

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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From the Desk of ... The Brownfields Program

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brownfields 2023: Sustainable Communities Start Here
August 8 – 11, 2023 (Detroit, Michigan)

The **National Brownfields Training Conference** brings together stakeholders from government, industry, and the community to share knowledge and best practices on the remediation and redevelopment of contaminated properties, known as brownfields. The conference features a range of sessions, workshops, and networking events that cover topics such as financing, liability, and community engagement, with the goal of promoting the cleanup and revitalization of contaminated sites across the United States.

Attending the National Brownfields Training Conference can be beneficial for professionals working in fields related to brownfields remediation and redevelopment, such as environmental consultants, developers, attorneys, and government officials. The conference provides a platform for participants to learn about the latest technologies and strategies for cleaning up and reusing contaminated properties, as well as opportunities to connect with peers and potential partners. By sharing knowledge and best practices, the National Brownfields Training Conference plays an important role in advancing the field of brownfields redevelopment and promoting sustainable land use practices.

For additional information on, and to register for, the conference click <u>here</u>.

FY 2024 EPA Brownfields Job Training (JT) Grants

EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-23-08 (Closes on August 2, 2023)

This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible entities, including nonprofit organizations, to deliver Brownfields Job Training (JT) programs that recruit, train, and place local, unemployed, and under-employed residents with the skills needed to secure full-time employment in the environmental field.

NEWS RELEASES

<u>Biden-Harris Administration Announces More than \$315 Million Through</u>
<u>Investing in America Agenda for Cleanup and Technical Assistance at Polluted</u>
<u>Brownfield Sites</u> (May 25, 2023)

Congratulations to the following NJ-based applicants: Camden, Trenton, and NJIT-TAB!!!

<u>Brownfields definition under Energy Communities Tax Credit Bonus</u> (June 15, 2023)

The Internal Revenue Service released 11 FAQs re: *Determining Brownfields Status for the purposes of the Energy Communities Tax Credit Bonus*. These can be found at: <u>Frequently Asked Questions for Energy Communities | Internal Revenue Service (irs.gov).</u>

The EPA Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization will soon create a weblink to these FAQs from <u>our tax credits & incentives webpage</u>. A reminder that the definition of a brownfield site for Investment Reduction Act (IRA) purposes is more limited than for defining site eligibility under CERCLA 104(k). **EPA will <u>not</u> be involved in making brownfield designations for tax credit purposes**; determining whether a property qualifies will be handled by IRS.