

What is a Targeted Brownfields Assessment or a Site-Specific Activity funded by Section 128(a) funds?

NOTE: For purposes of the application on this web site, the state of Florida will conduct a Site-Specific Activity for eligible applicants and not a Targeted Brownfield Assessment.

HISTORY:

The Targeted Brownfield Assessment program and Site-Specific Activity program, which is authorized and funded by CERCLA Section 128(a) are designed to help the states and municipalities—especially those without EPA Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots—minimize the uncertainties of contamination often associated with brownfields. Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBAs) and Site-Specific Activities (SSAs) supplement and work with other efforts under EPA's Brownfields Initiative and Florida's Brownfields Redevelopment Program to promote cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields.

TYPES of TASKS:

Under the TBAs program and SSAs program, which is authorized and funded by CERCLA Section 128(a), EPA provides funding and/or technical assistance to the state of Florida for environmental assessments and/or cleanups at brownfields sites throughout the state. A TBA / SSA may encompass one or more of the following activities:

- a screening (Phase I) assessment, including a background and historical investigation and a preliminary site inspection;
- a full (Phase II) site assessment, including sampling activities to identify the types and concentrations of contaminants and the areas of contamination to be cleaned;
- establishment of cleanup options and cost estimates based on future uses and redevelopment plans; and
- limited cleanups.

Site-specific assessments and cleanups must comply with all applicable federal and state laws and are subject to the following restrictions and other restriction may apply:

- No more than \$200,000 per site can be funded for assessments, and no more than \$200,000 per site can be funded for cleanups.
- Section 128(a) funds cannot be used for assessments or cleanups at sites that do not meet the definition of a brownfield site at CERCLA 101(39).

Targeted Brownfields Assessment funding may only be used at sites as authorized by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986. The site must be contaminated or suspected to be contaminated with hazardous substances. Sites contaminated only with petroleum products are not eligible for assistance. In addition, EPA generally will not fund TBAs at sites where the owner is responsible for the contamination on the site unless there is a clear means of recouping EPA expenditures. Further, the TBA program does not provide resources to conduct cleanup or building demolition activities.