



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

*Hopland Band of
Pomo Indians,
Hopland Rancheria,
CA*

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders 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, President George W. Bush 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.

Community Description

The Hopland Band of Pomo Indians was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant and a brownfields cleanup grant. The Hopland Band's (population 373) 2,070-acre reservation is in Mendocino County, California, about 15 miles south of Ukiah. Since the 1906 relocation to its current reservation lands, the tribe has struggled to locate an adequate source of drinking water. The 460-foot-deep artesian well that was drilled in 2001 and is targeted



Assessment Grant

New
2007

\$28,723 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct community outreach activities, and perform Phase I and II environmental site assessments at the 2001 Tribal Well, an artesian well contaminated by naturally occurring hazardous substances, including arsenic and other metals.

Cleanup Grant

New
2007

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up contaminated soil, and conduct well abandonment activities at the 2001 Tribal Well at 12605 Nokomis Road, Hopland. The well water is highly corrosive and contaminated with arsenic and other metals. Funds also will be used for surface water, groundwater, and soil monitoring.

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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for cleanup is on a 6.5-acre strip of wooded property along the southern boundary of the reservation. The contaminated and corrosive water has damaged the well seals and its containment structure. It is contaminating the soil, an adjacent creek, and shallow ground-water aquifers. Furthermore, the tribe is forced to truck in drinking water at an exorbitant cost. Ninety percent of the Hopland Reservation population lives in poverty. Family incomes are less than half the county's median household income, and the unemployment rate is 36 percent. Assessment and cleanup of the well site will improve the overall health of tribal lands and reduce health risks to tribal members.