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I am pleased to release this EPA report — "State Brownfields and Voluntary Response Programs: An Update from the States." This report updates EPA's continuing efforts to provide useful information about State Brownfields and Voluntary Response Programs, which serve a crucial role in helping to clean up and revitalize contaminated properties across the country. Based on data from 2006 and 2007 alone, EPA estimates that these programs cleaned up over 18,900 sites and implemented required institutional controls at those sites, freeing up over 250,000 acres of property for productive use. I hope you find this information resource useful.

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