

DEPARTMENTAL MANUAL



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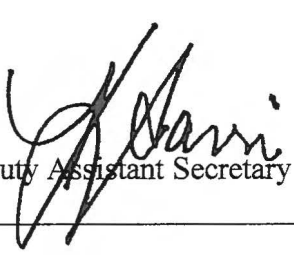
This Departmental Manual Release updates 602 DM 2, Real Property Pre-Acquisition Assessments: Environmental Due Diligence. The chapter is updated to reflect changes in applicable laws, regulations, and standards within the last 15 years with regard to pre-acquisition environmental site assessments. Revisions include:

-Updating and clarifying Departmental policy, responsibilities, and requirements to ensure that each bureau, prior to the acquisition of real property, determines the potential liabilities and remediation costs that could result from the presence, extent, and/or release of contaminants associated with the proposed acquisition.

-Adding a new section that describes two types of assessments that may be used to identify the presence or potential presence of contaminants:

(1) Pre-Acquisition Environmental Site Assessment (PA-ESA), which adheres to necessary standards to preserve certain defenses to liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) or the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA), and

(2) Limited Environmental Due Diligence: Transaction Screen Process, which may be used in certain limited circumstances, since it will not preserve certain defenses to liability under CERCLA or OPA.


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