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RE: Support for Brownfield Investigation, Clean-up, and Redevelopment Funding

Minnesota Brownfields, a 501c3 non-profit organization, is dedicated to supporting and enhancing the reuse and redevelopment of brownfields throughout the state of Minnesota through research, education, and partnerships. Minnesota Brownfields has prepared the 2011 report: *The Benefits of Brownfield Redevelopment in Minnesota: Fueling Economic Growth and Revitalizing Communities* to quantify the economic, environmental and community benefits that come from recycling and redeveloping Minnesota’s contaminated land.

The supporting organizations named below work to advance brownfields redevelopment as a critical element of broader objectives to expand jobs, facilitate new business creation, revitalize established communities, and promote smart growth and sustainable redevelopment. These organizations support the main conclusion of the *Benefits of Brownfield Redevelopment in Minnesota* report:

*Minnesota has experienced significant success over the past two decades in investigating, cleaning up, and redeveloping contaminated sites throughout the state. But there is much more to do. **Minnesota must support funding levels to DEED, the Metropolitan Council, and all other dedicated brownfield-focused sources to allow the continuance of the robust production we are known for nationally - production that has provided marketable land and buildings for substantial private sector business and jobs growth.***

We urge prompt action to continue these essential community revitalization tools. If you have questions or want additional information, please contact Martha Faust at Minnesota Brownfields, 651-307-4371 or mfaust@mnbrownfields.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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