

Legislative Update 2010 – Over 2,000 Contaminated Sites Cleaned Up

In the Spring of 2009, the Site Remediation Reform Act, which enabled sweeping changes to be made to the way in which contaminated sites are cleaned up in New Jersey, was signed into law. The Garden State has in excess of 20,000 contaminated sites and these sites need to be remediated properly and in a timely manner. Working with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and various stakeholders, legislation, which I sponsored, was crafted giving Licensed Site Remediation Professionals (LSRP) the environmental oversight needed to get the job done. At a Senate Environment and Energy Committee held on December 9th, the NJDEP reported that as a result of my LSRP bill, enacted last year, 2000 contaminated sites have been cleaned up, putting these sites into a productive use, generating jobs and tax revenue.