



RE: Reauthorization of EPA Brownfields Program

April 1, 2026

The Honorable Brett Guthrie
Chairman
Committee on Energy & Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy & Commerce
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Dear Chairman Guthrie and Ranking Member Pallone:

The National Demolition Association (NDA) represents nearly 500 U.S. and Canadian family-owned companies that offer standard demolition services as well as a full range of demolition-related services and products. NDA educates members on the latest advances in equipment and services, provides educational programs and tools to stay abreast of regulatory and safety matters, and keeps regulators informed about issues in our industry. NDA also increases public awareness of the economic, environmental, and societal benefits of the demolition industry.

Today, NDA writes to urge the Energy and Commerce Committee to advance legislation to reauthorize and strengthen the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfields Program. Timely action is needed to ensure the program continues to meet current economic, environmental, and community development demands.

The Brownfields Program has demonstrated consistent value as a federal tool for advancing environmental remediation and economic redevelopment. By supporting the assessment and cleanup of contaminated and underutilized properties, the program enables communities to return these sites to productive use. In many cases, Brownfields assistance plays a decisive role in unlocking private investment and advancing projects that would otherwise not proceed.

As the Committee considers reauthorization, NDA believes several reforms are needed to ensure the program reflects current market conditions and implementation challenges.

First, authorized funding levels should be updated to better align with the actual costs of site assessment and remediation. Cleanup projects today often require more extensive work than in prior years, and current grant levels can be insufficient to fully prepare sites for redevelopment. Adjusting funding levels and grant caps would improve project efficiency and reduce the need for multiple funding cycles.

Second, lawmakers should reexamine cost-share requirements. While these requirements serve an important purpose, they can limit participation among smaller, rural, and economically constrained communities. Providing EPA with greater flexibility to reduce or waive cost-share obligations in appropriate cases would improve access without undermining program accountability.



Third, Congress should look to further streamline the application and grant administration process. Many applicants, particularly those with limited staff capacity, face challenges navigating current requirements. Simplifying application procedures and allowing reasonable flexibility in administrative expenditures would improve program usability and support more effective project delivery.

Finally, the program should maintain a clear focus on redevelopment outcomes. The long-term value of the program lies in returning sites to productive use—whether for commercial, industrial, residential, or public purposes. Ensuring that funding supports projects with strong reuse potential will maximize economic and community benefits.

The Brownfields Program plays a critical role in supporting redevelopment, strengthening local economies, and addressing environmental challenges. Reauthorization presents an opportunity to build on a successful program and address existing gaps in the current law.

We appreciate the Committee’s attention to this issue and respectfully urge you to advance legislation that reauthorizes the EPA Brownfields Program. NDA stands ready to work with the Committee as it pursues these important reforms.

For any further questions, please contact NDA’s Director of Government Affairs, Alex McIntyre, at amcintyre@demolitionassociation.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Lambert", is written over a light gray circular watermark.

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