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NDEP Announces Clean up of Environmental Liability for Lincoln County Schools

Funding made possible through Brownfields Grant Program

Carson City – The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) has announced the completion of an asbestos abatement and clean-up project for Lincoln County Schools. Through a \$63,000 grant provided by NDEP through the U.S. EPA’s Brownfields Program, Lincoln County was able to complete environmental clean-up work needed at the Old-Panaca Pre-School.

The building was donated by the United States Air Force in 1963, and was formerly used as a barracks for Nellis Air Force Base and had been sitting vacant. With the completion of this environmental work, the Lincoln County School District can move forward with the planned demolition of the building, which will make way for green space, additional parking for the new Panaca Elementary school and the Neldon C. Mathews Center. Given the age of the building there were major environmental problems inherited by the school district. Before work could continue asbestos, lead-based paint and other environmental hazards had to be mitigated.

“The Brownfields grant program provided funding that would otherwise have been hard to acquire in these challenging economic times. This project is key to revitalizing our education center in downtown Panaca and will serve our students and residents for years to come,” said Steve Hansen, Assistant Superintendent of Lincoln County District.

“We encourage local governments to contact NDEP if they have similar environmental clean-up projects. Our staff in the Brownfields program will walk them through the process and help identify funding opportunities,” stated NDEP Administrator Colleen Cripps.

For further information on the Brownfields program please visit NDEP’s website at:

<http://ndep.nv.gov/bca/brownfld.htm>

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