

**EPA's BROWNFIELDS JOB TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT
PILOT PROGRAM**

- *The Brownfields Job Training Pilot program was launched in 1998, under the authority of Section 311(b) of CERCLA.*
- *Training funded under this authority must be in the handling and removal of hazardous substances related to the implementation of alternative or innovative treatment technologies.*
- *Pilots are funded up to \$200,000 for up to two years. Pilots must be located within or near a Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot.*
- *Eligible entities include: non-profit job training organizations, colleges, universities, States, counties, municipalities, Federally recognized Indian Tribes, and US Territories.*
- *EPA has awarded 37 pilots to date. Pilots are located in all of the 10 EPA Regions.*
- *An additional 9 pilots will be awarded in FY01.*
- *Pilot objectives include: providing environmental training for residents of communities affected by brownfields, and facilitating cleanup of brownfields sites.*
- *Pilots focus on ensuring that local communities share in the short- and long-term benefits of brownfields cleanup efforts and enables unemployed or underemployed residents to find sustainable employment in the environmental field.*
- *Average unemployment rate of target areas is over 14%.*
- *Based on pilot quarterly reports submitted earlier this year, over 468 graduates are employed in the environmental field at an average entry level salary of \$12.00.*
- *Training cycles vary in length from 40-hour OSHA certification to 12-24 month associate degree programs.*
- *Leveraged funds are providing support services such as transportation, day care, life skills, job readiness and educational enhancement. (Workforce Investment Boards, YouthBuild, Foundations, NIEHS).*
- *Partners include: local training organizations, private sector and foundations.*
- *Information Resources:* www.epa.gov/brownfields
 www.hud.gov
 www.dol.gov
 www.nawb.org