

SABR News

A Publication for the Brownfield Interested Party List

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2012 VAP CP Annual Training

This year's CP Annual Training was held on October 23 at the Northpointe Conference Center on Route 23 in Powell. The American Council of Engineering Companies, who co-sponsors the program, again did an excellent job of selecting the training venue and handling registration. Approximately 80 certified professionals and 25 Ohio EPA employees attended the training.

Training topics included updates from the ACRE and SABR sections; Clean Ohio Fund and BUSTR UST eligibility updates; vapor intrusion training and case studies; tax increment financing and other funding opportunities for brownfields revitalization; free-product mobility case studies; and risk assessment and hazardous waste updates.

The evaluations were mostly positive and attendees provided good feedback. We will use many of the suggestions, including the ones below, to continue to improve the annual training course.

- » Add real-world case studies or examples to every technical and regulatory topic covered.
- » Discuss common oversights in No Further Action (NFA) Letters that result in delayed reviews or deficiency letters.
- » Increase the variety of presenters to include experts other than Agency staff and certified professionals.
- » Present proper techniques and monitoring for in-situ injections at a VAP site.
- » Discuss classification of ground water in the VAP.
- » Cover regulatory compliance considerations for VAP sampling and remediation.

**Thank you to all who attended
this year's training. Hope to see you in 2013!**

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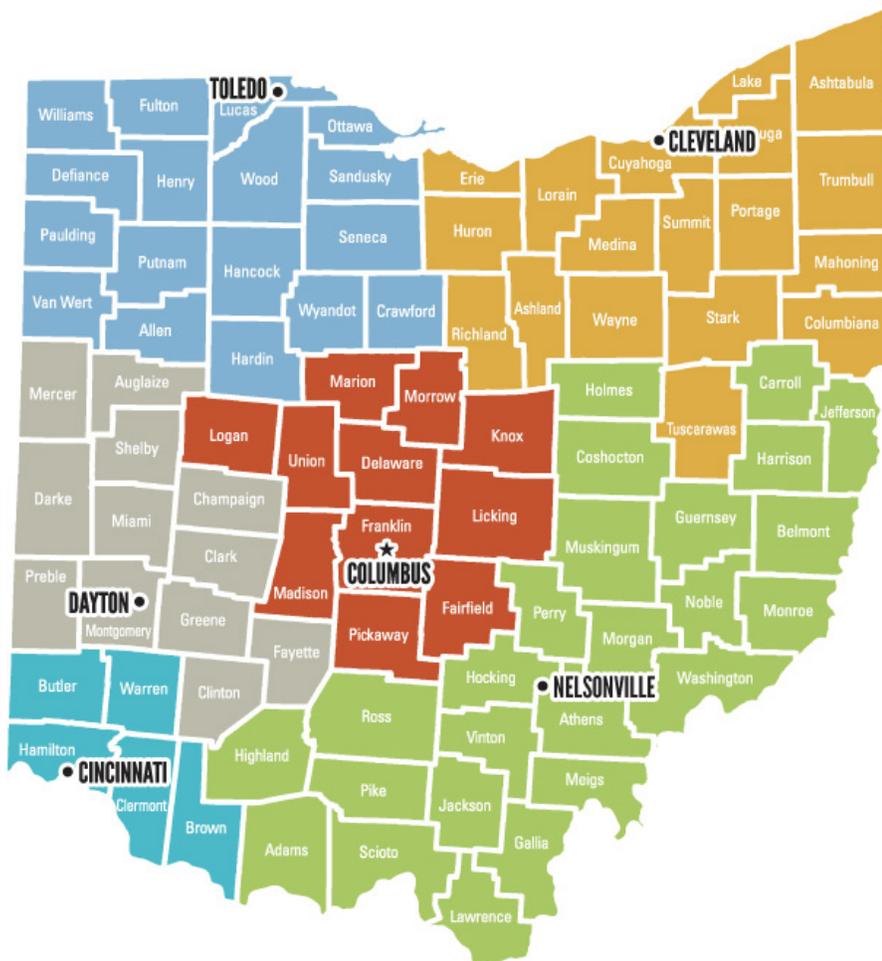
Changes are Coming to Clean Ohio Fund!

