

The BERC Brownfields e-Newsletter

BERC's Brownfields Project Offers Environmental Assessments

BERC's Brownfields Assessment Project is offering no cost Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments (ESA) to selected property owners interested in redeveloping their property.

A Phase I ESA is essentially an investigation for conditions that suggest potential environmental contamination of the property. In a Phase I, the assessor looks into past uses of the property, checks environmental regulatory lists for the property's listing, and performs an on-site reconnaissance.

A Phase II ESA is a more detailed environmental investigation that includes

sample collection and analysis. The Phase II assessment follows a Phase I ESA, if recommended, by attempting to confirm the presence or absence of contamination.

In order to be eligible for a no cost Phase I or II ESA through BERC's Brownfields Project, property owners must be interested in redevelopment. Priority is given to those sites located in or near a designated redevelopment area. BERC's consultant, Tetra Tech EMI, performs the ESAs for the project. Please contact BERC for more information.

Workshop Series Completed

BERC's Brownfields Project completed a series of six workshops on redeveloping contaminated property on October 4, 2005. The workshops, which began in July, featured speakers from Sacramento County Environmental Management Department and the California Environmental Redevelopment Fund who offered information on starting the redevelopment process. The six workshops attracted a mix of real estate professionals, property owners, and environmental consultants interested in learning more about the assistance available through the Sacramento Brownfields Project. As result of the workshop series, several property owners have taken advantage of the free and confidential consultation services offered through the Project and begun the process of redeveloping their property.

City of Sacramento's Revolving Loan Fund for Brownfields Cleanup

In September 2005, the City of Sacramento was awarded a \$442,000 grant from U.S. EPA to augment their Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) for contaminated property clean-up. The City's RLF offers low interest loans to property owners for environmental remediation. To qualify for a loan, a property must be located in the City and have completed an environmental investigation. For more information about the RLF and eligibility requirements, please contact Kirsten Garrard at 916-808-2986.

Join the Brownfields ListServ!

It's easy to enroll, simply send an e-mail message to:

Sacramento_brownfields_subscribe@sacberc.org



For more information about BERC's Brownfields Assessment Project, please contact Marcy Barnett at (916) 364-4108.

Director's Corner

I would like to thank everyone that attended one of BERC's Redeveloping Contaminated Property workshops. We appreciate the interest the development community and private property owners have taken in this project. Designed to assist those interested in buying, selling, and redeveloping formerly industrial and commercial property, we are confident that BERC's Brownfields Project will be able to provide continued support in the future.

Rob White

About BERC

BERC is a:

- *resource center* that provides confidential assistance to business and government, promoting economic success and environmental quality.
- *joint service provider* funded by a coalition of local environmental, public works and utility agencies to assist businesses in complying with federal, state and local regulations.
- *supporter* of pollution prevention, environmental restoration and development focused on smart growth