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Whitman Announces Inclusion In New Jersey's Licensed Site Remediation Professional Program

New Jersey's Leading Environmental and Engineering Management Firm is Strategically Positioned to Assist in State's Remediation Backlog

EAST BRUNSWICK, N.J.— In May 2009, Gov. Jon S. Corzine signed into law the Licensed Site Remediation Professional bill, creating a program that allows private companies to self certify environmental investigations and remedial actions to help cut down on the state's backlog of site remediation cases and jump-start redevelopment of many underutilized properties.

Whitman, New Jersey's leading environmental and engineering management firm, is well positioned to start tackling these remediation projects, with the expertise and knowledge to remediate even the most severely contaminated sites.

“This law has presented us not only with an opportunity to help clean up some of the state's 20,000 contaminated sites, but also with the responsibility to ensure that we perform remediation in compliance with the state's standards,” said Barry Skoultchi, president of Whitman. “We take great pride in being able to assist our clients in finding new approaches and sources of funding to complete remediation projects.”

Whitman has a long history of working with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the firm currently has several staff members certified by the NJDEP as New Jersey Clean Up Stars, a designation that already allows Whitman professionals to investigate and remediate low-priority sites and areas of concern with limited state oversight.

“The state's passage of the licensed site remediation professional bill allows us to expand on our current capabilities, and we are confident that our staff has the education and experience to undertake this new initiative with great success,” Skoultchi said. “To be sure, the state will still have oversights in place. As environmental consultants, we will be responsible for meeting rigorous licensing requirements and adhering to a strict code of conduct to protect the public interest.”

The licensed site remediation professional program addresses a very real problem in New Jersey – despite the state's best efforts, the number of backlogged clean up sites continues to grow every year. By allowing private companies to remediate these areas and address the environmental concerns present, the state has set into motion an important economic engine to speed up the transformation of idle properties into productive land that can generate new tax rates, all without having to incur the cost of hiring additional state employees.

“While the program is not without its critics, the idea of allowing private companies to perform remediation to cut down on the state's backlog is not new,” Skoultchi said. “A similar program undertaken in Massachusetts, which served as the basis for New Jersey's program, has proven to be incredibly successful.”

About Whitman

Founded in 1985, Whitman is New Jersey's premier environmental and engineering management firm, comprised of the industry's leading professionals. The East Brunswick, N.J.-based company offers turnkey environmental, engineering, and mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) services, as well as renewable energy services. Whitman continues to grow into new and diverse markets, providing expertise to the private and public sectors, including all levels of federal, state and local governments, as well as a variety of public authorities.

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