DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

DIVISION OF WASTE & HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

SITE INVESTIGATION & RESTORATION SECTION

GOLF COURSE POLICY
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I.

1. Whereas, the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC or the Department), has the authority to remediate the releases of hazardous substances that pose a risk to human health and the environment (7 Del. C. Chapter 91, the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Act (HSCA));

2. Whereas, the Department has the authority to regulate different facilities, or classes of facilities, in different manners based on the relative degree of risk posed by the releases of hazardous substances;

3. Whereas, golf courses utilize a variety of chemicals in the maintenance and operation of their facilities;

4. Whereas, these chemical must be properly applied or their constituent parts, specifically arsenic, become hazardous substances harmful to the human health and the environment;

5. Whereas, many older facilities did not apply these chemicals appropriately or are unable to demonstrate their proper application; and

6. Whereas, this increase in concentration represents a significantly increased risk when similarly converted to other non-restrictive land use exposure scenarios.

II. Therefore, the Department has determined that HSCA applies to golf course operations/facilities when the golf course operation/facility has ceased operating and intends to change its land use.

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