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Reuse of Contaminated Properties: A Practical Guide for Building Community and Stakeholder Consensus

Successful reuse of Superfund and other contaminated sites, or at least the substantial proportion of such sites that have generated controversy, requires cooperation among many diverse interests and institutions. Stakeholders may include the U.S. EPA; state, tribal and local governments; neighborhood groups; non-governmental organizations; and various parties from the private economic sector. Each of these interests may offer competing visions for the site and, depending upon the balance of power, such competition may evolve into conflict and stalemate. This Guide describes best practices for collaborative decision-making with community involvement in order to build an authentic consensus. The Guide offers practical advice, case examples, and a selective listing of EPA and other resources. The Guide addresses the concerns of, and is intended for, community groups, elected officials, developers, and state and federal agencies involved in redevelopment efforts.

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