

# **RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

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### **Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC)**

### **Awarded EPA Grant to Address Brownfields**

Through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2002, the RRC has been awarded funding to encourage redevelopment of former oil and gas properties. A Brownfield site is defined by the EPA as a real property of which the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

The RRC Brownfields Response Program (BRP) has been created to meet the goals of the grant by identifying targeted brownfields sites, offering funded environmental site assessments, providing technical advice and education, and project partnering (including partnering with other federal and state agencies) for brownfields redevelopment projects over which the RRC exercises jurisdiction. The RRC Voluntary Cleanup Program (RRC-VCP) will provide a framework for the oversight of assessments.

The BRP is available for local governments or non-profit organizations, or where the local government is playing a key role in the redevelopment. The RRC encourages all potential stakeholders involved with former oil and gas properties from non-profits, planners, bankers, developers, or governmental agencies to consider contacting the RRC BRP coordinators.

To inquire about the availability of brownfields assistance contact Aimee Beveridge or Byron Ellington in the Site Remediation Section of the Oil and Gas Division of the RRC at (512)463-6765, or [aimee.beveridge@rrc.state.tx.us](mailto:aimee.beveridge@rrc.state.tx.us) or [byron.ellington@rrc.state.tx.us](mailto:byron.ellington@rrc.state.tx.us)