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## **ADEQ Awards \$54,902 Brownfields Grant to City of Flagstaff for Asbestos Abatement at Former Midgley's Market Building**

PHOENIX (Oct. 7, 2014) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a \$54,902 Brownfields grant has been awarded to the City of Flagstaff to remove asbestos at the former Midgley's Market site at 23 N. Beaver Street in downtown.

The vacant, nearly 90-year-old city-owned building, acquired through condemnation in 2004, has been operated over the years as a food market, a sporting goods store, a liquor store, and a Christian bookstore. The city plans to put the property back into productive use after the State Response Grant project is completed.

The Flagstaff city council recently formed a downtown revitalization district that includes the former Midgley's Market building. The process to create the district took eight years and involved about 2,000 property owners, who provided valuable input.

"This asbestos removal project is important in protecting the public and assisting Flagstaff in its plans for the downtown revitalization district," said ADEQ Director Henry Darwin. "This is another example of how our Brownfields program makes Arizona communities better by providing a clear and lasting benefit for the city."

A Brownfield is an abandoned or under-used property with an active redevelopment potential that suffers from known or perceived environmental contamination. Funds for this and other Arizona State Response grants are provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. For more information on Brownfields:

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