

## **B. Background**

Since Fiscal Year 1997, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has funded Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBAs) through their Regional Offices. Based on this investigation, EPA funded TBAs have been completed at 232 Brownfields sites in the EPA Region III five state area since 1997. When a State agency oversees an EPA funded TBA, they often refer to these assessments as a State Superfund Assessments (SSA).

The summary and evaluation provided here is based on an investigation of the TBAs/SSAs completed to date. EPA compiled this list of sites and their completion status based on input from several sources. The list of 19 sites, overseen and funded by EPA and listed in Table A, was provided by Drew Lausch, EPA Region III TBA Coordinator, Enclosure A. Some of this information predates Drew's role as TBA coordinator so additional information was compiled by contacting various owners, EPA project officers, local officials, development agencies, and state environmental agencies. The information in the enclosed summary reflects information available in the existing EPA files, available internet information, fact sheets and input from points of contact.

Tables B and C reflects TBAs or SSAs which were done by or overseen by State Environmental Agencies. The Sites listed in Table B were provided by Mark Stephens, the Chief of EPA Region III's Administrative Support Branch. Mark provided a list of 28 sites where SSAs were completed between 2004-2007. This list is provided as Enclosure B. In addition to these 28 sites, the Assessment, Cleanup and Redevelopment Exchange System (ACRES) data base lists another 188 sites which had TBAs/SSAs completed by State Agencies over the last 10 years. This list is included as Enclosure C. Finally, a list of FY-98/FY-99 EPA funded sites were listed in an October 27, 1999 US General Accounting Office (GAO) letter. In examining this list, most of the sites provided were included in Tables A, B or C. However, there was one new site provided and that site is listed in Enclosure D.

EPA Region III has had significant contact with State Environmental Agencies, owners and local development agencies, via e-mail and telephone, in an effort to establish the current status of revitalization of the sites in question. We appreciate their assistance in the compilation of this report.

In merging the 4 sources of information listed above, EPA found that there was some overlap of information and some sites were listed twice. EPA attempted to eliminate all duplicate sites from our final count of completed sites. Our final list is broken down as follows:

Table A- EPA Completed TBAs at 19 listed sites-Enclosure A

Table B-State Led Completed TBAs/SSAs under Section 128a were conducted at 28 listed sites- Enclosure B

Table C-State Oversight of Completed TBAs done with Superfund Grants (ACRES) were conducted at 188 listed sites  
(but 4 duplicate<sup>2</sup> sites) - Enclosure (C)

Table D-GAO specified TBAs in 1998-99 were conducted at 1 listed site -Enclosure D

(Other sites in the Table were previously listed in Tables A-C.)

A total of 236 sites (minus 4 duplicate sites) for total of 232 Brownfields sites had EPA funded TBAs completed since 1997.

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2 Duplicates are (Table) numbers C23, C25, C84 and C140