

Starting in 2009, Dave Hazebrouck, the Principal of Lake Shore Environmental, developed a course for realtors to assist them with identifying potential environmental issues at commercial and industrial properties so they can be resolved prior to closing. The 3-hour course was approved by the Department of Business Regulation, Real Estate Division and is taught at the Rhode Island Association of Realtors. The course is also approved by the National Association of Realtors as a Graduate Realtor Institute course which certifies course offerings at the national level.

The course consists of three parts: 1) the origination of and types of environmental due diligence, 2) typical “red flags” to be on the lookout for (e.g. underground storage tanks, dry wells, etc.) and 3) regulations that drive remediation and the time it takes to achieve compliance. To date, LSE’s class has been presented more than 20 times. If you are a commercial realtor that needs credit for your upcoming license renewal or just have lots of questions pertaining to environmental issues at commercial or industrial properties check on RIAR’s website to see when this course is offered next. The title is Environmental Due Diligence at Commercial and Industrial Properties.