

ITEC MISSION STATEMENT:

"To protect the health of Native Americans, their natural resources, and their environment as it relates to air, land and water."

To accomplish this mission, ITEC provides technical support, environmental services, and assistance in developing tribal environmental programs to the member tribes.

ITEC Staff has many years of experience in performing environmental site assessments on properties for tribes. Site assessments are most commonly conducted on vacant or developed properties that a tribe owns/plans to purchase for development or renovate for future use! Have questions or need our assistance in completing a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment? Contact us!

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In January 2002, Congress signed the "Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act" (commonly referred to as the 'Brownfields Law'). This established an independent Brownfields program under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The 2018 Brownfields Utilization, Investment and Local Development (BUILD) Act reauthorized EPA's Brownfields Program, and authorized changes that affect brownfield grants, ownership and liability provisions, and State & Tribal Response Programs.

It is estimated that there are more than 450,000 brownfields properties in the U.S. Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties increases local tax bases, facilitates job growth, utilizes existing infrastructure, takes development pressures off of undeveloped, open land, and both improves and protects the environment.

These response programs focus on Brownfields properties by assisting eligible applicants with the assessment, clean-up and redevelopment of Brownfields sites.

A **BROWNFIELD** is defined as:

"a property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant."



Brownfields properties come in all sizes and varieties, ranging from vacant and undeveloped properties to abandoned gas stations and manufacturing facilities.

Common brownfields properties include neglected, derelict, idle or underused industrial or commercial facilities where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination.

The ITEC Brownfields Response Program (IBRP) provides Brownfields technical assistance to ITEC Member Tribes. Tribes that agree to participate in the IBRP will be able to enter their potential Brownfields properties into the program. These will be evaluated according to IBRP criteria to determine if the property has the potential to become a viable Brownfields project. A list of these properties can be viewed here:



ITEC Brownfields staff is available to conduct Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) properties for ITEC Member Tribes. If the Phase I ESA findings determine further investigation, a Phase II assessment can also be performed under IBRP. After the assessment stage is completed and the potential contamination is identified, the participating tribe will consider and select the appropriate remediation for their Brownfields property. Once the contamination has been remediated, the property will be ready for redevelopment.

Each Brownfields project is unique, requiring a customized development plan for the best reuse of the property. The participating tribe will make the decision of the development plan, however ITEC staff will be available for consultation throughout the redevelopment process.



Join us in this effort to fulfill these goals of the ITEC Brownfields Response Program:

- ✓ **PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT**
- ✓ **PROMOTE PARTNERSHIPS**
- ✓ **STRENGTHEN LOCAL ECONOMIES**
- ✓ **DEVELOP SUSTAINABLE REUSE**

