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“Revitalizing American Through the Reauthorization of the Brownfields Program”
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I am fortunate to have had every role one could imagine in the repurposing of a brownfield in communities as small as 250 to as large as 300,000. I have been the permit reviewer, the site planner, the enforcement officer, the funder, the collaborator, the policy administrator, property owner, and the developer.

What I have learned on my career trajectory, is that the market doesn't take care of brownfields. There is no such thing as a conventional approach to brownfield development. There is no such thing as conventional financing in brownfield development. Brownfields continue to have a stigma. And, even in the United States of America, people's appetite for risk still has a limit...and that limit is the private development of a brownfield...that is, until the USEPA stepped in, to share the shoes of captains of industry.

- We are still, as a country, figuring out how to mend the disruptions of our domestic and international supply chain logistics. I would argue that the most logical solution to these disruptions is the repurposing of brownfields. Our most critical and strategically located brownfields are within 8 hours of 50% of our country's industrial output, 50% of America's population.
- These same abandoned brownfields have the bones of infrastructure in place to support and transform our country's energy generation and industrial growth for this century.
- We must keep our large brownfields in our country's industrial inventory.
- We must provide the EPA with the resources, regulatory and monetary, to ready these sites for economic development.
- It is cost prohibitive to take a greenfield and recreate the infrastructure that exists on our industrial brownfield sites.
- There is no better time than NOW to put these forgotten pockets of our proud industrial heritage back into play and breathe life back into the bones of our abandoned mill and factory sites, located in states and towns that desperately need the jobs.
- Who in our national economy's operating room, is equipped to breathe life back into the bones of our brownfields? You will find them at 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.
- You will find no better agency, than the EPA, that is equipped to reinvigorate communities that have fallen on hard times. The EPA understands the importance of leverage, private investment, risk-share, and where to fit in a capital stack.
- We are in a critical juncture in our country's industrial renaissance, where international companies are moving operations into the US, US-based companies that moved abroad are moving back, supply chain disruptions are being corrected, and government has figured out how to move at the pace of business. **NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO TAP THE BREAKS.**
- The USEPA has built an ON-RAMP to growing our country's industrial output highway in a collaborative, affordable, and time-sensitive manner. **WE NEED TO KEEP OUR FOOT ON THE ACCELERATOR**, make the on-ramp to our industrial highway more accessible to others, including the private sector, and give the USEPA the fuel they need to take us to economic and energy independence.