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August 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

STATE OF BROWNFIELDS UPDATE & ROUNDTABLE

Hosted by Minnesota Brownfields

Minneapolis

August 11 7:30-10:30a.m.

[More info and registration](#)

BROWNFIELD FUNDING WORKSHOP

Hosted by MN Department of Employment & Economic

Development (DEED) & Metropolitan Council

Bloomington

September 7 10:00 a.m. - Noon

More info: contact: DEED at (651) 259-7449 or the Metropolitan

Council at (651) 602-1054.

WORKSHOP FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS

Hosted by Incident Response Unit & MN Dept of Agriculture

Saint Paul

September 7 8:30am-3:30pm

[More info and registration](#)

ITRC & MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY LIGHT NONAQUEOUS-PHASE LIQUIDS (LNAPLs)

Hosted by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Minneapolis

September 20-21

[More info and registration](#)

MINNESOTA NEWS

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY: DEED BROWNFIELD FUNDING

[Contamination Cleanup Grant Program](#)

DEED's Contamination Cleanup Grand Program received a \$500,000 cut from the general fund appropriation, to be restored in FY 2014. The General Fund will be restored to \$1,272,000 in FY 2014. Otherwise, all other funding sources remain. Funding for this program for FY 2012 & 13 is:

General Fund	\$1,022,000
Remediation Fund	\$ 700,000
Petro Fund	\$6,200,000
TOTAL	\$7,922,000

DEED also receives proceeds from the Contamination Tax; typically proceeds have been about \$125,000 per year. The next grant round will be November 1, 2012.

Redevelopment Grant Program

Funds available for FY 2012:

General Fund	\$2,000,000
Total	\$2,000,000

The next grant cycle will be February 1, 2013.

Looking for a more thorough summary of how redevelopment-related programs fared during the lengthy and contentious Minnesota Legislative Session? Join us at our [**August 11th Brownfield Update**](#).

In other funding news, DEED recently received a \$500,000 supplemental award from US EPA for the Minnesota Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund. With this award, DEED has approximately \$2 million of funding available for projects affected by hazardous substances and approximately \$1.8 million available for projects affected by petroleum contamination. Eligible costs for the low-interest loan program include remediation of soil and groundwater, as well as interior abatement of buildings.

NEW BUSINESSES TO INVEST IN FROGTOWN SITE

A \$5 million, 52,000-square-foot office-flex space building will be built on the former Minnehaha Lanes bowling alley site, which has the distinction of being the first shovel-ready project in the nation launched with the assistance of federal brownfield stimulus money. The two companies - River of Goods and Terrybear - are wholesalers of specialty products. They will employ 45 people onsite, and expect the number of employees to grow in the near future.

The EPA granted the Saint Paul Port Authority a total of \$1.6 million in brownfield stimulus money out of \$37 million it

awarded nationally in 2009. About \$200,000 of that grant was used to clean up the former bowling alley site that would become the Port's Chatsworth Pierce Butler Business Center.

PORT AUTHORITY AWARDED EPA JOB TRAINING GRANT

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson recently announced more than \$6.2 million in national environmental workforce development and job training grants to 21 grantees to recruit, train, and place unemployed, predominantly low-income residents in polluted areas. The Saint Paul Port Authority was among the recipients who have received \$300,000 in job training grants. For further information regarding grant recipients, please visit the [NALGEP Website](#)

JOB LISTINGS ON MB WEBSITE

Minnesota Brownfields website can be a resource for job seekers. Check the [Jobs area of our website](#) for current listings. Jobs can also be submitted to the [Minnesota Brownfields Group on LinkedIn](#).

NATIONAL BROWNFIELDS NEWS

EPA RELEASES GUIDE TO FEDERAL TAX INCENTIVES FOR BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT

The success of many brownfields cleanup and redevelopment projects depends on the ability of developers and investors to craft a financing package that leverages numerous sources of funding, including federal tax incentives. [This new guide](#) from the EPA provides an overview of the key federal tax incentives and credits that can be leveraged for brownfields cleanup, redevelopment, and reuse.

ASTM RELEASES GUIDE FOR CONTINUING OBLIGATIONS FOR STEWARDSHIP OF CONTAMINATED PROPERTIES

[ASTM published a new standard](#) providing guidance for Continuing Obligations on contaminated properties. The guide establishes basic procedures to improve the protectiveness at properties impacted by contamination. It implements a four-step process to identify and organize the continuing obligations, then takes any initial steps after property purchase, and finally monitors and maintains these obligations through the term of ownership.

EXTRA: ABOUT MINNESOTA BROWNFIELDS

MN BROWNFIELDS BOARD MEMBER PROFILES

Minnesota Brownfields mission is guided by its 8-member Board of Directors, representing an broad array of disciplines and backgrounds. Collectively, our Board has more than 110 years of experience with brownfield reuse. [Click here to view board bios](#), or visit [our website](#).

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