



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

*Tacoma-Pierce
County Health
Department, WA*

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 Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The target community is Tacoma's wellhead protection zone, located in the City of Tacoma and parts of Pierce County (population 745,411). This area has a high concentration of former gas station sites that pose a threat to the public water supply. The area is home to about 32 percent of the county's population, and 41 percent of its minority residents. The poverty rate in the target area is about 15 percent. There is no tank



Assessment Grant

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform five to ten Phase I and II environmental site assessments at former gas stations, and to support community outreach activities.

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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removal or site cleanup documentation for most of the former gas station sites in the target area. The health and environmental risks posed by these sites are unknown. Potential contamination also makes the sites unattractive for redevelopment. Brownfields assessment will assist the health department to reduce environmental uncertainties at these former gas stations, promote green construction and energy efficiency, and encourage redevelopment of underused commercial properties.