



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 93
[2005 Assembly Bill 464]

**Assignment of Tax-Delinquent
Contaminated Property**

Current law authorizes a county to assign to a third party the right to foreclose on certain tax-delinquent brownfield property to promote the cleanup and reuse of the property. Prior to Act 93, a brownfield was defined for this purpose as any abandoned, idle, or underused industrial or commercial property that has not been expanded or redeveloped because of actual or perceived environmental contamination.

Act 93 adds certain residential facilities or sites to the definition of “brownfield” for purposes of assigning to a third party the right to foreclose on the tax-delinquent property. Specifically, the Act provides that brownfield also means abandoned, idle, or underused residential facilities or sites, the expansion or redevelopment of which is adversely affected by actual or perceived environmental contamination.

Effective Date: Act 93 became effective January 20, 2006.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.