FACT SHEET – BIG PROGRAM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Investigation Grants – for a developer or site owner to be eligible for a BIG investigation grant, its environmental consultant(s) must be:

- a Qualified Vendor in the BIG Program; and
- maintain Professional Liability (PL) insurance of $1M per claim and annual aggregate.

Cleanup Grants – for a developer or site owner to be eligible for a BIG cleanup grant:

- Its general contractor or excavation/foundation contractor hired to perform remedial work must maintain Commercial General Liability (CGL) insurance of at least $1M per occurrence and $2M in the general aggregate. It is recommended that the general contractor or excavation/foundation contractor also maintain a Contractors Pollution Liability policy (CPL) of at least $1M per occurrence.

- Its subcontractors who are hired by the general contractor etc. to perform remedial work at a site, including soil brokers and truckers, must also maintain a CGL policy in the amount and with the terms set forth above. It is recommended that subcontractors also maintain a CPL policy in the amount and with the terms set forth above.

- The CGL policy must cover the period when the project seeking a BIG grant performed remedial work, including excavation and disposal of soil.

- Its environmental consultant(s) hired to oversee the cleanup must be:
  a. a BIG Qualified Vendor; and
  b. maintain Professional Liability (PL) insurance of $1M per claim and annual aggregate.

If, in the alternative, the developer hires its environmental consultant to perform the cleanup, the environmental consultant must maintain CGL insurance in the amount and with the terms set forth above. It is recommended that the environmental consultant also maintain CPL coverage in the amount and with the terms set forth in the first two bulleted items listed above.

A schematic presenting the contractual relationships described above appears on page 2.
Example of Contractual Relationships for Cleanup Work

The Office of Environmental Remediation’s Voluntary Cleanup Plan program requires applicants to identify the parties who are engaged in active remediation of their sites including: the General Contractor hired to remediate and/or the excavation contractor hired to excavate soil from the site and the trucking firm(s) that remove soil from the site for disposal at approved facil(ies).

The chart above shows contractual relationships that typically exist for projects that are enrolled in the Voluntary Cleanup Program.