

Due to the State of California's budget constraints, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control's (DTSC) Registered Environmental Assessor (REA) program has been discontinued as of June 27, 2012. Please refer to <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/rea/> for more information.

What does this mean for our Clients? Future Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessments under the ASTM E1527-05 Standard and the US EPA All Appropriate Inquiry (AAI) rule must be completed by a qualified Environmental Professional (EP's). In order for property owners to qualify for liability protections under the Brownfield's Amendment (CERCLA, see our "Links" page), a qualified Environmental Professional must be retained. Prior to the REA program being discontinued, REA's had the ability to be considered EP's. The REA program helped clients' select qualified providers to conduct their Phase 1 ESAs. *Without this registration program clients will now need to more carefully select their consultants to verify their qualifications as Environmental Professionals.*

Please refer to [http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/aai/ep\\_deffactsheet.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/aai/ep_deffactsheet.pdf) for the definition of the Environmental Professional. At Environmental Geology Services, Inc., each of our senior consultants qualifies as Environmental Professionals based on their **experience**, higher **education in science**, as well as **professional certification** as Professional Geologists and Engineers. ***Be certain that your Phase 1 ESA's are valid by retaining truly qualified Environmental Professionals.***