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## **Whitman Principal To Present at Licensed Site Remediation Seminar on November 18th**

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Whitman, New Jersey's leading environmental and engineering management firm, has announced that Whitman principal Dr. Ira Whitman, P.E., will be speaking at the "Working as a Licensed Site Remediation Professional" seminar on November 18, being presented by the New Jersey Water Environment Association in conjunction with the New Jersey Licensed Site Remediation Professional Association.

Dr. Whitman, in addition to being one of the first licensed site remediation professionals named by the New Jersey Department of Environment Protection (NJDEP), serves on the Site Remediation Advisory Committee, a group established to assist NJDEP in implementing its site remediation activities.

The daylong seminar, being held at the Sheraton Hotel in Eatontown, N.J., will focus on business and regulatory issues related to the LSRP program, as well as featuring a discussion about the similarities and difference between the New Jersey and Massachusetts program. The final panel of the day will focus on the best path for remediating New Jersey's backlogged sites and will explore what new challenges the LSRP program will present to environmental professionals.

The licensed site remediation professional program, a result of Gov. Jon Corzine's recent Licensed Site Remediation Professional bill, 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, all without having to incur the cost of hiring additional state employees.

A graduate of The Johns Hopkins University with a Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering Science, Dr. Whitman founded Whitman consultants in Environmental Engineering and Management in 1985. He is an expert on site remediation, having supervised site remediation design and implementation projects in a number of states, involving a variety of contaminants, ground water conditions and remediation technologies.

Dr. Whitman is also an expert on compliance with ISRA, the New Jersey Industrial Site Recovery Act, and on Brownfield site redevelopment. The Whitman Companies has managed environmental compliance projects for industries in most fields of manufacturing, including chemicals, steel, electronics, ceramics, printing, rubber and machinery.

Dr. Whitman has devoted considerable attention to the problems of redeveloping urban industrial sites and the risks and economic benefits associated with site reuse. He has helped to guide a national effort on Brownfields through the Northeast Midwest Institute in Washington, D.C., as a member of the Institute's Board of Directors, and a municipal effort as a member of the Brownfields Environmental Solutions for Trenton (BEST) advisory group since 1995.

Additionally, Dr. Whitman has served in an expert capacity on numerous cases involving environmental compliance and site remediation. He has prepared expert reports and testimony involving ground water and soil contamination, site redevelopment, underground storage tanks, and a variety of regulatory, engineering, insurance and scientific matters. He has recently expanded his areas of interest to include alternative conflict resolution and mediation approaches applied to environmental and business conflicts, and is presently looking into the relationship between climate change (global warming) and environmental degradation.

For more information about the Licensed Site Remediation Professional seminar, please visit [www.lsrpa.org/events](http://www.lsrpa.org/events).