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California Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Site Mitigation and Brownfields Reuse Program

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# Brownfields Cleanups

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# **DTSC's MISSION**

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**To protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of the contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation, and pollution prevention.**

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# DTSC's Role

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Responsible for protecting human health,  
the environment and water quality

- Assure contamination is adequately defined and either cleaned up or appropriately managed
  - Set appropriate cleanup standards for the property's current and foreseeable future use
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# Brownfields Tools

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- Standard Voluntary Cleanup Program
  - California Land Reuse and Revitalization Act (CLRRRA)
  - Consultative Agreements under HSC Chapter 6.5
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# Standard Voluntary Cleanup Program

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- ❖ Long-standing program.
  - ❖ Oversee site investigations and cleanups
  - ❖ Review results from previous investigations to determine what if any additional work is needed.
  - ❖ Excludes State Response sites, sites under enforcement action, federal or state Superfund sites, and military facilities
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# California Land Reuse and Revitalization Act of 2004 (CLRRRA)

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- ❖ Provides liability protections in “urban infill” areas to:
    - ❖ bona fide purchasers,
    - ❖ innocent landowners;
    - ❖ contiguous property owners; and
    - ❖ bona fide ground tenant with a 25 year or longer lease.
  - ❖ Authorized under HSC section 25395.60 et seq. (AB 389).
  - ❖ **Excludes State or Federal listed Superfund site, petroleum underground storage tank site, and sites not within urban infill areas.**
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# Who Would Be Interested In CLRRA?

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- ❖ Parties interested in receiving immunity from liability for response costs or damage claims.
- ❖ Property owners or prospective purchasers who can:
  - ❖ qualify as a bona fide purchaser, innocent landowner, contiguous property owner or bona fide ground tenant.
  - ❖ fund site assessment and, if necessary, preparation and implementation of a response plan.
- ❖ For bona fide purchasers, the property was purchased after January 2005.

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Brownfields/AB389/default.htm>

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# **CLEAN Loan (SB 667)**

- **Provides low-interest loans to finance environmental assessments and hazardous waste cleanups for underutilized urban Brownfields properties.**
  - **6 sites funded (\$5.2 million total)**
  - **We have over \$3 million dollars available**
  - **Hope to begin getting the program back up and running after the New Year's**

# Revolving Loan Fund

- The purpose is to facilitate the reuse and/or redevelopment of contaminated sites by making low-cost financing available for the cleanup of eligible public or privately held properties
- We have funding available to do cleanup. Contact is Tom Cota.

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