# Brownfields and Certified Sites: Risks and Rewards for Developing Properties

# **Kansas Brownfields Program**

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# Isas Brownfields Redevelopment Program

#### What are Brownfields?

Real property where the expansion, redevelopment or reuse may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contamination.

EPA estimates 450,000 to 1,000,000 properties exist throughout the U.S. which can be classified as brownfields.

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#### What Does the Kansas Brownfields Program Offer to Kansas Communities?



- The program offers environmental services to identify and assess abandoned an underutilized properties for reuse and redevelopment
- No Cost to Eligible Applicants
- Phase I, II, and sometimes Phase III Assessments

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#### **Applicant and Property Eligibility Determinations**

#### Annual Brownfields Program funding through EPA

- Includes Environmental Assessments at no cost to eligible applicants.
- Eligible applicants are any city, town, county, not-for-profit.
- Private entities may be considered eligible so long as the entity can demonstrate the project has local community/government support.





#### Phase I Environmental Site Assessment

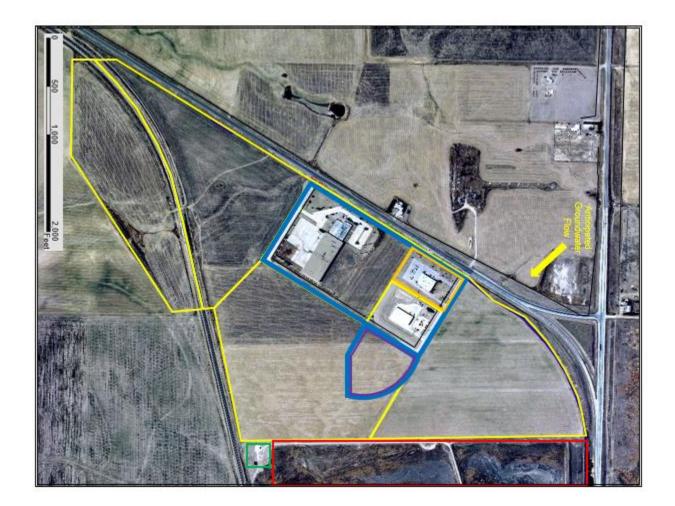
# Objective is to identify Recognized Environmental Conditions (RECs)

Accomplished through focusing on three main tasks

- 1) Site Reconnaissance
- 2) Interviews
- 3) Records Review

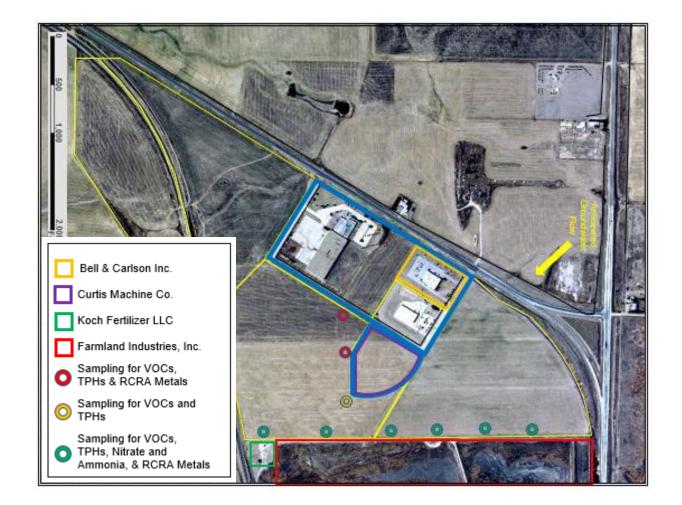


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#### Phase II ESA

Include soil and groundwater sampling and analyses – typically via the use of direct push technology and laboratory analysis based on specific RECs

Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons Volatile Organic Compounds Nitrate, Ammonia, Pesticides

