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Welcome to *Revitalizing Southeastern Communities: A Brownfields Toolkit*! NALGEP, in partnership with EPA Region IV, is proud to have developed this toolkit to give you tools to redevelop brownfield sites and revitalize your community. Brownfield redevelopment can revitalize your community and we hope this tool kit helps you achieve your goals for your community.

NALGEP is a non-profit organization, whose members are environmental professionals and economic development professionals in local governments. The organization has members throughout the country and has been active in community brownfield efforts for ten years.

This toolkit provides information and resources for local government officials. Contained on this compact disc you will find an overview of the federal and state programs dedicated to the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields. This interactive tool also informs you about funding resources for your cleanup and redevelopment projects, and provides information on the importance of partners in brownfields redevelopment. Successful site reuse needs the energy of local, state, and federal governments; the community; private sector partners; and often non-profit organizations and universities.

Most importantly, the toolkit includes over 60 profiles of successful brownfield projects and programs. The profiles include valuable lessons about the challenges, and successes of other localities across the Southeast and the entire United States. We hope this project will allow you to benefit from the experience of your colleagues in other communities.

Thank you for your interest in the toolkit. I hope you will find it a useful tool for your locality. Good luck in your redevelopment efforts.

Sincerely,

Paul Connor  
Executive Director



## A Brownfields Toolkit

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This toolkit gives local officials across the southeast the tools and information they need to move idle properties back into reuse. Brownfields success is about people, coming together to reach a common goal. Like a brownfields project, which many people contribute to, this toolkit required the efforts of many individuals and we are grateful to each of them.

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Founded in 1993 by a group of local officials, NALGEP is a non profit national organization representing local government professionals responsible for environmental compliance and the development and implementation of local environmental policy. NALGEP's members are local government entities located throughout America. NALGEP brings together local environmental officials to network and share information on innovative practices, conduct environmental policy projects, promote environmental training and education, and communicate views on national environmental issues. NALGEP is conducting projects on a wide range of environmental issues, including brownfields, smart growth, USTfields, clean air, transportation innovation, and clean water. NALGEP is managed by Spiegel & McDiarmid, a national law firm located in Washington, DC. Please visit NALGEP's website at [www.nalgep.org](http://www.nalgep.org).



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Dear Local Government Official:

Welcome to the Southeastern States Brownfields Toolkit for Local Government Officials. This user-friendly compact disc provides local government officials an overview of the federal and state programs dedicated to the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields. To improve the user-friendliness, this compact disc includes a limited search function.

While the toolkit focuses on programs in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee, it also contains information from the national perspective. This interactive tool emphasizes the importance of partnerships and collaborative efforts among federal, state, and local governments, as well as private interests in brownfields redevelopment.

The toolkit includes case studies, useful contact information, web links, and summaries addressing brownfields-related topics, including EPA's brownfields programs. The disc also contains Powerpoint presentations that can be customized for discussions with businesses, civic groups and other interested parties about brownfields redevelopment.

The toolkit incorporates information on funding and resources. Brownfields grants, a cornerstone of EPA's program (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>), support revitalization efforts by funding environmental assessment, cleanup, and job training activities. Brownfields assessment grants provide money for brownfields inventories, planning, environmental assessments, as well as community outreach. Brownfields revolving loan fund grants allow successful applicants to capitalize loan programs used to clean up brownfields. Brownfields job training grants fund environmental training for residents of brownfields communities. Brownfields cleanup grants provide direct funding for cleanup activities at certain properties with planned greenspace, recreational, or other nonprofit uses. EPA's brownfields program has offered assistance at more than 7,000 properties nationwide, while leveraging more than \$7.2 billion in revitalization funds from the public and private sectors.

Thank you for your interest in our brownfields toolkit. We hope you will use these resources to become more involved in addressing brownfields-related issues in your community, thereby improving the quality of life for your citizens and future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. I. Palmer, Jr.", written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

J. I. Palmer, Jr.  
Regional Administrator