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### DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL (DTSC) GRANTS FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES

On August 3, Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill 158 into law. This bill appropriates \$500 million for DTSC to investigate and clean up more of the 150,000 to 200,000 contaminated properties in California and revitalize communities suffering from environmental justice issues by recycling land to make it available for beneficial reuse.

DTSC estimates approximately 7,500 operational or former dry cleaning facilities statewide could potentially affect 3 million people through exposure to tetrachloroethylene, or PCE vapors off gassing from soil and groundwater. The most at-risk groups include those living in communities burdened by disproportionate environmental pollution and facing socioeconomic and health challenges. To aid these communities, DTSC's Office of Brownfields Equitable Community Revitalization Grant (ECRG) will provide approximately \$276 million in grants through a competitive process. Eligible ECRG applicants include municipalities, public agencies or units of government, nonprofit entities, and tribes.

Find more details here: <https://dtsc.ca.gov/brownfields/>

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