

State Incentives for Achieving Clean and Renewable Energy Development on Contaminated Lands



The development of clean and renewable energy on formerly used land offers many economic and environmental benefits. Combining clean and renewable energy and contaminated land cleanup incentives can allow investors and communities to create economically viable clean and renewable energy redevelopment projects. This document provides information about incentives in your state that can be leveraged for clean and renewable energy and development of contaminated land.



Incentives for Clean and Renewable Energy

Funding (grants, loans, bonds, etc.)

Renewable Energy Grants

www.b-e-f.org/grants/index.shtml

Provides up to 33% of total capital costs for renewable energy projects located in the Pacific Northwest (OR, WA, ID, MT). Any private person, organization, local, or tribal government located in the Pacific Northwest may participate. Acceptable projects include solar photovoltaic (PV), solar thermal electric, wind, hydro, biomass, and animal waste-to-energy.

Tax Incentives (abatements, deductions, credits, etc.)

Alternative Energy Investment Tax Credit

www.deq.state.mt.us/energy/Renewable/TaxIncentRenew.asp#15-32-401

Provides commercial and net metering alternative energy investments of \$5,000 or more up to 35% tax credit against individual or corporate tax on income generated by the investment. The credit may only be taken against net income produced by the eligible equipment or by certain associated business activities. Eligible systems must be new and in compliance with all applicable performance and safety standards.

Property Tax Abatement for Production and Manufacturing Facilities

www.state.mt.us/revenue

Allows a 50% property tax abatement for new renewable energy production facilities, new renewable energy manufacturing facilities, and renewable energy research and development equipment. Qualifying renewable energy manufacturing facilities are assessed at 50% of their taxable value for the construction period and the first 15 years after the facility commences operation, not to exceed 19 years.

Corporate Property Tax Reduction for New/Expanded Generating Facilities

www.deq.state.mt.us/energy/Renewable/TaxIncentRenew.asp#15-24-1401

Provides generating plants producing one MW or more of a renewable energy source a 50% property tax reduction during the first five years after the construction permit is issued. Each year thereafter, the percentage is increased by equal percentages until the full taxable value is attained in the tenth year. The tax is levied on the local mill levy, subject to approval by the local government.

Net Metering

www.deq.state.mt.us/Energy/Renewable/NetMeterRenew.asp

Offers renewable installations of less than 50 kW capacity for net metering on NorthWestern Energy's system.

Quick Facts

Public Benefit Fund (PBF)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Renewable Portfolio Standard	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>5% in 2008; 10% in 2010; 15% in 2015</i>		
Net Metering	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Interconnection Standards	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Electric Power Industry Generation by Primary Energy Source (EIA, 2006)

Petroleum-Fired	1.5%	Nuclear	-
Natural Gas-Fired	0.3%	Hydroelectric	35.9%
Coal-Fired	60.5%	Other Renewables	1.9%

Points of Contact

Renewable Energy Grants

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Alternative Energy Investment Tax Credits, Property Tax Abatement for Production and Manufacturing Facilities, Corporate Property Tax Reduction New/Expanded Generating Facilities

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Net Metering

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Incentives for Development of Contaminated Land

Montana

Funding (grants, loans, bonds, etc.)

Targeted Brownfields Assessment Funding

www.deq.state.mt.us/Brownfields/TargetedBA.asp

Provides assistance funding to communities and municipalities for Phase I & II site assessment, and/or the development of cleanup plans, including cost estimates at brownfield properties.

In-State Loan Program (Board of Investments)

www.investmentmt.com/Programs/instate/default.asp

Offers an In-State Loan Program to diversify, strengthen, and stabilize the Montana economy. Specifically, Montana law states that "the Board shall endeavor to invest 25% of the state's Coal Tax Trust Fund in the Montana economy, with special emphasis on investments in new or expanding locally owned enterprises." Brownfield properties are eligible for the In-State Loan program.

Corrective Action Claims for Reimbursement

www.deq.mt.gov/pet/claims.asp

Offers reimbursement claims under the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board. Upon completion of any portion of an approved corrective action plan, the owner/operator or remediation contractor acting on behalf of an owner or operator may submit a claim for corrective action costs.

Orphan Share Fund

www.deq.mt.gov/StateSuperfund/cala.asp

Offers financial assistance under the *Controlled Allocation of Liability Act* and the Orphan Share Fund. Provides reimbursement for expenditures beyond the applicant's responsibility.

Limitations on Liability

Voluntary Cleanup and Redevelopment Program

www.deq.state.mt.us/StateSuperfund/vcra.asp

Offers No Further Action closure letters. The Voluntary Cleanup and Redevelopment Program can be used by any interested person with the property owner's permission to address all or a portion of a property.

Quick Facts

Limitations on Liability	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number of State-Tracked Contaminated Properties:	356
Includes Abandoned Mine Acts Program, Brownfields Program, Underground Storage Tanks (UST) Program, Leaking UST Program, Comprehensive Environmental Cleanup Responsibility Act, and Voluntary Cleanup and Redevelopment Program sites	
Number of EPA CERCLIS Sites:	74
Sites identified for potential investigation under the federal Superfund Program	
Number of EPA Brownfields Properties:	155
Properties being funded or addressed under the EPA Brownfields Program	

There may be some overlap among the categories listed and sites listed may not represent all potentially contaminated sites in Montana.

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Corrective Action Claims for Reimbursement

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