Brownfields 2026 Assessment Fact Sheet

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Overview of the EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, Tribal Nations, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfield sites. 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. The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2002, as amended by the Brownfields Utilization, Investment and Local Development Act of 2018, was passed to help states and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfield sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through five competitive grant programs: Multipurpose Grants, 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

$500,000

EPA has selected the Oil Region Alliance of Business, Industry and Tourism for a Brownfields Assessment Grant that will be funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Community-wide grant funds will be used to conduct five Phase I and four Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds will also be used to host four community charrettes, develop cleanup plans, and support community engagement activities. The target area for this grant is the City of Franklin and the Borough of Sugarcreek. Priority sites in Franklin include the former 3.6-acre Amalie Oil Refinery, which has been closed since a large-scale fire in 1970. Priority sites in Sugarcreek Borough include the Kraft Eclipse Refinery site, which ceased refinery operations in 1937, and a gas station built in 1970.

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

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