SOUTH DAKOTA BROWNFIELDS RESOURCES

WHAT IS A BROWNFIELD?

A brownfield is a property where expansion, redevelopment or reuse may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant.

Brownfields are present in nearly every community, from dry cleaners and gas stations to vacant retail properties and former industrial sites. Nationally, the <u>Comprehensive Environmental Response</u>, <u>Compensation and Liability Act of 1980</u> (CERCLA, also known as Superfund) and the <u>Resource Conservation and Recovery Act</u> (RCRA) were established to address the threat of hazardous wastes sites and to prevent future contamination from occurring. Although some brownfield sites are governed by CERCLA or RCRA, most are regulated on a state level. In South Dakota, these sites are regulated by the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR).



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DANR)

BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) Brownfields Program monitors and manages the remediation of spills, releases, and contaminated sites. DANR Brownfields staff are responsible for ensuring brownfields cleanup work meets applicable state and federal criteria, in addition to managing several programs to help communities assess, clean up, and redevelop their brownfield sites.



SPILL REPORTING

If gasoline, pesticides, solvents, or other substances are spilled or released, they may harm soil, air, surface and groundwater, wildlife, fish, or humans. If a spill or release occurs, it should be reported to the DANR Inspection,

Compliance, and Remediation Program (ICR), which was established to identify the type and quantity of released substances, complete required reporting, and ensure that the spill or release is appropriately treated as quickly as possible.

BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT ASSISTANCE

DANR provides free assessment services to qualified cities, counties, and local development groups. Services include site assessment, characterization, response, or cleanup planning and design. Brownfield assessment funds may only be used at sites where there is a release or substantial threat of release of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. There is no limit on the number of sites an applicant can request assistance for, although program funds are limited and requests may be prioritized based on level of contamination or community commitment toward cleanup and redevelopment. Private property owners are not eligible for assessment assistance, although an eligible entity may request assistance on their behalf.

DANR PETROLEUM TANK REMOVAL PROGRAM

ABANDONED TANK REMOVAL PROGRAM

The Abandoned Tank Removal Program was established in 2000 to authorize DANR to remove underground storage tanks, including abandoned petroleum and waste oil tanks at gas stations and commercial fuel vendors that were closed before April 1, 1988, as well as abandoned petroleum tanks located at noncommercial operations. Interested parties should complete the Tank Removal Form and submit it to the state. If the site is eligible, DANR will remove the tank(s) and complete the necessary cleanup at no cost to the owner.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

EPA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO BROWNFIELDS (TAB)

The EPA TAB program provides free technical assistance to communities on brownfields issues, with the goal of increasing the community's understanding and involvement in brownfield cleanup and revitalization, and helping put brownfield properties back to productive use. Kansas State University (KSU) is the TAB provider to South Dakota, as well as all of EPA Regions 5, 6, 7, and 8. KSU provides planning and redevelopment assistance, financial analysis, technical document review, community outreach assistance, online tools, and more.





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OTHER PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

TOOLBOX FOR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT

HANDBOOK FOR PETROLEUM ASSESSMENT AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

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