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ARRA Funds Available for Eligible Brownfields Projects in Oklahoma

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will award approximately \$400,000 in grants for the cleanup of petroleum brownfield sites in Oklahoma, through its existing Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund. The agency's Brownfields Program received approximately \$1.9 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds in late December 2009. To date, \$1.4 million dollars has been awarded to eligible projects.

These funds are meant to finance shovel-ready eligible brownfield cleanup projects, encourage redevelopment and create local jobs in communities across the state. The funds may be used toward the cleanup of properties contaminated by petroleum or petroleum products.

Local governments, non-profit organizations, and tribes are eligible for the grants. To ensure a fair, transparent selection and award process, a Statement of Interest form (grant application) will be submitted by each applicant. The Statement of Interest includes general eligibility criteria and evaluation and ranking criteria that is used by DEQ to make an award decision. DEQ will accept completed Statement of Interest applications until **March 30, 2012**.

Please see the frequently asked questions document and other documents available at www.deq.state.ok.us/LPDnew/brownfindex.html for more information on applying for these funds. Questions may be sent in writing to oklahomabrownfields@deq.ok.gov, and responses will be posted in the frequently asked questions document available at the link provided above.

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