Common Terminology

Defining Soils

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CT	Non-Detect on Appendix A analytes*	Industrial/Commercial Type Criteria; GBPMC	Like-to-like reuse in utility and transportation corridor, approved offsite location
ME	Meeting our definition of inert fill	Contaminants present, but below Chapter 418 Appendix A screening levels	Contaminants present above Chapter 418 Appendix A screening levels
MA	Clean Soil - Soil below Massachusetts Contingency Plan Reportable Concentrations	Soil with concentrations above RCS-1 but below RCS-2	Soil with concentrations above RCS-2
NH	No detections of regulated compounds	Detections of regulated compounds at concentrations below Soil Remediation Standards as defined in Env-Or 600	Detections of regulated compounds above SRS
NJ	Unrestricted Use – soil meets specific contaminant thresholds and has no adverse impacts on ecological receptors, allowing it to be used without special restrictions	Non-hazardous contaminated soils – may exceed the remediation standards, but are below hazardous waste thresholds	In addition to "Like on Like" provisions, any re-use of contaminated soil includes the requirement that the contaminant concentrations within the donor material cannot exceed the 75 percentile of the contamination concentrations in the receptor material.
NY	Generally usable materials (meeting the lower of protection of groundwater and residential use soil criteria)	Some restrictions for elevated metals and PAHs	Case-specific review and approval required if concentrations exceed scenarios described on this table.
RI	Clean soils defined in remediation regulations, also ABC material is non restricted.	Residential Direct Exposure Criteria (RDEC) – Industrial/Commercial Direct Exposure Criteria (IC/DEC) Table 1 Remediation Regulations, to not exceed applicable GA/GB leachability criteria table 2 in remediation regulations (site specific basis)	Special circumstances above I/C direct exposure criteria. Can exceed GB leachability criteria
VT	Below applicable site standard (Residential/Non-residential) is 'clean,' no use restriction.	For sites located in an urban background zone, PAHs, Lead, Arsenic above residential soil standard but below an *urban background standard*) can be reused within another urban background location as designated by the layer in the VT Atlas.	Greater than urban background standard, and passes SPLP, disposal options are IWMEA, ADC, landfill disposal as waste, categorical disposal facility, receiving sites. If fail SPLP, disposal options are ADC or landfill as waste.

Development Soil Usage

Where you can use each grade

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CT	Unrestricted Use	Industrial/Commercial Only	Site-specific approvals as well as utility and transportation corridors with proper specifications
ME	No solid waste license required for use or disposal.	Generally requires a beneficial use license unless specifically exempted, but no formal risk assessment or extensive discussion of risk management strategies. Use is site-specific.	Requires a beneficial use license with risk assessment, a discussion of risk management strategy, or both. If contaminant concentrations are too high or material is hazardous, proper disposal is required. Use is site-specific.
MA	Unrestricted	Used for Reclamation Soil Projects, Landfill grading and shaping material	Policy in development for case-by-case use with ACO
NH	Unrestricted Reuse	In accordance with Env-Sw 903	Restricted Reuse on this site or disposed of off-site at an authorized waste facility
NJ	Unrestricted Use	Roadway sub-base, landfill cover other beneficial site-specific uses which require approval	As with column B including sites undergoing remediation or in need of fill to support FEMA regulations.
NY	Almost anywhere (restriction for food production)	Areas of limited public access, previous contamination or under impermeable surfaces	On same site or with case specific approval.
RI	Unrestricted	Landfills/contaminated sites with similar contamination used for grading and shaping material, road base	Landfill/contaminated sites as grading and shaping material under an engineered soil cap (BUD permit on site specific basis)
VT	Unrestricted use.	Development soils can only be used in an urban background area.	Receiving sites (if approved by SMS, SPLP required and must pass), and IWMEA (Insignificant Waste Management Event Approval, requires Solid Waste Approval). Otherwise: Categorial Facility, ADC, Landfill.