



# Getting Started: ACRES Training for New Grantees



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# What Data Do You Report to ACRES?

- ◆ **Geographic information about your sites**
- ◆ **Assessment activities and funding**
- ◆ **Contaminants found and media affected**
- ◆ **State program enrollment**
- ◆ **Cleanup activities and funding**
- ◆ **Redevelopment activities and funding**
- ◆ **Leveraging information**
- ◆ **Property history and ownership information**
- ◆ **NEW – Quarterly Report Generation**

# When Do I Submit Data in ACRES?

- ◆ Data should be updated in ACRES as soon as there is new activity to report



*Phase II Start*



*Phase II Complete*



*Redevelopment Start*



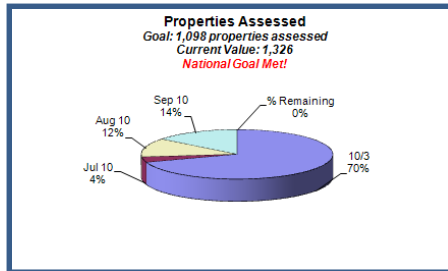
*Property History*



*Institutional Controls  
In Place*

# How Does EPA Use the Data in ACRES?

- ◆ **ACRES is the Brownfields Program system of record**
- ◆ **Programmatic data are primarily used to:**
  - Analyze data across CAs to demonstrate and improve the success of the Brownfields Program
  - Respond to Congressional inquiries
  - Track and report Program goals and accomplishments
  - Create communication and outreach materials
  - Programmatic Capability Score Next Time You Apply



Brownfields Program Analysis – Sept 2010

Brownfields At A Glance – July 2010

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 West Monroe, Louisiana Assessment Case

**CMA PROPERTIES**  
 Former Brownfield Brings Opportunity for Physical Fitness

**Address:** 2712-18 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, West Monroe, LA 71270  
**Property Size:** 0.3 acres  
**Current Use:** Dry cleaner, admission, electronics store, interior design store, and radio station  
**EPA Grant Recipient:** Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, City of West Monroe Brownfields Program  
**Project Partners:** The City of West Monroe, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, City of West Monroe Brownfields Program

**Project Background:**  
 A prime commercial location and highway improvements made this partially abandoned parcel with two buildings attractive for redevelopment; however, one building former use as a dry cleaner obscured the site's reputation. Various environmental assessments were conducted at the site since the dry cleaner closed in 1990, and potential ground water contamination was found in connection with the dry cleaning business. The owner of the property (who had never operated the dry cleaner) inherited both buildings from his late father in 1999. In July 2005, the property owner agreed to participate in the City of West Monroe's Brownfields Assessment Pilot. An EPA Brownfields Assessment grant to the City of West Monroe, along with leveraged funding from the property owner, paid the \$55,000 cost of site assessment in 2005. The assessment indicated that concentrations of soil hydrocarbons and other contaminants in subsurface soil and ground water exceeded Site Evaluation/Corrective Action Program (SE/CAP) limits. The proposed remedial design for the site included implementation of ground water use restrictions and elimination of soil exposure pathways via an impervious cap. Based on these findings, the property owner entered into a Voluntary Remedial Action Cooperative Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality in November 2005, and developed a Remedial Design and Project Plan to address risks at the site and undertake its cleanup.

**Key Accomplishments:**

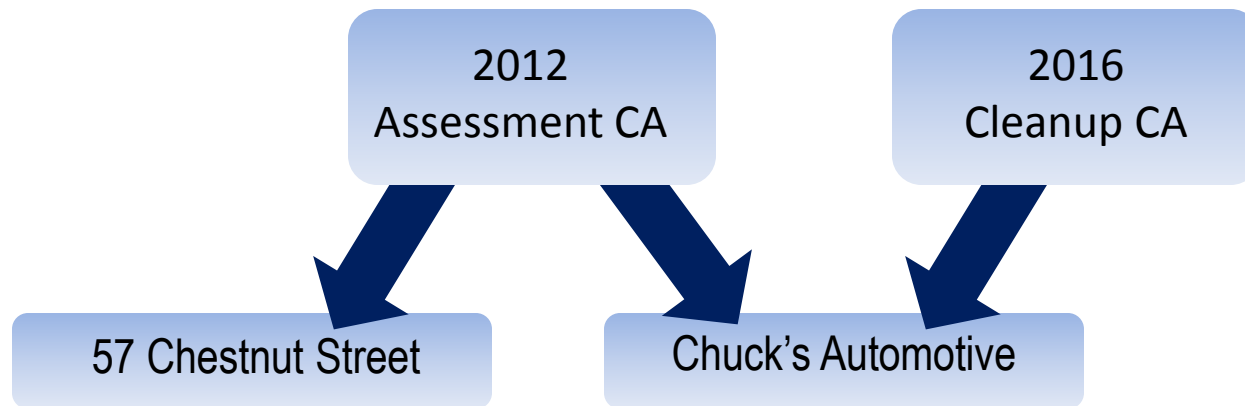
- Installing barrier and institutional controls limit exposure to contaminants at the site.
- Remediation demolished abandoned dry cleaner building and provided additional parking for viable commercial building.
- \$6,000 in private funding was leveraged for site assessment and remediation.

**Outcomes:**  
 Cleanup was completed on February 9, 2007. Remediation included institutional controls prohibiting the use of ground water at the site, and the installation of a barrier to prevent exposure to impacted soils. Originally the 2.3 acre property included two buildings, the dry cleaner and one that had a variety of uses over the years. The property owner's redevelopment plan was simple: demolish the vacant dry cleaning building while leaving the other intact and build a parking lot to meet with a new owner the impacted soils and a way to increase parking for the viable existing building. The City of West Monroe's Brownfields Redevelopment Program provided financial and technical support to both assess and remediate the site, to improve the appearance and business environment in the area, and to reinvigorate economic growth. The property was recently sold, and its new owner now operates a successful fitness center in the site's remaining building.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, Visit the EPA's Brownfields Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/> or call EPA Region 6 at (214) 665-6766

# How Are Data Organized?

- ◆ Each signed Cooperative Agreement is one record in ACRES
- ◆ A single property record may be associated with more than one grant



# Do I Need to Register? Yes!

- ◆ **Follow instructions in your packet/Quick Reference Guide**
  - FAQs/Quick Reference Guides
  - Webinars
  - Help Desk
  - Login Button
- ◆ **Keep your ACRES handouts – You will need them in November!**
- ◆ **You will need your eight-digit CA number and state abbreviation**

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- ◆ **Your QEP can do ACRES - Include ACRES in your RFP/RFQ**