



**Release Reporting Advisory Committee  
Risk Assessment and Closure Workgroups  
Combined Meeting  
May 23, 2008**

**Risk Assessment and Closure Workgroups Notes**

Meeting and conference call took place on May 23, 2008 at 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Participating was Dean Applefield, Rick Baker, Robert Bell, John bondos, Eric Brown, Paul Clark, Brandi Colander, Plato Doundoulakis, Jacques Gilbert, Mark Habedank, Steve Horn, Ken Hynes, Nancy Mendel, Lori Saliby, Robert Silvestri, Merideth Simaf, Mark Temple, Carol Violette, Herb Woike, Stefanie Wood, Ron Wofford, John Wotus, and Peter Zack.

The co-chairs of the Release Reporting Advisory Committee had recommended that specific workgroups combine their resources and provide a platform that ideas could be exchanged. With that in mind, the goal of the combined Risk Assessment and Closure workgroup meeting was to discuss items that appear to be discussed at each individual workgroups. The intent was to present the opportunity for discussion and to identify the specific areas of concern and move forward with issues, concerns and recommendations.

The groups met together to discuss the concept of less risky spill where non-LEP would verify. An example shared was a can of paint that spilled

If the RSR's are the endpoint, then want to use the site characterization guidance document.

Technical environmental professional

One of the goals discussed was to promote the scenario to response and get the spill cleanup up quickly. Specifically for releases that occur indoors there was consensus that there is not no need for RSR or LEP involvement.

One question arose concerning voluntary nature of going into the closure process.

Pointed out was the definition of 'closure' means different meanings to different people.

Discussions focused on if you report, how do you get out?

Another question arose during discussions, was why do we need closure at all? Isn't closure already incorporated into existing program?

Clients and property owners want some sort of closure.

The DEP has the authority to approve and close.

Homeowners – is closure mandatory.

If you want closure meet RSRs including LEP verification

Small nonreportable releases some alternate measures such as a general permit.