



EPA's Brownfields Grants Program

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Purpose of the Session

- Provide brief overview of EPA's main source of funds to address Petroleum Brownfields
- Brownfields Grants to State, Tribes, other Government entities, certain non-profits
- Provide an opportunity for Q & A



Brownfields Definition

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

Includes Petroleum-contaminated
Brownfields sites



Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act

- Brownfields legislation signed in January 2002
- Expanded funding for competitive Assessment and RLF grants, first-ever cleanup grants, EPA TBAs
- Authorized funding for Petroleum-only BF Sites
- Authorized Section 128(a) State/Tribal “Subtitle C” non-competitive grants



Subtitle A Grants

- **Subtitle A grants include:**
- **Assessment** - environmental evaluation and site assessment
- **Cleanup** -direct cleanup funds
- **Revolving Loan Fund** -funding to capitalize loans for cleanup
- **Job Training** - environmental training for residents



Petroleum-Only BF Sites

- Eligible if State or EPA determines site:
 - Is a Brownfields site
 - Of Relatively low-Risk [no LUST or OPA response]
 - No viable responsible party & will be assessed or cleaned up by party that is not potentially liable
 - Not subject to RCRA 9003(h) order



Subtitle C – Section 128(a) State and Tribal Response Program Grants

- Authorized \$50 million for state and tribal response programs
- Non-competitive awards for continuing environmental programs
- In FY04 – All 50 states, 40 tribes, DC, U.S.V.I., Guam and the Northern Marianas Islands received funding



Response Program (con't)

- Primary purpose – “establish and enhance” response program
 - State or tribe defines “response program” – may include, e.g., RCRA, UST, or other “response” type programs
 - Broad range of eligible activities
- Limited site-specific work is okay (e.g., assessment and cleanup)
 - Must be at brownfields sites
 - Petroleum sites require Petroleum determinations
- Recipients must establish and maintain a “public record” and continue to demonstrate “four elements” to receive funds



FY 2004 Subtitle A Grants

- EPA received over 800 proposals last year
- Selected over 275:
 - 155 assessment grants
 - 92 cleanup grants
 - 18 revolving loan fund
- Including:
 - 116 Petroleum worth \$23M



Proposal Review Process (Subtitle A)

- **Regional Offices review threshold eligibility criteria of proposals from their region (pass/fail)**
- **Proposals submitted randomly to 10 National Panels**
- **National Panels convene to discuss proposals (already scored)**
- **OSWER Senior Management approves recommended proposals (highest ranking along with “special considerations”)**
- **Announcement of selected proposals (Date TBD by EPA Administrator)**
- **Cooperative Agreements negotiated and awarded in EPA Regions**



Grant Proposal Due Dates

- Late Fall -- Assessment, Cleanup, and Revolving Loan Fund Grants
- January -- State and Tribal Response





Assessment Grants

- Up to \$200K for petroleum-only contamination
- Site specific “waiver”
- No cost share
- Administrative cost prohibition
- OR DEQ, Portland; Caldwell, ID; CCDC Boise; Kitsap County; St Paul, AK; TPCHD



Cleanup Grants

- Up to \$200K per site, can apply for up to 5 sites
- Non-profits may apply
- Cost share 20% Administrative cost prohibition
- Applicant must own property by Award
- Nome, AK; Multnomah, Prineville, Salem & Coastal Range Food Bank OR; Buckley, UW & PNW Salmon Center, WA



Revolving Loan Fund Grants

- **Up to \$1M per eligible entity, Coalitions may apply**
- **Can't move \$\$ between Petroleum and HW**
- **Used to capitalize a loan fund for cleanup activities**
- **Up to 40% may be used to give cleanup subgrants**
- **Cost share of 20%, Administrative cost prohibition**
- **Non-competitive supplemental funding**
- **WA CTED, OECDD & CREST**



Making a Difference

- Leveraging Brownfields Investments
- For every dollar the federal, state and local governments put into revitalizing Brownfields, almost \$2.50 in private investment was attracted.
- Brownfields grantees have leveraged \$6.6 billion in cleanup and redevelopment dollars.
- New Jobs
- Brownfields grantees have leveraged a total of over 29,600 cleanup and redevelopment jobs.



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- Copy of the guidelines
- Frequently Asked Questions