

Environmental Issues for Tribal Communities

STATE FUNDING AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

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State Funding Opportunities

- Targeted Site Investigation (TSI) Program
- Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program

Targeted Site Investigation (TSI) Program

- Funded from California's US EPA State Response Program Grant
- Goal to facilitate redevelopment by providing information that impacts decisions on property acquisition &/or reuse strategy

TSI Program

- Managed by DTSC
- Available to local governmental agencies, school districts, federally or state recognized Tribes, redevelopment successor agencies, and non-profit organizations

TSI Program

- No cost to applicant
- Uses DTSC contractors to provide investigative services
- Current ownership of proposed site not required, but must have owner's written authorization to access site included with TSI application (to enable fieldwork)

TSI Program

- Sites not eligible: state-owned, ongoing or planned EPA-directed removal action, proposed or listed on National Priority List (NPL), federally-owned, under enforcement action or subject to RCRA corrective action
- Maximum of \$200,000 per site
- Generally \$45,000 to \$150,000 per site

TSI Program

- Competitive process
- Application package now available:
[http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Brownfields/Loans Grants.cfm](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Brownfields/Loans_Grants.cfm)
- Applications due July 20, 2015
- Decision notices to be issued in early September 2015
- Project completion expected April/May 2016

Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)

- DTSC, City of Los Angeles & San Francisco Redevelopment Agency formed the California Urban & Rural Brownfields Coalition (CURB); DTSC managing partner
- Awarded \$3 million US EPA RLF grant in 2006; added supplemental awards since
- Covers cleanups only, **not** site assessments
- Primarily loans; some limited subgrants

RLF

- Available loans range from \$200,00 to \$900,000 per site
- Loan rates usually between 2% and 4% depending on length of the loan
- Applicants may be public entities, Tribes, non-profits or private parties
- Borrowers responsible for 10% owner equity participation match; must own site

TSI & RLF

- For more information, go to DTSC website:
http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Brownfields/Loans_Grants.cfm
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Technical Support

- Voluntary Cleanup Program
- EnviroStor Database
- Land Use Restrictions Database
(Deed-restricted Sites Listing)

Technical Support (cont.)

- Preliminary Endangerment Assessment Guidance Manual
- Abandoned Mine Lands Preliminary Assessment Handbook
- Ground Water Investigations Guidance Manuals

Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP)

- Created administratively in 1993
- Allows DTSC to provide oversight to motivated parties to assess and/or cleanup lower priority sites
- Applicant does not admit to legal liability for cleanup at a site
- Uses a contract-like Voluntary Cleanup Agreement (VCA) to define the scope of work and estimate DTSC oversight costs

VCP

- Applicants may include, but not limited to property owners with known or suspected hazardous substance contamination, other state or local agencies, Tribes, real estate developers or others involved with proposed changes in land use or ownership
- All sites eligible except: State Superfund, National Priority List (NPL), federal facilities owned by DOD or DOE

VCP

- For more information, go to DTSC website:

<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Brownfields/BrownfieldsVoluntaryProgram.cfm>

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EnviroStor

- Online search and Geographic Information System tool for identifying sites with known contamination or with reasons for further investigation
- May search by site name, address, city, county or EnviroStor ID number
- Also includes information on inspections and enforcement actions of permitted hazardous waste facilities

EnviroStor

- Accessible online via the DTSC website:
<http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>
- Contact the EnviroStor Help Hotline at
1-877-7TOXICS (1-877-786-9427) or
by e-mail at: envirostor@dtsc.ca.gov

Land Use Restrictions

- Land use or deed-restricted sites are properties where DTSC has placed limits or requirements on future use of the property due to varying levels of cleanup possible, practical or necessary at the site
- Accessible online via the DTSC website:
[http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/Mandated Postings.s.cfm](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/Mandated_Postings.s.cfm)

See "Deed Restricted Sites"

Cleanup Guidance

- Cleanup guidance documents can be found at:
<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Brownfields/BrownfieldsDocLib.cfm>
- Select the specific document:
 - Preliminary Endangerment Assessment Guidance Manual
 - Abandoned Mine Lands Preliminary Assessment Handbook
- See also “Publications & Forms”

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