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**City of Cincinnati and Ohio EPA Celebrate Earth Day**  
*Media Invited to the Samuel Adams Brewery to Learn About  
Brewery's Expansion and Environmental Remediation*

Cincinnati OH ( April 19, 2012) – City of Cincinnati officials and Ohio EPA Director Scott Nally at 10:30 a.m. today will highlight how cleanup and revitalization is progressing in the City's West End neighborhood. The event will be hosted by the Samuel Adams Brewery Company at its brewery at 1625 Central Parkway in Cincinnati. It is open to the media.

The remediation of adjacent properties represents a significant commitment from Samuel Adams to expand the brewery operations and stay in Cincinnati.

The properties, known as the [Providence North](#) and the [Calmego West](#) sites, are adjacent to the brewery. Years of commercial and industrial use created contamination that Samuel Adams, the City of Cincinnati and the State of Ohio have committed to clean up. Once cleaned up, it will allow Samuel Adams to expand its operations. Both properties will be going through Ohio's Voluntary Action Program (VAP).

The VAP was created in 1994 specifically to help facilitate brownfield redevelopment by creating cleanup standards in rules, limiting liability for volunteers cleaning up the brownfield, and creating incentives for the volunteers. Since its inception, more than 7,000 acres of blighted land have been revitalized at more than 350 sites.

As part of the VAP, volunteers work with an Ohio EPA-certified environmental professional to assess and remediate the contaminated property so it can be effectively recycled for a more productive use. Once the remediation is completed, the certified professional confirms that it meets standards. After verifying the standards are met, Ohio EPA issues a covenant not-to-sue which protects the current and future property owner(s) from legal liabilities associated with the historic contamination.

The State of Ohio provided two [Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund \(CORF\)](#) grants totaling more than \$3.6 million to assist Samuel Adams with cleaning and redeveloping these brownfields.

Environmental work on Providence North is expected to be complete in 2013. It was funded in part by a \$3 million CORF grant to the City of Cincinnati. Working with Samuel Adams, the city and a certified environmental professional, Ohio EPA helped navigate regulations and develop a plan to alleviate potential future liability so that it could be addressed before Samuel Adams moved forward with its expansion.

A second CORF grant was issued last fall for \$662,922 to the City for the Calmego West site. Work will include asbestos abatement, demolition of buildings and cleanup of contaminated soil on approximately 0.4 acres of property. The Calmego West expansion would allow Samuel Adams to relocate and expand its truck staging operations and would provide the company with future expansion options to the west of its main facility.

During the past 10 years, Samuel Adams has invested more than \$20 million to upgrade and expand its existing operations in Cincinnati, and the grant support from the State played a key role in enabling this expansion.

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