

June 2020 Updates

from the New Jersey Site Remediation Professional Licensing Board

The Board and Board staff are fully functional. The April, May, and June monthly Board meetings and all other committee work and Board business have been conducted remotely.

The LSRP Exam has been postponed, once again, from June 17th to September 22nd, 2020. There will be an a.m. (morning) and a p.m. (afternoon) exam. Candidates will select their preferred time frame when they register for the exam. Registration emails will be sent about a month before the exam date. The Board will adhere to all recommended safety precautions in place at that time.

The Board has been focusing on reducing the backlog of Audits and is happy to report we have decreased the backlog from over a year to approximately four months. It is important to note that there will always be an approximately three-month processing time from when the auditee's name is picked to when the Audit Committee completes its review.

The Board has also spent considerable time and effort in approving a large number of Continuing Education (CE) course applications. Course providers have submitted numerous requests to provide Alternative Verifiable Learning Format (AVLF) or online courses that were already approved by the Board in an in-person format. Additionally, course providers are including an AVLF for all new course applications.

You may have heard that at the June Board Meeting, the Board voted to authorize the suspension of the Board rule provision that limits to 18 the number of online credits that an LSRP applying for renewal in 2021 may take per three-year license cycle. Please note that this is NOT in effect yet as a Notice of Rule Suspension must first be signed. There will be a listserv when the Notice is in effect. The Board is hopeful that the listserv will be posted soon so that LSRPs with renewal applications due in 2021 may take advantage of any downtime now to meet the CE requirements. This will also be helpful for LSRPs who prefer not to meet in a large group setting when restrictions begin lift.

The Board continues to work on rule revisions as a result of changes to the Site Remediation Reform Act and implementation issues that have surfaced over the past several years. The Board will meet with the LSPRA this month for input. Prior to publishing its rule proposal, the Board sought input from all stakeholders and has been particularly interested in hearing from the environmental community.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 13th, 2020. Information about the meeting will be available on the Board's website at www.nj.gov/lrspboard/. If you need to contact the Board, please email SRPLBoardContact@dep.nj.gov or leave a message at 609-984-3424. When your message has been received, a staff member will get back to you.