



October 16, 2019

RE: Ross Acres Burnout

Spirit Lake Tribal Council
Spirit Lake Nation
PO Box 359
Fort Totten, ND 58335

Honorable Spirit Lake Tribal Councilmembers,

We are sending you this letter to provide a summary of the environmental clean-up and disposal of the air force base home which was completed in September of 2019 by the Brownfields Program under the Spirit Lake Environmental Protection Administration. The site was an abandoned property and was becoming an environmental and safety hazard to the surrounding neighbors. The location of his home was off of 79th Ave NE in Tokio, ND 58379. (47.897106, -98.893092).

The building was built between the late 1960's and early 1970's and was placed on Trust Land from Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and used to help address the housing shortage in our community. The site was abandoned at the time of the fire, and the neighbors were happy that it was cleaned up. Our department seeked permission to use our funds to help this community member start the rebuilding process. The square footage for the single-story building was approximately 1,500 sq. ft. or 42' x 36'.

Normally, there is an application to fill out before our program can utilize our funds, our Program monitors in the Region 8 gave us permission to proceed to help with the clean-up. I am providing the process in how we are able to use our funds, which were waved in this case.

Environmental work conducted by the Brownfields program includes the following:

- Phase I Environmental Assessment
- Phase II Environmental Assessment
- Clean-up and Disposal
- IECIS Group (Stillwater, MN) conducted assessments and the clean-up.

- Bulk Asbestos analysis was performed by Techtron Engineering in accordance to EPA methodology.
- Contamination and construction debris was disposed of in appropriate landfills.

Contamination and construction debris found at this location was cleaned up, recycled and/or disposed of in appropriate landfill facilities; therefore Institutional Controls (reuse restrictions) were not necessary. Contamination removed included the flooring thru out the unit which had mastic that contained asbestos in the glue compounds, black mold behind the baseboards and the drywall.

We are providing this information in order to document the activities for this location in the historical record for Tribal lands. If you have questions or want additional information, please contact the Spirit Lake Tribal EPA at (701)230-0573

Sincerely,

Arthur Carmona
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Spirit Lake Environmental Protection Administration