



## **PROVIDE RESOURCES TO REMEDIATE BROWNFIELDS URGE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO SUPPORT REAUTHORIZATION OF THE BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM**

**BACKGROUND:** In April 2017, U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe (R-OK) reintroduced the Brownfields Utilization, Investment, and Local Development (BUILD) Act of 2017 ([S. 822](#)), to reauthorize the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfields Program.

In the House, two bills have been introduced to reauthorize the program. [H.R. 1758](#), the Brownfields Reauthorization Act of 2017, and [H.R. 1747](#), the Brownfields Reauthorization Increase Act of 2017. These bills would authorize the program for six years, increase the authorized level for clean-up grants, create a new multipurpose grant program, make non-profit entities eligible for grants, and allow for a percentage of the grant award to be used for administrative costs. In addition, the House Energy and Commerce Committee has released a brownfields reauthorization discussion draft and the committee's Environment Subcommittee held a hearing on the topic in April 2017. In July 2017, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved [H.R. 1758](#), the Brownfields Reauthorization Act of 2017.

There is bipartisan interest in moving a brownfields reauthorization legislation in the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress.

**ACTION NEEDED:** Urge your members of Congress to support efforts to reauthorize the brownfields program in this Congress.

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