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Deadline Looming for Completing Remedial Investigations: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

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Governor Christie's signing of **Assembly Bill No. 4543** into law in 2014 granted an extension of up to two years for the completion of remedial investigations, postponing the original deadline of May 7, 2014 to May 7, 2016. Those affected by this decision should be aware of the repercussions they will face for failing to meet the May 7, 2016 deadline, including substantial fines and contaminated sites being subjected to the Department's "direct oversight." **New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, NJDEP**, has advised that Remedial Investigation Reports and all other required forms must also be completed and submitted by this deadline. The State's "direct oversight" program may, among other things, obligate the responsible party to advance significant funds as collateral for required remediation work.

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