



Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot *Comanche Nation, OK*

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower States, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. Since 1995, EPA has funded more than 200 Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots, at up to \$200,000 each, to support creative two-year explorations and demonstrations of brownfields solutions. The Pilots are intended to provide EPA, States, Tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

BACKGROUND

EPA has selected the Comanche Nation for a Brownfields Pilot. The Tribe's government seat is located in Southwestern Oklahoma, seven miles north of the City of Lawton. The Comanche Nation has a membership of 9,240. The Nation's unemployment rate is 34%. The Nation owns 199 acres of land; 107,375 acres are owned by individual Comanche members; and 5,449 are owned jointly with the Kiowa and Apache Tribes. The Kiowa, Apache, and Comanche Intertribal Land Use Committee (KCAILUC) manages the 5,449 acres.

The Pilot focuses on a 30-acre site located on the 2,290-acre Ft. Sill Indian School Facility. Since the closing of the school in 1980, the KCAILUC has been unable to lease the buildings because of contamination. The site contains 26 structures, both concrete/brick and wood frame living quarters, 11 of which have been prioritized for site assessment in this Pilot project.

OBJECTIVES

The Comanche Nation's objective is to address the environmental concerns in the Ft. Sill Indian School target area and plan for cleanup and redevelopment. This would stimulate the local economy and return the abandoned resources to productive use. To aid in

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Comanche Nation, Oklahoma

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Profile: The Pilot targets the abandoned Ft. Sill Indian School Site located near Lawton, Oklahoma.

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these efforts, the Pilot will conduct a variety of environmental site assessments and create cleanup and redevelopment plans.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Conducting an environmental site assessment in order to identify and quantify contamination at the target site;
- Planning for cleanup and redevelopment of the site; and
- Conducting community outreach activities to share information regarding assessment of and cleanup and redevelopment planning for the site.

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