



*Department of Environmental Quality  
Brownfields Redevelopment Section  
Stakeholder Meeting  
May 8, 2024*



# *Brownfields Stakeholder Meeting*

## *May 2024*

### *Agenda*



- Vapor Intrusion Guidance and Decision Matrix
- Programmatic Fees
- Staffing
- Transition to Dynamics
- Q&A



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# *Brownfields Fees*

- The last fee increase was over a decade ago and increased the standard fees from \$5,500 to \$8,000
- Redevelopment Now fees have not increased since inception in 2008.
- Fee provisions in BPRO call for recovery of all state costs.
- Several DEQ programs increased fees in 2023, including some that are now indexed to inflation.
- Fee scenarios under review.



# Staffing Updates 2024

Over the last 2 years we have hired and on boarded 7 new team members

- 5 PMs for production filling vacancies
- 1 for eligibility
- 1 PM for PMB

They are really finding their rhythm.

We are currently putting candidates forth to HR for:

- A Hydrogeologist
- Environmental Specialist

We'll also have an Engineer starting in PMB at the end of this month.

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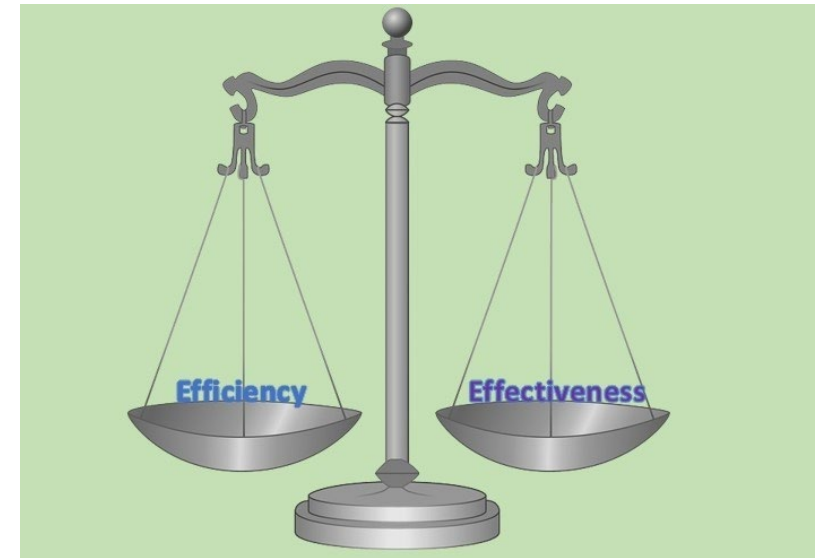


# Project Initiator Role

We implemented the Project Initiator role in late 2022 and continue to utilize it.

- Since inception this role has initiated more than 80 RN projects.
  - 70+% of projects have been RN since 2021.
- The RN backlog has been worked down to projects under eligibility review

Due to the project initiator success there are project managers that are able to circle back to standard projects in the queue as they are able to fit them in.



# *Access DEQ – Brownfields Rollout*

- This is a Microsoft Dynamics Data Management System
  - External beta testing starting the week of May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Internal staff transition – June 2024
- Soft Launch – July 2024
  - External test group begin to use for all BF work, transition others during July/August.
  - Applications, all submittals, invoices will come through the portal.
- All External Users for all uses – August through December 2024
- LURU Submittals via the Portal – January 2025



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# Q & A

