



Brownfields 2013 Cleanup Grant Fact Sheet

Morgan County School Board, WV

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. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this 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.

Cleanup Grant

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Morgan County School Board for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the former Seely Furniture site located at 5595 Valley Road in Berkeley Springs. The site was used as an automobile repair, salvage and crushing facility, an automobile sales business, and a wood furniture finishing facility from 1963 to the early 1990s, when a fire destroyed most of the structure. The site was vacant until 2008, when a soccer field and gravel parking area were constructed and used until 2010. The site is contaminated with arsenic, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, and other hazardous materials. Grant funds also will be used 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 (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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