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## NJIT TAB Leads Advanced Brownfields Boot Camp for AL Dept. of Environmental Management Staff

NJIT TAB designed and implemented the March 12, 2019 Advanced Brownfield Boot Camp for Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). NJIT TAB partnered with USEPA Region 4 and ADEM to provide in depth knowledge into brownfield topics.

The goal of the boot camp was to educate ADEM staff and increase their capacity to propel brownfield redevelopment projects to successful fruition. NJIT TAB and our partners covered topics ranging from:

- NJIT TAB resources
- All Appropriate Inquiry (AAI)
  - o When is AAI needed and why?
  - o Liability & CERCLA
  - o Requirements for Environmental Professionals
  - o Elements for AAI
  - o Phase I Environmental Site Assessments
  - Vapor Intrusion and Other Out of Scope Items
  - o Lessons Learned



- Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPPs)
  - What is a QAPP and when is it required?
  - o Required QAPP Elements
  - Things to consider when writing / reviewing a QAPP
  - Site Specific Templates
  - o Resources (EPA Checklist)
- Developer's Perspective on Brownfields
  - What other Region 4 states are doing to engage developers (incentives)
  - Things to consider when communicating with developers
  - Understanding what developers look for when considering a brownfield redevelopment project
  - Understanding what makes developers comfortable
- Grant Writing Tips / Tricks Opportunities
  - Things a state agency should consider when applying for EPA grants
  - Federal Options (beyond the usual)
  - General Grant Writing Tips & Tricks

The evaluations were quite favorable, with most participants indicating that they found the boot camp to be "extremely useful." Participants also commented specifically on the QAPP presentation and that this presentation gave them the skills needed to properly evaluate QAPPs.

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