



Region 9
Pacific Southwest

BROWNFIELDS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Elko – Great Basin College, Elko, Nevada

December 2025



PROJECT SUMMARY

Community

Elko is the county seat of Elko County, Nevada. Founded in 1868 as a railroad town during the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad, Elko now has a population of about 20,000 and is well known for its gold mining heritage. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) places a high priority on providing Brownfields technical assistance for people living in these communities.

Property Information

The Nevada National Guard developed the property between 1955 and 1964, and the Great Basin College has occupied the property since 1967. The property has 29 buildings constructed mostly between the late 1960s through the 1980s. Residential neighborhoods surround the property. Contaminants associated with heavy machinery and materials used during initial building construction may be at the property.

Technical Assistance

EPA provides technical assistance to research historical property uses, conduct environmental sampling and identify potential environmental concerns. The EPA-funded environmental assessment evaluated potential contamination and conditions at the property considered for planned redevelopment or reuse. The assessment included soil sampling and a hazardous building materials survey. The assessment confirmed the presence of petroleum products in soil and asbestos in building materials.

Recommendations

Address contaminated soil by (1) removing and disposing of the soil off site, or (2) covering the soil to limit exposure or further release to the environment. If soil removal occurs, more testing should be done before disposal. Address hazardous building materials by (1) removing and disposing of the building materials off site or (2) encapsulating building materials to limit exposure.

Future Use

Elko County would like to renovate the McMullen Hall library and build the Great Basin College Center for Innovation and Technology.



Property Information

Address 1500 College Parkway
Elko, Nevada

County Elko

Size 44 acres

Technical Assistance Recipient

Elko County

<https://www.elkocountynv.net/>

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