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Whitman Professional Receives Approval For Temporary Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LASRP) License

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EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ--Whitman has announced that Dr. Ira Whitman, P.E., has received one of the first notifications of approval for his temporary Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) license.

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 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, 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 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. Whitman has managed environmental compliance projects for industries in most fields of manufacturing, including chemicals, steel, electronics, ceramics, printing, rubber and machinery.

Whitman has a long history of working with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Dr. Whitman serves on the Site Remediation Advisory Committee, a group established to assist NJDEP in implementing its site remediation activities. In addition, 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.

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