



BROWNFIELDS

TRP128(a) PROGRAM



Do you think you may know of a property
that may be a brownfield?
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WHAT IS A BROWNFIELD?

Brownfields are properties (land/structure) that sit unused or vacant due to the potential of pollutants or contaminants at the site. Examples: old gas stations, open dumps, tire piles, car piles, burned homes, natural disaster areas (flood or forest fire-impacted areas, etc.), old ranches or farms, abandoned buildings, old mine sites, meth labs, etc.

EPS VISION

Committed to sustainable environmental programs and practices that protect sovereignty now and for future generations.

BENEFITS OF BROWNFIELDS

- Accommodate growth while using existing infrastructure.
- Improve public health.
- Remove blight (damaged buildings) in areas.
- Historic preservation of sites and can turn environmental liabilities into assets.
- Some historic spaces have natural lighting and ventilation that can reduce operation costs later for the business that redevelops a brownfield.
- In 2018, every \$1 the federal government spent at brownfield sites generated an estimated \$17.87.

WHAT IS THE BROWNFIELD PROCESS?

- Site identification/initial investigation
- Site assessment/Phase I assessment
- Phase II investigation-soil/water sampling
- Site vision development, community goals, and site prioritization (community involvement)
- Site work plans using community goals
- Initiate site work plans and cleanups
- Redevelopment activities fueled by site vision and community goals

IMPACTS OF A BROWNFIELDS/128(a) TRIBAL RESPONSE PROGRAM (TRP)

- Empowers tribal nations to identify, inventory, assess and clean up contaminated brownfield sites in Indian country not otherwise being addressed.
- Increases exercise of tribal sovereignty and self-implementation of tribal laws and codes to address environmental problems within our tribal jurisdiction.
- Enables Choctaw Nation to apply for additional funds to address brownfield sites within Choctaw Nation and redevelop these sites into usable spaces and community sources of pride.

