



BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM PROJECT FACT SHEET

Tonopah Convention Center Tonopah, Nye County

SITE BACKGROUND

The Tonopah Convention Center is a municipally-owned property comprising five parcels: APN 008-125-07 is owned by Nye County; all other parcels are owned by Town of Tonopah. The current building was constructed in the 1940s, with the original structure developed prior to 1905. Before becoming the Tonopah Convention Center in 1968 the building was used as offices then a roller skating rink. The last major renovation of the building took place in 1985.

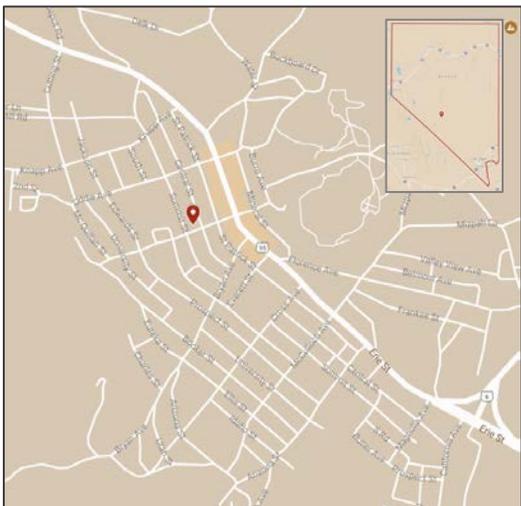
In 2011, the Town of Tonopah applied and was accepted for Nevada Brownfields Program (NBP) funding to assess the Convention Center building for hazardous materials and contamination. The Town's goal was to refurbish the building to continue to use it for local meetings as well as outside events to encourage economic development.

FUNDING

<u>Activity</u>	<u>NBP Funding</u>	<u>Date</u>
Phase I & Phase II Environmental Site Assessment	\$25,477	2011

SITE LOCATION

- 301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, Nye County
- APN: 008-125-07, -08; 008-126-01, -02; 008-126-21
- 0.75 acres



SITE INVESTIGATIONS

A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) conducted in 2011 found three recognized environmental conditions (RECs) on the property:

- The presence of black surface staining that may have been due to petroleum hydrocarbons;
- The NW portion of APN 008-126-21 was historically depicted as a large dump area for a mine;
- In 1941 a heating plant was located on the property near the north portion of the building.

The assessment also collected and analyzed building materials for the presence of asbestos, lead-based paint, and mold contamination. Results found that six of 15 samples contained asbestos in excess of 1%, lead concentrations in paint samples were below regulatory limits, and air samples found a moderately elevated level of mold.

A Phase II ESA was conducted on APNs 008-126-21 and 008-125-07 – an alley north of the Convention Center and a parking area west of the Convention Center – to assess for the presence of soil contamination. Eight surface soil samples and eight soil samples at a depth of 18 to 24 inches below the surface soil samples were collected. Analysis results indicated elevated levels of arsenic concentrations in all samples, and selenium and silver concentrations above State of Nevada Reportable Concentrations (RCs) in one sample. Based on these results, further assessment was recommended to fully characterize the site.

CURRENT STATUS

No further action was taken and the property remains open to the public.

