

# **PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION CERCLA 128(a) TRIBAL RESPONSE PROGRAM**

## **WHAT IS THE TRIBAL RESPONSE PROGRAM?**

The PBPN Tribal Response Program (TRP) is funded through the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Section 128(a) and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Offices administer the funds by awarding assistance agreements to Tribal Response Programs. The Nation's Tribal Response Program focuses on identifying and cleaning up all illegal dump sites, educating the public about illegal dumping and increasing emergency preparedness.

Activities initiated with this assistance agreement and currently in progress include:

- Completing an inventory of potential brownfield sites within the Potawatomi Reservation
- Developing a formal process for identifying, assessing, cleaning up and redeveloping known or potential brownfield site
- Developing protocol for responding to Community requests for site investigation
- Fostering public participation and education
- Developing and maintaining a public record

## **ELIGIBLE SITES TO BE ADDRESSED IN 2024:**

The PBPN will follow up recommendations provided within a 2021 Phase II Brownfields Targeted Assessment Report conducted on a property known as the "Road & Bridge" site or Tribal Tract 13, located at 14880 K Rd. in Jackson County, Kansas.

The PBPN TRP will engage a contractor to complete additional soil sampling from a limited number of locations to assess for hexavalent chromium presence. The additional sampling will be compared with an off-site background sample in order to confirm the chromium present is naturally occurring and not a result of contamination from onsite material. Additionally, an analysis will be completed on two locations where lead-based paint material was collected. The results from the additional sampling efforts will provide the Nation with additional data to support future cleanup planning.

## **Site Visioning Planning Project 2024**

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation will implement a site visioning planning project on a Tribal property referred to as the "Thunderhill" Property or Tribal Tract 260. The PBPN 128A Tribal Response Program will coordinate with KSU Technical Assistance to plan and conduct community-based redevelopment visioning based on the needs and feedback of the community needs, alternative assessments, Tribal/cultural values and priorities, and the financial feasibility of future uses.

The site is located southwest of the intersection of 142nd Road and P Road with an address of 11995 142nd Road in Mayetta, Jackson County, Kansas and encompasses approximately 82.92 acres. Several structures associated with the site's former use as a dirt racetrack are located on the site and include two concession stand buildings, spectator stands, and several small sheds/stands. The remainder of the site is agricultural land and greenspace.

The site was inactive during the first Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) performed in June 2021. Following the Phase ESA, a Limited Site Investigation (LSI) was completed in December of 2021 to evaluate the presence of indicator contaminants in the on-site soils associated with the recommended environmental conditions identified by the Phase I ESA. The scope of the LSI services was not intended to identify every chemical possibly associated with the site or determine the extent or magnitude of existing contamination. The PBPN TRP worked with a contractor to repeat/update a Phase I ESA in December 2023. A Phase II Assessment will be completed in early 2024.

The results of the Phase II will determine and guide next steps. If determined, the PBPN will procure contractor services to develop a clean-up plan and carry out clean-up activities based on standards acceptable to the Tribe, previous assessment findings, type of reuse, cost, contamination, and other Tribal specific needs and requirements. This may include removing contaminants and contaminated soil on the surface or subsurface and transporting offsite for treatment or disposal in a landfill and transporting/delivering clean soil to fill the excavated area and create a level surface for reuse.



**Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PT-260)**  
**11995 142<sup>nd</sup> Road Mayetta, KS**  
**39° 30' 21.43"N, 95° 75' 99.80"W**