

EPA Region 6 Land Revitalization Public Website

Google Earth Global Information System

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Google Earth refers to a free downloadable internet mapping program that allows a user to view imagery around the world. These instructions direct a user to locations and other information in the Region 6 states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas which are in the Brownfields Program, the National Priorities List of Superfund sites and sites from the RCRA Corrective Action program of the U.S. EPA.

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. If you do not have Google Earth installed on your computer, download the latest version from <http://earth.google.com/download-earth.html>. Follow the installation instructions – you will select “run” twice. Wait a few minutes for both components to install.

If you already have Google Earth, proceed to Step 2.

2. Select the link or links to the files containing the data for the Brownfields, NPL and RCRA properties. If you cannot click on the link, type the link into the browser at the top of your screen.

Brownfields sites link: http://www.epa.gov/region6/gis/data/kml_files/brownfields.kmz

NPL Superfund sites link: http://www.epa.gov/region6/gis/data/kml_files/npl_sites.kmz

RCRA properties link: http://www.epa.gov/region6/gis/data/kml_files/rcra_properties.kmz

A dialog box will appear asking, “Do you want to open or save the file?” Click on “Open” to open the file directly into Google Earth and begin viewing sites. Click on “Save” to save the file to your PC in either “Your Documents” or “Desktop” wherever you decide. When you open Google Earth the next time, you will have to select the file from that folder by using *File>Open*. If you wish to save the file in Google Earth, select under *Save>“Save to My Places”* and *“Save My Places”* when you complete your browsing. If you do not save, all the files in *Temporary Places* will be dropped when Google Earth is closed.

3. An image of the world will appear with small markers on sites in the states of Region 6. Brownfields markers are bluish-white, Superfund site markers are purple and RCRA site markers are red.
4. If you roll your cursor over one of the markers, the name of the site will appear.
5. If you click on the marker one time, a pop-up will appear showing basic information about the site and additional links to further information.
6. If you double-click on the marker, Google Earth will zoom down to the site for a close-up.