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3. Brownfields National Partnership -- This is EPA's 10 brownfield demonstration cities pilot. EPA is already funding \$125 million for site assessment, cleanup, and State voluntary cleanup programs. They have had good cooperation from HUD and Commerce, who are funding more than \$500 million for local economic redevelopment efforts. However EPA wants more assistance from some other agencies, particularly those departments who have concerns about liability or other issues. These include Justice, Transportation, SBA, OCC, and FDIC.

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HUD

Commerce

Justice

DOE

DOI

USDA

HHS

Treasury

OCC

White House Communications

White House Legislative Affairs

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