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CONNECTING WESTERN BROWNFIELDS EFFORTS AND STAKEHOLDERS

U.S. EPA REGIONS 8, 9 & 10

FALL 2011

Looking ahead...

November 8, 2011: [Building Sustainable Communities Workshop](#), Albuquerque, NM

November 14-15, 2011: [Colorado Brownfields Conference](#), Arvada, CO

November 17, 2011: [Q&A ARC guideline webinar](#). (Stay tuned)

November 28 2011: [EPA FY12 Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup \(ARC\) grants submission deadline](#).

Winter 2011/2012: [EPA Multipurpose Brownfields Grant, EPA Workforce Development and Job Training Grant, and EPA Area-wide Planning Grant request for proposals](#) will be issued.

February 2-4, 2012: [Smart Growth Conference](#), San Diego, CA

FY11 Brownfields Accomplishments

The following are EPA Brownfields accomplishments during fiscal year 2011:

- 1,726 properties assessed
- 129 cleanups completed
- \$2.1 billion leveraged
- 6,263 jobs leveraged
- 6,690 acres made ready for reuse



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Newsworthy Western Brownfields Projects

A dry cleaning property in Loveland, Colorado was awarded \$313,000 from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Brownfields' Revolving Loan Fund. [Read more.](#)

On September 13, 2011, Colorado Public Radio's *Colorado Matters* ran a story about cleaning up and redeveloping Sugar Beet Factories. [Listen to the story.](#) Read more on the [Colorado Sugar Beet Fact Sheet](#).

The latest edition of the [State and Tribal Response Program](#) publication includes highlights from Regions 8, 9 & 10 on p. 2-3 featuring the accomplishments of the Cheyenne River Sioux Brownfields Program, Gila River Indian Community Tribal Response Program and the Washington Department of Ecology Brownfields Response Program.



Former Sugar Beet Factory located in Eaton, CO

Read about the [EPA's plans for a local job readiness program](#) at the Yerington/Anaconda mine that will support the Yerington Paiute Tribe's efforts to establish a job training program.

On October 19th, a [US Senate oversight hearing](#) on the EPA Brownfields Program focused on cleanup and redevelopment accomplishments of the Brownfields Program to date. Aaron Scheff, the Idaho Department of Natural Resources Brownfields Program Manager, testified at the hearing and provided a rural perspective. Scheff said "the brownfields program has enjoyed great successes in Idaho and has generated many fans, especially in our rural communities where trust in and acceptance of government programs and regulations is difficult to earn." [Read Aaron Scheff's full testimony.](#)

FY12 Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grant Guidelines

[FY12 ARC grant guidelines](#) are available. Proposals are due **November 28**.

Need assistance, have questions or feeling uncertain about this year's guidelines? If so, consider utilizing the following 4 resources:

Read the [ARC Guideline Frequently Asked Questions](#) document for clarification. Join us November 17th, for a [Question & Answer](#) session provided as part of our [FY12 guideline webinar series](#) (stay tuned for registration information). Utilize online grant preparation assistance available at www.tabez.org. Contact the EPA's TAB Grantees for assistance. In Regions 9 & 10 contact the [Center for Creative Land Recycling](#) and in Region 8 contact the [Colorado Brownfields Foundation](#).

Resource Publications

- * ASTM International recently published a [new Phase II Environmental Site Assessment \(ESA\) Standard, E1903-11](#). The new ASTM Phase II ESA standard, E1903-11, replaces standard E1903-97.
- * [Institution Controls: A Guide to Planning, Implementing, Maintaining, and Enforcing Institutional Controls at Contaminated Sites](#).
- * [Brownfields and Urban Agriculture: Interim Guidelines for Safe Gardening Practices](#).
- * [New IRIS toxicity values for Trichlorethylene \(TCE\)](#) have been published for use in Agency risk assessments.