



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

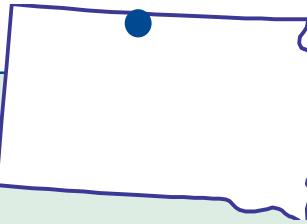
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Standing Rock Sioux Reservation, SD

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 Standing Rock Sioux Tribe was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The Standing Rock Sioux Reservation (population 10,347) covers 2.3 million acres and straddles the border between North and South Dakota. The tribe's economy centers on ranching and farming and is highly dependent on water availability. The tribe has identified illegal dumping sites that pose a threat to human health and groundwater in the area. More than 50 abandoned or



Cleanup Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct community outreach activities, develop a cleanup plan, and clean up the Old Smee School at 101 Main Street, in Wakpala, Corson County. This K-12 school, built in 1927, has suffered from ten major floods, a fire, and illegal dumping.

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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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

underused brownfields have been identified on the reservation. The unemployment and poverty rates in the tribal community are 41 and 40 percent, respectively. These rates are even higher in the target community of Wakpala. Cleanup of the brownfields will stop the release of contaminants to the environment and reduce the health risks to the local population, especially the children who frequent these sites. The tribe intends to use the cleaned up sites as safe greenspace where children can play, and for other recreational activities.