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**NJ: LSRP BILL SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

The long-awaited Licensed Site Remediation Professional Bill was signed into law by Governor Jon Corzine (D) on Thursday. This marks a new chapter in New Jersey's regulatory history as qualified private consultants will be able to establish as Licensed Site Remediation Professionals (LSRPs).

The bill creates a licensed site professional remediation program, similar to one adopted in Massachusetts, to reduce the state's backlog of site remediation cases and encourage site redevelopment. The bill would give private-practice professionals who have standards established by an advisory board the authority to certify that clean-up projects have met all state approvals. Under the bill, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) would be required to provide random reviews and audits to ensure site professionals are acting in good faith in their review of remediation projects.

The measure was a top legislative priority of the ICSC New Jersey Government Relations Committee. ICSC members Bob Delia, Michael Semeraro and Ted Zangari led the effort to enact this important bill. The Governor's signature marks the end of a thorough legislative debate, recognizes the unanimous consensus in favor of LSRP, and marks the start of a progressive new process for professionals focused on environmental remediation and development in the state.