As some of you know, Jobs Ohio's major funding source, a portion of which is used to fund Clean Ohio projects, has been unavailable recently. In order to continue providing funds for brownfields redevelopment and job creation, the General Assembly included a \$15 million appropriation for the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund and the Clean Ohio Assistance Fund in the Mid-biennium Budget Review (House Bill 487).

The appropriation will provide additional grant funding opportunities to Ohio communities that work with end-users to create jobs through the completion of brownfield cleanup projects.

Staff from Jobs Ohio, the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) and Ohio EPA worked together to revise the Clean Ohio Fund policies to improve and increase the efficiency of the grant process. The public comment period for the proposed policies recently ended and the Clean Ohio Council will discuss and vote on the policies at an upcoming meeting that will be scheduled in the near future.

JobsOhio and the JobsOhio Network are currently accepting funding requests, which will be evaluated based on the project's job creation and economic benefits. The Jobs Ohio Weblink for the Clean Ohio Fund can be found here http://jobs-ohio.com/images/clean_ohio_v4.pdf. JobsOhio will forward recommendations to the Director of ODSA or the Clean Ohio Council for review and potential approval.



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SABR's Web Wizard Retires

After fifteen years with the Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization and 26 years with the State of Ohio, Teresa Lanthorn, DERR's webmaster, will retire on Dec. 7.

Teresa, with her extensive web administration and programming knowledge, has been an incredible asset to the division and especially the SABR section.

Teresa created all the original division web pages on both our internet and intranet sites and has helped us through countless web redesigns and additions. To provide DERR staff with functional, easy-to-navigate web applications, she has had to learn quite a bit about all the division's various programs, from brownfields to remedial enforcement, emergency response to radiological preparedness.

Teresa was our indispensable IT "Guru" at the last several Ohio Brownfield Conferences. If you have been to any of our recent conferences, you no doubt saw Teresa's smiling, but sometimes haggard-looking, face as she ran from one training room to the next, troubleshooting DERR's aging fleet of laptops and projection systems. Teresa often joked that she needed either rollerblades or a Segway to be all the places she needed to be during the conferences....and it was true!

SABR will certainly miss Teresa's smiling face, friendly demeanor and fun stories about her many cruising adventures. Teresa normally books at least two cruises a year with her husband Don, relatives or girlfriends. In January, she's off to the southern Caribbean and next November, she and her husband, who also retires in December, will celebrate a year of retirement bliss with a Transatlantic cruise from Barcelona to New Orleans.

SABR wishes Teresa Bon Voyage and many happy days of retirement fun!

Well Development and Ground Water Sampling Training

Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization is now offering Well Development and Ground Water Sampling training for VAP Certified Professionals and their field staff. This free training includes a review of monitoring well development and purging; pre- and post-sampling field procedures; ground water sampling methods; and ground water sampling using direct push technologies.

The class, based primarily on material from Ohio EPA's *Technical Guidance Manual (TGM) for Hydrogeologic Investigations and Ground Water Monitoring*, focuses on commonly used practices to support environmental assessments. Included with the presentations and class discussion is a monitoring well development and purging demonstration.

The first training session was held Nov. 15 at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Division of Geological Survey Horace R. Collins Laboratory (www.dnr.state.oh.us/tabid/7943/Default.aspx) at Alum Creek State Park.



Teresa Lanthorn (far right) enjoys some rare downtime during the 2012 Ohio Brownfield Conference with colleagues Sue Netzly-Watkins and Vanessa Steigerwald-Dick.

