

Foreword

This guide was written to assist various agencies and stakeholders trying to redevelop abandoned gas stations. The City of Los Angeles Brownfields Program learned valuable lessons as we sought to resolve the complicated ownership and environmental issues at these sites. This document shares what we have learned.

The information found in this guide will be most useful to Los Angeles City staff. However, other cities within Los Angeles County will find the majority of the information applicable and California cities should find the information mostly helpful as well. Readers in other states should regard all references to state or local programs with caution since they may not apply to your locality. The guide has been written so that the reader can pick and choose those portions that will be useful.

This guide may also be useful for private citizens concerned about former gas station sites or abandoned gas station sites in their community. Community members can help local government address such sites by making them aware of the problem and by helping to gather the information needed to address these sites as described in Chapter 1. Additionally, local government may not be aware of the funding sources described in Chapter 3. Finally, this guide may also be useful to owners of former gas station sites that want to remove tanks and bring their sites into compliance.

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