



Region 9
Pacific Southwest

BROWNFIELDS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Hoopa Valley Tribe-521 Loop, Hoopa, California

September 2025



PROJECT SUMMARY

Community

The Hoopa Valley Reservation is the homeland of the Hoopa Valley Tribe and is located within the forests of Northern California close to the Oregon state line. The Hoopa Valley Reservation is home to residences, schools and tribal administration buildings that serve a community of about 2,900 people. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) places a high priority on providing Brownfields technical assistance to tribal communities.

Property Information

The property is located on Loop Road, near State Highway 96 and the Trinity River, in the town of Hoopa, Humboldt County, California. The property currently contains a former church building and a day care building. The property previously had three additional structures that were removed after 2009. Contaminants associated with the current and removed structures may be present in the soil and building materials on 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 a hazardous building materials survey and soil sampling. Results confirmed the presence of lead in soil and asbestos and lead in building materials of the former church building.

Recommendations

Address contaminated soil by (1) removing the soil and sending it off site for disposal, (2) imposing land use controls or (3) covering the soil to limit exposure or further release to the environment. If soil is removed, more testing should be done before disposal. Address contaminated building materials in the Church building by removing the materials and sending them off site for disposal.

Future Use

The Hoopa Valley Tribe would like to remodel the buildings as a community center and into the Hoopa Education Building.



Property Information

Address 521 Loop Road
Hoopa, California

County Humboldt

Size 3 acres

Technical Assistance Recipient

Hoopa Valley Tribe

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