

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

CERCLA 128 - TRIBAL BROWNFIELDS RESPONSE PROGRAM

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Are you living or working near a Brownfields site? Of course, in order to answer that you first need to know what a Brownfields site is; and most importantly how you can help the Community through the Brownfields Program. A Brownfields property is described under the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a "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."

Now this is still a bit technical so if we wanted to bring it home a Brownfields site would be any property that could possibly be improperly storing, or has in the past stored any type of hazardous material or soil contaminants; such as used oil, other petroleum products, pesticides or chemicals. If you know of a place like that and it is located within our Community then now you know that it could potentially be a Brownfields site. These sites are a problem but fortunately we have the (federally funded) Brownfields Program; which was created to provide assistance in assessing potential sites and reducing their possible environmental risks to the Community they are located in. Through the Brownfields Program any person in the Community may be able to request the assessment of a property if they believe that it might contain hazardous substances or pollutants. As part of the Community Development Department, the Environmental Protection and Natural

Resources Division (EPNR) has been taking full advantage of the Brownfields Program, by evaluating several areas for potential environmental and health concerns. Once a site is identified, the Brownfields Program assists in the clean up and remediation of the site; these projects are often funded through grants awarded by the EPA so we can have safe redevelopment and reuse.

In 2008, The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRP-MIC) was awarded the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Section 128(a) Tribal Response Program Grant. This grant has been the source of funding to address the assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment of actual Brownfields sites and other sites with potential contamination through the year 2010.

An example of the work we have been doing is the completion of the assessment and on-going cleanup of the Feedlot located on McDonald and Mesa Dr. But we have been concerned about Brownfields sites long before 2010, in the past SRPMIC was also awarded funding to assess, cleanup and restore the Cypress Landfill through EPA Brownfields Funding.

The EPNR Brownfields Program, in conjunction with EPA, will continue to work towards finding new sites in need of clean up and redevelopment for the benefit of the Community. We will continue to request funding for future projects in the upcoming years as well.

For more information about



Cypress drum removal.

Brownfields or for site assessment requests please contact Lily Bermejo-Brownfields Program Coordinator at (480) 362-2631 or email at lily.bermejo@srpmic-nsn.gov.

For information by mail or if you

wish to inquire about a potential Brownfields property, please mail the following form to:

SRPMIC-EPNR c/o Lily Bermejo
10005 East Osborn Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85256

Brownfields Information Request Form/Site Assessment Request Form

Name: _____
Phone _____
Number _____
Your Address (optional): _____
Address of property inquiry (site description): _____

Tribal Land _____ Allotted Land _____ Unknown _____
Possible contamination, environmental or health concerns: _____

Comments or Questions: _____