Metals

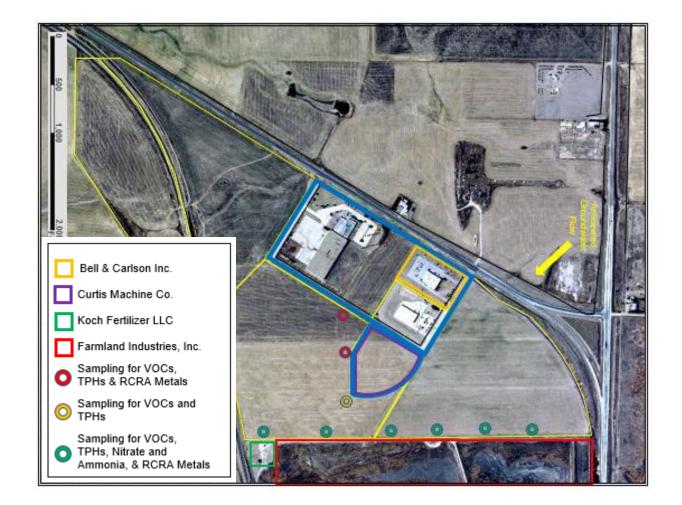








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## **The Application**

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CONSENT FOR ACCESS TO PROPERTY
The person signing below gives permission to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
to enter onto the property described below for the purpose of conducting Phase I Site Reconnaissance and/or
Phase II soil/water sample collection on the day/s of
Permission is granted to KDHE, and to its employees, agents, assigns, or contractors to enter this property in
order to carry out the above activities pursuant to K.S.A. 65-3453 et seq.
This permission is being granted by or on behalf of the (circle one):
owner tenant
of this property. KDHE has assured the person signing below that upon completion of the work specified
above, KDHE materials and equipment will be removed from the property and the property restored as
nearly as reasonably possible to the condition it was in at the time KDHE began work at the Site.
ACCESS IS GRANTED FOR PROPERTY AT:
SITE NAME
ADDRESS OR LEGAL LOCATION:
CITY:
Signature Date
Print name of person signing
(Company name, if applicable)
(Title, if signing for a business)



#### What happens to my site (or me!) if contamination is detected?

- Can the site still be redeveloped?
- How and who will address any contamination?
- How does that affect me or a prospective purchaser?



#### Kansas Petroleum Storage Tank Release Trust Fund

- Storage Tank Act set up the trust funds to assist owner and operators of storage tanks with the cost of remedial actions. Provides financial assistance to owners and operators of facilities where contamination from petroleum storage tanks has occurred
- In order to be considered for the trust fund, a Phase II is required by the Tank Program.
  - If tanks or tank-related impact is present on your site, Brownfields staff will refer the site to Storage Tanks for trust fund consideration, following the Phase II. Storage Tank staff determines if a responsible party is viable and if contamination is trust fund-eligible.



#### Kansas UST Property Redevelopment Trust Fund

- Assists property owners with removal of abandoned petroleum USTs with reimbursement of 90% of the cost, up to \$25,000 per facility for permanent closure of USTs.
- Must meet eligibility requirements for abandoned UST and property owner
- Notable requirement must place a deed restriction prohibiting installation of USTs for 10 years following removal.



#### **Voluntary Cleanup Program**

- Voluntary do not have to be the property owner (demonstrate access) or the responsible party
- Address contamination at a site in an expedited, streamlined manner
- Obtain a No Further Action determination

#### **Orphan Sites Program**

 Sites with no viable responsible party are addressed by KDHE, using state funds as available



#### **Environmental Liability Release Program**

- Releases a prospective purchaser of a contaminated property from liability.
- Following purchase, the applicant:
  - Must not make contamination worse.
  - Provide reasonable access for future investigation and remediation
  - Notify KDHE with in 30 days of sale or transfer of property
  - Disclose the CELR to future purchasers
  - Comply with environmental use controls (EUCs) or risk management plans



# Questions





# **Contact Information**

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