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128 (a) Brownfields Program

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• Serves all 22 Pueblos and Tribes

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Current Programs

- General Assistance Program (GAP)
- Air Quality
- Underground Storage Tank (UST)

- Brownfields
- Pesticides
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Solid Waste
Brownfields

The Office of Environmental Technical Assistance proposes to develop and implement a Brownfield's 128 (a) program:

1) Provide training to Environmental professionals about the USEPA State and Tribal Response Program.

2) Strengthen ENIPCED-OETA’s internal capacity to implement a comprehensive program under section 128(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended.

This work plan will focus on establishing the structure of the 128(a) program—the Survey and inventory, and the public record.
Old Schools
Old Structures
Indian Health Service Buildings
Planned Outreach Activities

• Inventory
• Site Visits
• Research sites
  – Interview Elders & community members
  – Review any archives (Photos, Maps, & documentation)
Education & Training

- Brownfields Program
- Revitalizing and Rebuilding
- Job Training
- Community participation
- Outreach opportunities
Partnerships

• New Mexico Environment Department-Brownfields Program
• Santa Fe Community College
• Other 128 (a) Tribal Programs
Conclusions and Future Work

• Work with Tribal Leadership, Tribal Programs, Business Development Corporations, and surrounding communities.
• Increase community involvement
• Target Tribal Youth
Thank You!

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