

Illinois EPA Brownfield Program



February 2024

Jacob Fink
**Brownfield Program
Administrator**

OFFICE OF SITE EVALUATION
Bureau of Land

Brownfields A to Z with your Project

Phase I – Perform an all appropriate Inquires to reduce your CERCLA liability (TBA services)

Phase II – Investigate environmental concerns found. (TBA services)

Remedial Action Plan – Come up with an appropriate remediation plan. (SRP and TBA Services)

Site Cleanup – Pursue funding through competitive US EPA 104K grants, State of Illinois RLF program, and Other Funding Opportunities



Targeted Brownfield Assessments (TBA)

Cooperative Agreement with U.S. EPA Region 5

**Over 150 Assessments in 28 years – in 74
Communities.**

**Approximately 40% of Illinois county's have a
had a TBA performed by the State**

Phase I Activities

Phase II Activities

**The Value of a TBA is not just a free
Investigation**



GETTING STARTED

No Cost to the Community

Begins with Application and Letter

Understand the Services Provided

Normally 4 – 8 Sites Per Year but due to BIL funding additional Sites will be considered



Sampling Equipment

- **Geoprobes**
 - 7822DT
 - 6011DT
- **Ground Penetrating Radar GPR**
- **EM-61**
- **XRF**
- **PID**



OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Analytical Services

Illinois EPA Lab

State Contract Lab

Contracting Ability (backhoe, etc.)

40 Hr. OSHA Trained Field Staff



APPLICATION FOR TARGETED BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT

- Completed by Municipality or Authorized Entity
- Where do I find the Application
 - Illinois EPA Website: Forms/Land Forms/Brownfield Forms
- Basic Information Needed
 - Check boxes to Determine Eligibility
<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields>
 - “Real Property”
 - Ownership – Access
 - Past Investigations
 - Property Description
 - Size
 - Location
 - Property Identification Number
 - Past - Future Land Uses



Brownfields A to Z with your Project

Phase I – Perform an all appropriate Inquires to reduce your CERCLA liability (TBA services)

Phase II – Investigate environmental concerns found. (TBA services)

Remedial Action Plan – Come up with an appropriate remediation plan. (SRP and TBA Services)

Site Cleanup – Pursue funding through competitive US EPA 104K grants, State of Illinois RLF program, and Other Funding Opportunities



Illinois EPA Site Remediation Program

- Technical Assistance
- Site Remediation Program (SRP)
 - Voluntary cleanup program
 - Some party or entity must serve as the “Remediation Applicant” (RA) in the SRP Program
 - RA does not have to be the property owner
 - You get to choose what constitutes the remediation site by legal description



No Further Remediation (NFR) Letters

- Recorded on the deed to the property
- Comprehensive vs. Focused NFRs
- Types of conditions found in the NFR Letter
 - Construction worker caution
 - Engineering controls
 - Institutional controls



Brownfields A to Z with your Project

Phase I – Perform an all appropriate Inquires to reduce your CERCLA liability (TBA services)

Phase II – Investigate environmental concerns found. (TBA services)

Remedial Action Plan – Come up with an appropriate remediation plan. (SRP and TBA Services)

Site Cleanup – Pursue funding through competitive US EPA 104K grants, State of Illinois RLF program, and Other Funding Opportunities



Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)

- Illinois Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund
 - Recently Awarded Supplemental Funding of \$3.5 million
 - 0% loan rate
 - Loan Forgiveness being extended to all applicants up to 50%.
 - We have extended our RLF program an additional 15 years.
 - We are going to look at our current loan language and adjusting it.
- RLF Performance
 - We have issued 22 loans
 - Distributed over \$8 million Federal dollars to Illinois communities.



IEPA Brownfields Future

- Illinois Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund
 - \$3.5 million dollars to distribute to Illinois communities
- BIL Funding Impacts
 - Additional Capacity for TBA's
 - More Funding Opportunities Available!!



Thank you! Any Questions? Contact Illinois EPA.

Site Remediation Program

Mike Charles (217) 785-3846

Mike.Charles@Illinois.gov

Jenessa Conner (217) 524-2084

Jenessa.N.Conner@Illinois.gov

Office of Site Evaluation

Jacob Fink

Cell (217) 986-0818

Office (217) 785-8726

Jacob.Fink@Illinois.gov



More information Can be found at: <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/cleanup-programs/srp.html>