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In today's world, nearly every property is subject to environmental risks. Environmental Site Assessments can help determine if a property is, or may have been contaminated, by current or previous activity and help protect the purchaser of a property and limit liability by discovering potential environmental concerns prior to purchase.

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Brownfields Assessment Program



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Do you own property that may be contaminated by a hazardous substance? Petroleum?

WE CAN HELP

The site must meet the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfield definition:

"...real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant."



Thanks to a grant from the U.S. E.P.A., the program is free of charge to the property owner. Funds are used to complete Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) and can also help the property owner offset the costs for the Voluntary Response Action Program (VRAP) application fee through the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP).

There are eligibility requirements for the program.

How to Apply

Contact the Brownfields Program Manager in NMDC's Planning Department to determine if you are eligible to participate in this program.

If eligible, the Planning Department will assist you with the application needed to process your request.

What is a Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA)

Phase I

A Phase I ESA is generally considered the first step in the process of environmental due diligence. The Phase I is an overview of the history of the property as well as an identification of past uses.

The report will offer recommendations to address Recognized Environmental Conditions (RECs). RECs are defined as the presence or likely presence of any hazardous substances or petroleum products on a property under conditions that indicate an existing release, a past release, or a material threat of a release of any hazardous substance or petroleum product into structures on the property or into the ground, ground water, or surface water of the property.

Phase 2

Phase II ESAs involve the collection and analysis of air, soil, groundwater, and/or site building materials to assess the presence and extent of hazardous chemicals or petroleum products that are suspected or have been identified during the Phase I assessment. The purpose of this investigation is to obtain a better understanding of the potential environmental liabilities for the property and the financial impacts of such liabilities.

The Phase II ESA report will offer remediation and clean-up strategies as well as estimated potential clean-up costs.