The next scheduled training on Thursday, Dec. 6 will also be held at the laboratory at Alum Creek State Park. An additional session will be held at Ohio EPA's Groveport Field Office on Thursday, Jan. 10, 2013. Registration is limited to a maximum of 44 participants for the Dec. 6 class and 30 for the Jan. 10 class.

To register for one of these free training sessions, which are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., please visit <http://ohio-epa-acre.eventbrite.com> and select the session of your choice. Attendees who complete the training will receive 6-8 PDHUs (depending on training length). If you have questions about the class content, or would like more information, please contact Jeff Martin at Jeff.Martin@epa.ohio.gov.

Join a Workshop — State and Federal Resources for Brownfield Redevelopment

Ohio EPA, in conjunction with Ohio Development Services Agency, U.S. EPA and Kansas State University, is offering one-day workshops that provide information about state and federal resources available for brownfield redevelopment. The partner agencies cover topics such as: Ohio's Voluntary Action Program; targeted brownfield assessments; Clean Ohio Fund; Revolving Loan Fund; Ohio Water Development Authority loan programs; Ohio's brownfield inventory; Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) program; U.S. EPA brownfield grants; and small/rural community assistance.

The most recent workshop, which targeted resources available to help redevelop blighted properties, was held at TechSolve Center in Cincinnati on Sept. 25. Presenters from the partner organizations and the Field of Hope Community Campus shared information about the resources available and a success story about the Field of Hope Community Campus.

For the first time, attendees were able to check in very quickly using the Eventbrite application for iPad instead of traditional paper sign-in sheets. We hope to be able to continue to increase efficiency and customer service by incorporating more technology into future trainings.

The next scheduled workshop is at the Ariel International Center in Cleveland, Ohio on Dec. 4. In addition to the topics above, speakers from the Cuyahoga County Department of Development and Ariel Ventures will discuss local brownfield resources for communities in Cuyahoga County. Ariel Ventures is teaming up with Partners Environmental to sponsor snacks, coffee and lunch.

On Dec. 5, at the City Center One building in Youngstown, Ohio, the Development Services Agency will join the partner agencies to discuss Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credits. URS Corporation is sponsoring coffee, snacks and lunch.

We hope to schedule more workshops soon, so be sure to check our website often for events near you.

To register for any of our workshops or trainings, please visit our Eventbrite profile site at <http://ohio-epa-sabr.eventbrite.com>.

To learn more about the many incentives available for brownfield redevelopment, call Rikki Knerr at (614) 728-1749 or Amy Yersavich at (614) 644-2285 to schedule a workshop.



Akron Brownfield Soars to New Heights

In May, Ohio EPA granted Akron's request for a Covenant Not to Sue for the historic 12-story Landmark Building. The redevelopment project received a Round 7 Clean Ohio Revitalization grant for remediation for this redevelopment-ready facility. The Landmark Building is located on South Main Street, next to the Ohio Canal and in the heart of many of the city's entertainment venues. The University of Akron and the Akron hospital network are nearby.

Renovations were carefully planned and completed to preserve the marble sheathing, classically detailed pilasters and the decorative vaulted ceiling in the entry lobby of the building, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Additional precautions were taken to protect peregrine falcons nesting at the property.

The city used Clean Ohio funds to abate asbestos in the building and encapsulate any remaining asbestos material that was not in good condition.

All universal wastes, including light fixtures, thermometers, drinking fountains, general cleaning chemicals and paints were removed and disposed of properly. Soil around the building was removed and replaced with clean fill that met residential land use standards.

The Landmark Building is part of an urban renewal plan to eliminate blight and promote economic investment opportunities in the downtown area. Adopted by Akron in 1997 urban renewal plan also included the historic Civic Theater and Lock 3 Park historic Ohio Canal which are used year-round for a variety of activities including concerts, a farmers market and a winter ice skating rink.

Thanks in part to this financing, the Landmark Building has been restored and updated to support both commercial and residential reuse opportunities. Ohio EPA and the Clean Ohio Council are pleased to have been a part of this important and successful revitalization project.



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