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## **Whitman Director of Environmental Compliance is Among the First to Receive Approval For Temporary Licensed Site Remediation Professional License**

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Whitman, New Jersey's leading environmental and engineering management firm, has announced that Michael Metlitz, director of environmental compliance, has received approval for his temporary Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) license. Metlitz is the third Whitman professional to receive his temporary license, along with Dr. Ira Whitman, principal of the firm, and David Robinson, vice president of remediation services.

The temporary license is a result of Gov. Jon Corzine's recent Licensed Site Remediation Professional bill, 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. The state began notifying licensees in October, making Metlitz, along with Whitman and Robinson, among the first to be awarded this prestigious designation.

"We are incredibly proud to have three of our outstanding professionals receive their temporary license so early in the notification process," said Barry Skoultchi, president of Whitman. "The licensed site remediation professional program presents an opportunity for us as a company to assist the state in reducing its backlog of contaminated sites. We are well positioned to tackle these projects and have repeatedly proven our commitment to investigating and remediating severely contaminated sites in a cost efficient and responsible manner."

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 ratables, without having to incur the cost of hiring additional state employees.

A graduate of the New Jersey Institute of Technology with a Masters of Science in environmental engineering, Metlitz has extensive experience in working with the NJDEP in projects related to underground storage tanks, industrial site investigation and clean up under both the Environmental Cleanup Responsibilities Act and the Industrial Site Recovery Act (ISRA). He also worked in the NJDEP Bureau of Environmental Evaluation and Cleanup Responsibility Assessment for three years before joining Whitman.

Metlitz is responsible for remaining current on environmental laws and policy changes and has been instrumental in providing clients with options for cost effective and expedient alternatives for ISRA regulatory approval.

"Whitman has long been committed to helping our clients find new approaches and sources of funding to complete their remediation projects. Having the LSRP temporary license is yet another tool we can use to help facilitate expedient, cost effective remediation projects," Metlitz said.

At Whitman, Metlitz is currently involved in managing several cleanup projects, including overseeing the investigation and remediation of a chemical facility with significant discharge. He has conducted and overseen indoor air quality assessments associated with vapor intrusion, has overseen cleanup for one of the largest discharges of free chlorinated solvents in New Jersey and provides expert testimony as needed.

#### **About Whitman**

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