

# **Brownfields in EPA Region 6**

EPA Region 6 manages <u>Brownfields</u> and <u>Land Revitalization programs</u> in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

This page has regional information. For general information about the Brownfields Program, visit <a href="https://www.epa.gov/brownfields">www.epa.gov/brownfields</a>.

### **Targeted Brownfields Assessments**

Subtitle A of the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act authorizes EPA to establish a program to perform <u>Targeted Brownfields Assessments</u> such as Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments at properties within Region 6 at no cost to local governments, quasi-governmental agencies and tribes. Information gathered from Targeted Brownfields Assessments gives local governments and prospective purchasers a better understanding of potential contamination issues at brownfields in their communities. EPA will characterize a brownfield to determine the nature and extent of the contamination. Results are provided to the community to assist them in redevelopment planning.

Learn more about <u>Targeted Brownfields Assessments in EPA Region 6</u>.

### **Region 6 Contact**

Althea Foster (<u>foster.althea@epa.gov</u>) (214) 665-2268

### **Region 6 Targeted Brownfields Assessment**

### What is a Targeted Brownfields Assessment?

A Target Brownfields Assessment (TBA) is a free service the EPA Region 6 Brownfields Team provides to communities to support their eligible Brownfields projects. Region 6 consists of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. TBA services include:

- Brownfields inventories,
- area-wide planning,
- site environmental assessments and investigations, and
- site cleanup planning.

Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas have similar programs to provide environmental assessment services. The Region 6 TBA brochure provides more details.

## Who Can Request a TBA?

- Public (local units of governments)
- Quasi-public (community development organizations)
- Tribal governments
- Non-profit entities

Privately-owned sites can be submitted as candidate sites, if the redevelopment will result in significant benefits to the general public. Land owners (private or public) must voluntarily sign a site access consent agreement for TBA services to be provided.

### How to Request a TBA

You should first contact your local governmental agencies to determine whether a community-wide Brownfields assessment grant exists in the area. If a community-wide Brownfields assessment grant recipient does not exist in the area or the grant recipient can not or chooses not to provide the requested assessment service, the <u>respective state</u> should be contacted next. If the state cannot or chooses not to provide the assessment service, the site can then be referred to EPA Region 6.

To request TBA services from the EPA Region 6 Brownfields Team, simply complete the Region 6 Request for TBA form and the Region 6 TBA Consent for Access to Property Agreement form. Click the "Submit by Email" button located at the top of the request form to submit. The Consent form will need to be scanned and emailed, or mailed to Althea Foster, at the following address:

## Althea Foster, Chief RCRA and Brownfields (6LCR-RB)

U.S. EPA Region 6 1201 Elm Street, Suite 500 Dallas, TX 75270

#### Region 6 Targeted Brownfields Assessment Request Form

To request Region 6 to perform a <u>Targeted Brownfields Assessment</u>, complete and submit the *Region 6 Targeted Brownfields Assessment Request Form*. This form can be either submitted electronically or mailed to:

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## Region 6 Targeted Brownfields Assessment Consent for Access to Property

The Region 6 Targeted Brownfields Assessment Consent for Access to Property allows officers, employees, and authorized representatives of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and their contractors, subcontractors and consultants the right to enter the property and continued access and use of by, through, and on the property for the following purposes:

- The taking of samples, surface and subsurface, including but not limited to soil, sediments, water, and air, and other solids or liquids stored or disposed of at the property as may be determined to be necessary;
- 2. The documenting of scientific and engineering observations, including, but not limited to taking notes, recordings, photographs and surveying;
- 3. The drilling and finishing of boreholes for the purposes of collecting soil and groundwater samples without limitation;
- 4. Other inquiry actions at the property as may be necessary to determine nature, extent and potential threat to human health and the environment.

Complete the Consent for Access to Property and mail it to:

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- Region 6 Targeted Brownfields Assessment Request Form (pdf) (95.42 KB, 03/10/2020)
- Region 6 Targeted Brownfields Assessment Consent for Access to Property (pdf) (31.8 KB)