

### ASTM Approves New Phase I ESA Standard and EPA Withdraws Direct Final Rule Referencing New Standard

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The American Society for Testing and Materials ("ASTM"), an international standards-setting organization, last week approved a new standard for complying with certain environmental due diligence requirements for Brownfields. The new standard, ASTM E1527-13, entitled "Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process," sets forth requirements to satisfy "All Appropriate Inquiries" requirements for conducting Phase I environmental site assessments....

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