

**AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
WASTE MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTION DIVISION**

WHAT TO SUBMIT WITH A BROWNFIELD CERTIFICATION REQUEST

“Brownfield site” means real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the release or threatened release of a hazardous material. It does not include properties where there is a court ordered requirement to remediate the property.

In order for the Agency to certify a site as a Brownfield site, the property needs to fall into one of the following categories:

Category 1. The property is enrolled, will be enrolled, and/or has completed the statutory brownfields program (BRELLA).

- If the property is already enrolled in BRELLA please submit the Agency’s approval letter and the Site Number.
- If the applicant is planning to enroll in BRELLA please submit an administratively complete application form to the DEC Brownfields Program (contact the Brownfields Program for assistance at 802-249-5822 or patricia.coppolino@vermont.gov). See link to BRELLA Site: <http://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/contaminated-sites/brownfields/BRELLA>
- If the applicant has completed the BRELLA program please submit the Site Number and a copy of the Certificate of Completion.

Category 2. The applicant demonstrates how the renewable energy project may be complicated by the release or threatened release of a hazardous material at the Brownfield.

- The Applicant shall submit a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment report.
- Applicant shall submit a project summary including a [draft] site plan showing the area of real or perceived contamination (Recognized Environmental Condition (REC)) and the location of the renewable energy project including all anticipated design features (i.e. solar panels, transformer or inverter locations, system control station, access roads, etc.). NOTE: The renewable energy project must be co-located, either in part or in whole, with a REC identified in the Phase 1 ESA report.

The applicant is required to demonstrate how the proposed project, either in whole or in part, may be complicated with respect to each of the following: (a) environmental liability concerns; (b) financial barriers to development; (c) cleanup considerations; and (d) reuse planning. Category 3. The Brownfield property includes a renewable energy project that is a part of a larger development, and the development as a whole may be complicated by the release or threatened release of a hazardous material.

- The Applicant shall submit a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment report.
- Applicant shall submit a project summary that describes the site redevelopment plan and include a [draft] site plan showing the area of real or perceived contamination (REC) and all redevelopment features (i.e. current and/or proposed location of buildings, access roads, solar system, parking, etc.).
- The applicant is required to demonstrate how the site redevelopment as a whole may be complicated with respect to each of the following: (a) environmental liability concerns; (b) financial barriers to development; (c) cleanup considerations; and (d) reuse planning.