

Brownfields Cleanup and Redevelopment

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Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments, LA

EPA BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

ASSESSMENT GRANT

\$152,429 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct community outreach activities and perform Phase II post-demolition environmental assessments and cleanup planning at two properties located in an industrial park in central Shreveport.

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

The Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The target sites are located in a low-income, high-unemployment neighborhood of Shreveport (population 252,161). Eighty-seven percent of the target community population of 2,026 is minority. The average per capita income of residents in the area is \$10,349, less than half the national per capita income. During the regional decline of the oil industry in the 1980s, Shreveport lost 10,000 jobs, many of them in the older, inner-city industrial area. The inner city has hundreds of acres of potentially contaminated industrial sites. The two target properties are part of the InterTech Science Park, a combination of technology-based businesses and ventures dedicated to medical, scientific, and biotechnology development in progress in the inner-city section of Shreveport. Assessment and cleanup of these properties will help move the tech park along, providing many employment opportunities for the residents of surrounding communities.

CONTACTS

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

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