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A potential Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Brownfield is a RCRA facility that is not in full use, where there is redevelopment potential, and where reuse or redevelopment of that site is slowed due to real or perceived concerns about actual or potential contamination, liability, and RCRA requirements. The



RCRA Brownfields Prevention Initiative was established by EPA to encourage the reuse of potential RCRA Brownfields so that the land better serves the needs of the community either through more productive commercial or residential development or as greenspace.



This page provides descriptions, official documents and links for a variety of topics related to

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Brownfield topics. It also identifies some of the initiatives as well as resources and recent RCRA guidance and reforms that may be applicable at potential RCRA Brownfields facilities. For a general summary of the RCRA Brownfields Prevention program go to [Overview](#).

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## RCRA Brownfields Overview

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The RCRA Brownfields Prevention Initiative was launched on June 11, 1998, with the goal of encouraging the reuse of potential RCRA Brownfields so that the land better serves the needs of the community either through more productive commercial or residential development or as greenspace. A potential RCRA Brownfield is a RCRA facility that is not in full use, where there is redevelopment potential, and where reuse or redevelopment of that site is slowed due to real or perceived concerns about actual or potential contamination, liability, and RCRA requirements.

The RCRA Brownfields Prevention Initiative seeks to capitalize on the redevelopment of potential RCRA Brownfields to achieve successful cleanup and long-term sustainable reuse of these sites. Through the Brownfields programs, EPA is seeking to promote the reuse of industrial sites rather than use valuable farmland or other open "greenfields" for economic development. The benefits of the Initiative include the preservation of these greenfields, the cleanup of contamination, the revitalization of communities blighted by brownfields and increased greenspace in communities.

EPA has undertaken several efforts that enhance its RCRA Brownfields Prevention goals.

The RCRA Brownfields (RCRA BF) Prevention Initiative is part of EPA's overall Brownfield Initiative.

- For more information on EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative go to: <http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/>.
- For more information on EPA's USTFields Initiative go to <http://www.epa.gov/swerust1/ustfield/index.htm>.
- For more information on EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Initiative go to <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/>.
- "Memorandum: Facilitating Reuse of Brownfields Subject to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act: RCRA Brownfields Prevention Initiative"  
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