

Key Issues in Reforming Clean up program:

1. Making the program simpler and more straightforward—reducing cleanup categories, allowing contamination to be left in place under key conditions.
2. Adopting key federal concepts—BEA’s and cleanup criteria to help make the state program more uniform.
3. Establishing a technical, science review panel to scrutinize cleanup decisions
4. Adopting a key prohibition on the use of operational memorandum, guidelines that have mucked up the process.
5. Repeal of certain rules that have also mucked up the process.
6. Clearly carving out paths for self-implemented cleanups—allowing for cleanups to take place without department oversight.
7. Letting marketplace and accountability of cleanup companies help to drive the success of the cleanups.
8. Allowing option of cleanup plans to be endorsed by DNRE – banks and lenders want this option.
9. Freeing up liability of local units of government to help incentivize acquisition of properties for redevelopment.
10. Allowing renegotiation of brownfield loans for local units of government to provide relief.