

brown • field: (n) a piece of land lying idle, where redevelopment or reuse is inhabited by known or suspected pollution or contamination.

Participating Tribes

(As of October 2013)

Alakanuk * Allakaket * Alatna
Anaktuvuk Pass * Anvik
Arctic Village * Beaver * Birch Creek
Chalkyitsik * Chevak * Dot Lake
Emmonak * Evansville
Grayling * Gwichyaa Zhee
Holy Cross * Hooper Bay
Hughes * Huslia * Kaltag
Kotlik * Koyukuk
Louden * Manley Village
Marshall * Mentasta Village
Mountain Village
Nenana * Northway
Nulato
Pilot Station * Pitka's Point
Rampart * Ruby
Russian Mission
Scammon Bay * Shageluk
Shaktoolik * St. Mary's
St. Michael * Stebbins
Tanacross * Tetlin * Venetie

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Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council

Brownfield Tribal Response Program

Working to improve the watershed one site at a time.



**2012 Hughes Cleanup
Project**

BROWNFIELDS: What do they mean for you and your community?

PURPOSE:

As part of the YRITWC's ongoing commitment to address concerns of contaminated lands, the Brownfield Tribal Response Program was established in 2005, thanks to Environmental Protection Agency funding.



DO YOU HAVE A BROWNFIELD? The most commonly seen brownfields in the Yukon River Watershed are:

- old or illegal dumps
- mine-scarred land
- structures containing lead paint, asbestos, PCBs, or other hazardous materials
- old fuel storage areas
- petroleum spills

In Rural Alaska, brownfields are cause for concern, not only because of the risks they pose to human health, but also for their potential threat to subsistence resources. The YRITWC Brownfield Response Program works with Yukon River watershed communities to mitigate these risks through the brownfield cleanup and reuse process.



WHAT CAN YOU DO??

- **JOIN** the Brownfields Tribal Response Program.
- **PREVENT** future brownfields through safe and responsible use and disposal of hazardous materials.
- **ATTEND** training sessions.
- **APPLY** for inventory, assessment, and cleanup.

HOW CAN WE HELP??

- **BE A RESOURCE:** inventory potential brownfield sites and maintain a public-accessible watershed-wide record of contaminated sites.
- **INSPIRE:** foster public participation in cleanup, planning, and reuse.
- **EDUCATE:** provide relevant training.
- **ASSIST:** help obtain environmental assessments for top priority sites.



YOUR BROWNFIELD COULD BE REDEVELOPED INTO:

- REHABILITATED SUBSISTENCE AREA
- community center
- open/green space
- park
- staging area
- transfer site
- housing
- BOAT LAUNCH

COMMUNITY BENEFITS OF BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT:

Do you know of a contaminated site in your community that could be cleaned and reused for housing or returned to subsistence use? Is there land that is unusable due to contamination from petroleum or other hazardous materials?

YRITWC Brownfield Hughes Cleanup Project 2012
for more information on this project please visit the Sustainable Lands Department on our website
www.yritwc.org

