



Indiana Brownfields Bulletin

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Updates to IDEM Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon (TPH) procedures

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has updated its guidance regarding Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon (TPH) contamination testing and closure. In response to difficulties staff and consultants were encountering in determining the nature and extent of TPH Extended Range Organics (ERO) contamination in ground water, a workgroup was formed among representatives of the Midwest States Environmental Consultants Association (MSECA) and IDEM staff to propose a solution. Beginning on March 11th, 2009, the Workgroup met four times and made recommendations for changes. The Workgroup anticipates that these modifications should address 90% of the sites that have been unable to achieve closure due to ERO in ground water exceeding the default closure levels. More meetings of the workgroup are planned to discuss additional issues related to TPH contamination. To view the changes to TPH guidelines, please visit www.in.gov/idem/files/risc_tph_announce_20090716.pdf.

Indiana receives brownfield stimulus funds

The State of Indiana and the City of South Bend have been awarded supplemental Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) monies to provide loans and sub-grants to support cleanup activities at shovel-ready brownfield projects.

The Indiana Brownfields Program will administer the State's \$2.5 million ARRA RLF award — \$900,000 for hazardous substances and \$1,600,000 for petroleum — from which the Program will provide loans and sub-grants to support cleanup activities at several of the 31 shovel-ready brownfield projects identified by local governments in the State.

The City of South Bend received \$360,000 to replenish its existing RLF for brownfield sites contaminated with hazardous substances. Loans and sub-grants made from the RLF will be used for soil removal on a former railroad property in the Ignition Park area, south of the former South Bend Stamping Plant site, and asbestos removal at the Good Shepherd Montessori School.

The grants were competitive nationwide, with \$55 million in total awarded, \$42 million of which is under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). In order to receive the funds, applicants had to demonstrate:

- an ability to deliver programmatic results by making at least one loan or sub-grant and having effectively utilized existing loan funds;
- shovel-ready projects that will expeditiously result in job creation; and
- an ability to track and measure progress in creating the jobs associated with loans or sub-grants.

Brownfield projects receive Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence

In September 2009, the State of Indiana awarded three 2009 Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence to projects in the Indiana Brownfields Program. These annual awards recognize Indiana's leaders who have implemented innovative environmental practices with measurable results.

The City of Fort Wayne won recognition in the Land Use category for its redevelopment of brownfield properties in the Harrison Square development, which includes a new baseball stadium. The City demolished structures on four sites for the project and utilized Indiana Brownfields Program Petroleum Remediation Grant (PRG) funding to perform environmental assessment and remediation on sites that formerly operated as a vehicle maintenance facility, a tire store, a bus station, and a beverage facility. A total of five petroleum tanks, two hydraulic tanks, an oil/water separator, and 560 tons of contaminated soils were removed from the sites.

The City of Ligonier was awarded the Governor's Award in the Recycling/Reuse category for its deconstruction of the former Essex Wire brownfield site to make way for a river park and a fire station. Most of the materials from the deconstruction of the three story building were recycled and reused, leaving only five to ten percent to be sent to a landfill. Federal and state brownfield funds paid for the cost of demolition, site investigation, and asbestos removal. The Indiana Brownfields Program provided \$75,000 in Stipulated Assessment Grants and \$100,000 in Remediation Grants and technical oversight to facilitate the successful, sustainable redevelopment of the site.

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc., was chosen for the award in the Energy/Renewable Resources category. The non-profit organization redeveloped two adjacent brownfield properties in the historic Fountain Square area of Indianapolis for its new headquarters. Indiana Brownfields

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For up-to-date information about events relevant to brownfield redevelopment, please visit the Indiana Brownfields Program Web site: www.brownfields.IN.gov.

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Proposal Deadline for U.S. EPA Brownfields Job Training Grant

www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oblr-09-07.pdf

January 21 - May 20, 2010

Brownfields Management & Sustainable Development Webinar Series

<http://www.ph.ucla.edu/erc/brownfields-webinar.htm>

February 19, 2010

Indiana Land Use Consortium's Communities at the Crossroads Conference

Indianapolis, IN

<http://www.indianalanduse.org/>

March 23-24, 2010

National Brownfield Association's The Big Deal Conference

Atlanta, GA

www.nbabigdeal.org/

Program PRG funding was utilized to address contamination at the site and a comfort letter was issued by the Program to address concern about cleanup liability. The redevelopment of the existing building incorporated many elements that reduce energy consumption, making it a prime example of sustainable development. Some of the sustainable design features include natural lighting, white reflective roof, rain gardens, stormwater-capturing cistern, drought-tolerant native plants, and a wind energy demonstration.

For more information about these specific brownfield projects, please visit the Success Stories page of the Indiana Brownfields Program Web page: www.in.gov/ifa/brownfields/2352.htm.

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