for health, compliance oversight, criminal, and civil investigations within the DEQ. Analytical services (physical, chemical, microbiological testing) are provided for a variety of environmental programs statewide, including drinking water, brownfield redevelopments, environmental cleanups, air quality, solid and hazardous waste management, land and water management, geological survey, rivers and lakes water quality, bathing beaches, public swimming pools, legal services, etc. The Lab also administers laboratory certifications for all drinking water laboratories in the state.

Financial Assistance

Brownfield Programs: Preparation of facilities for redevelopment: providing actions (and financial incentives such as brownfield redevelopment grants-loans) to remediate contaminated properties to a level that allows for safe reuse. Activities include overseeing contractors who conduct various demolition and cleanup activities, accepting [Baseline Environmental Assessments](#) (BEA) and Due Care work plans, and developing legal agreements that foster redevelopment and protect new owners and operators from liability for past releases they did not cause.

Brownfield Redevelopment Grants and Loans: The RRD offers [brownfield redevelopment grants and loans](#) to local units of government at properties with known or suspected contamination. Funds are targeted to projects that promote economic development and the reuse of brownfield properties. Activities eligible for funding include: environmental evaluations/assessments; baseline environmental assessments; due care plans and response activities; remedial actions necessary for redevelopment; and demolition as a response activity to reach contaminants.

Act 381: The RRD coordinates DEQ implementation of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, 1996 PA 381, as amended (Act 381). [Act 381](#) provides a method to finance environmental response activities at brownfield properties through tax increment financing. The RRD provides general assistance to local units of government with creation of brownfield redevelopment authorities, identification of brownfield properties, and development of brownfield plans and work plans. The RRD reviews work plans where state and local school taxes will be captured to cover the costs associated with conducting environmental response activities.

Field Operations

RRD District/Field Offices: Field staff located at DEQ offices statewide are involved in all the RRD programs. They are the first line of contact with citizens, the business community, industry, and local units of government for prompt customer service about the Environmental Remediation and Leaking Underground Storage Tank programs. Field staff also respond to calls related to environmental incidents received through the Pollution Emergency Alerting System (also known as PEAS) at 1-800-292-4706. Questions about brownfield programs can be directed to RRD field staff. The RRD field office locations and phone numbers are listed on the previous page.

Publications, Information, Education and Outreach

RRD publications and forms: Available from the [RRD home page](#), or by contacting any of the RRD offices listed on the previous page, or by contacting the DEQ [Environmental Assistance Center](#) at 800-662-9278.

Internet Access: Find information, guidance, and publications at the RRD home page: www.michigan.gov/deqrrd. The RRD also maintains databases of Michigan contaminated properties identified under Environmental Remediation (Part 201), Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (Part 213), and Superfund at this website location.

Public Meetings: Public meetings and comment periods involving the RRD cleanup proposals or actions at brownfield properties are posted in the bi-weekly *DEQ Calendar*; periodic trainings and workshops hosted by the RRD are also included. To access, or subscribe to the DEQ Calendar, just go to: www.michigan.gov/deqcalendar.

Electronic Mailing Lists: The RRD maintains an electronic mailing list for remediation and redevelopment program updates. To subscribe to this mailing list, go to the [RRD home page](#) and click on "Subscribe to "RRD News and Info." at the top of the page.