

# **BROWNFIELDS** WHAT'S NEW

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### '09 Assessment, Cleanup & RLF Applications

Only one more month - The FY09 US EPA Brownfields **Assessment**, **Cleanup and RLF Guidelines are posted on-line**, and all applications must be postmarked by **November 14**, **2008**. Good Luck to all. Hit this link for

the <u>Guidelines</u>; hit here for <u>Power Point Presentations</u>, <u>Fact Sheets</u>, FAQ's and Other Information.

And - Although the proposal deadline for EPA's Brownfields Assessment, Cleanup & RLF Grants is quickly approaching, you can still join us for a **National conversation on the new guidelines**! This National outreach session will review the evaluation criteria and selection process for the grants, but will dedicate most of the time to Questions and Answers from applicants. EPA encourages participants to think of questions they have ahead of time and come prepared to contribute to the discussion! Registration is free.

Title: The Brownfields Assessment, RLF and Cleanup Grant Proposal Guidelines: A National Q&A Session **Date: October 16, 2008** 2:00pm - 4:00pm Eastern Sponsored By: U.S. EPA Headquarters Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization

### To Register please visit: http://www.clu-in.org/conf/tio/bfga/



**'09 Job Training Applications** Time is almost up - The FY09 US EPA Brownfields **Job Training Guidelines are posted on-line**, and all applications must be postmarked by **October 15, 2008**. Good Luck to all. Hit this link for the <u>Guidelines</u>; hit here for <u>Power Point Presentations, FAQ's,</u> Fact Sheets and Other Information.





### Green Building on Brownfields

If you'd like to download a copy of the PowerPoint presentation that was given by Charlie Bartsch as a webinar on September 18, 2008, subject: **Green Building on Brownfields – Obstacles and Opportunities**, please click <u>this link</u>. Participants report that it is a well-done presentation covering the basics of

that it is a well-done presentation covering the basics o green building and funding, in relationship to the challenges of contaminated properties.



**"TAB EZ"** - Kansas State University, one of EPA's TAB grantees, has developed a software tool called "TAB EZ" that can assist communities in putting together their assessment and cleanup proposals. TAB EZ is available free of costs to everyone nationwide at the following URL: <u>http://www.tabez.org/</u>

While EPA is not endorsing this tool, we want to make sure that communities know about its availability.



# Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

### www.energysavers.gov

You might want to check out the following website to help save money staying warm this winter. A lot of it is pretty much common knowledge now, but you might find a couple of helpful energy savers in there. http://www.energysavers.gov/



### Green Remediation: Opening the Door to Field Use

This is the first out of three sessions being offered by EPA CLU-IN on Green Remediation.

Session A (Introduction and Carbon Calculus: A RCRA Case Study) - November 24, 2008. In July, EPA held its annual National Association of Remedial Project Managers meeting in Portland, OR and one of our most attended sessions was on Green Remediation (GR). Because of its success, members of EPA's Technical Support Project, led by the Engineering Forum, have taken this full-day session and are bringing back a number of the same talks as online seminars this fall and winter. There will be three sessions, each 1.5 hours long. EPA's definition of Green Remediation includes the practice of considering the environmental effects of a remediation strategy (i.e., the remedy selected and the implementation approach) early in the process, and incorporating options to maximize the net environmental benefit of the cleanup action. Some practices are guite "mature," such as construction site best management practices including stormwater runoff management and construction and demolition (C&D) debris recycling. Others are still emerging, including the use of renewable energy sources such as wind and solar to power remedial systems. Over the three sessions, the online training will introduce you to the key technical, policy, and application aspects of GR. For more information on this and other sessions, and to register, hit http://clu-in.org/studio.



### Extension of Brownfields Tax Incentives

It's a big bill – but the website www.senate.gov reports that the financial industry bailout bill which is H.R. 1424, which was just passed and signed as the "Emergency Economic

Stabilization Act of 2008", includes a Brownfields-related Section. It is in Division C. Title III, and it is apparently called **Section 318, Expensing of environmental remediation costs.** Check it out for yourself, but it looks like Section 198 of the IRS Code has been extended through December 31, 2009, as it pertains to expenditures after December 31, 2007.

For more general information about the Federal Brownfields Tax Incentive (but not the new law), go to http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/



## Brownfields 2009 Conference

New Orleans, Louisiana will be the site for the next National Brownfields Conference, which will be from November 16-18, 2009 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. Plan ahead!



### New England States Brownfields Websites

Want a quick link to the Brownfields web sites of the various New England state governments, to see what's happening there? Click <u>CT</u>, <u>MA</u>, <u>ME</u>, <u>NH</u>, RI, or <u>VT</u>!

Send your Brownfields-related items for inclusion in this newsletter to Steve Chase at <u>chase.steve@epa.gov</u>.

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