

# Announcement



## TFG Coordinates US EPA Project To Support Revitalization of Mothballed Brownfields Sites

**W**orking under contract with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization, The Ferguson Group (TFG) conducted a multi-year project to help local governments and the private sector find solutions for the revitalization of "mothballed" brownfield properties.

A mothballed brownfield is a property impacted by real or perceived contamination that the site owner is unwilling or unable to revitalize, or transfer for redevelopment. These sites can be mothballed because of concerns by the site owner over liability or cleanup costs, stalled real estate markets, or lack of knowledge by the owner and other parties about how to move the site into more productive use. These sites can include large industrial sites held by corporations, "mom-and-pop" sites owned by individuals or small businesses, or abandoned properties. Mothballed brownfields can cause blight, economic decline, threats to public health, urban sprawl and other problems for localities.

The Ferguson Group was contracted by U.S. EPA's Brownfields Office to identify strategies and solutions for overcoming barriers at mothballed brownfields. TFG brownfield experts Matt Ward and Ken Brown conducted a project on behalf of U.S. EPA that included research, outreach to local government and private sector officials across the nation, the organization of a high-level forum in Washington DC in late 2007, and the drafting and issuance of a national report titled "Revitalizing Mothballed Properties - Challenges, Success Stories and Solutions." This report, which was officially unveiled by U.S. EPA at a brownfields conference in Oklahoma City, OK on December 2, 2008, can be [accessed here](#) or at the following link:

[www.epa.gov/brownfields/publications/mothballed.htm](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/publications/mothballed.htm).

The report features background on the mothballed brownfields issue, 10 strategies for overcoming these brownfield challenge, and a dozen case studies featuring successful redevelopment of these sites.

TFG provides policy, advocacy, dealmaking, regulatory and other support to local governments, private redevelopers and other parties seeking to turn blighted brownfield sites into new revitalization. For more information on how TFG can help you, contact Matt Ward or Ken Brown at The Ferguson Group at (202) 331-8500 or [mward@tfgnet.com](mailto:mward@tfgnet.com) / [kbrown@tfgnet.com](mailto:kbrown@tfgnet.com).

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