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Recovery Act Funding To Clean Up Underground Storage Tank Leaks

Putting people to work to clean up our land and protect our groundwater

Neighborhoods are often plagued by contamination from leaking underground storage tanks (LUSTs). Contamination seeps underground – tainting soil and water sources. Often, facilities are abandoned or under state enforcement orders for clean up by unwilling owners.

In EPA Region 2 as of 2008 over 50,000 underground storage tanks store petroleum or hazardous substances that can harm the environment and human health if they released their stored contents. In 2008, 671 releases were reported from USTs and 7,147 cleanups are waiting to be completed in Region 2.

In 2009, Region 2 received UST Trust Fund grants of about \$4.2 million and completed 671 cleanups.

The Recovery Act sends much needed federal dollars to assess and clean up underground storage tank leaks. Infusion of critically needed dollars - over 3.5 times the typical annual funding for Region 2 - will help speed recovery and investment in many of our communities while working to clean up LUST sites.

Recovery Act Underground Storage Tanks Projects Where You Live

- 9/25/09 - [\\$57K in Recovery Act Funds to Clean Up Underground Petroleum Leaks in U.S. Virgin Islands](#)
- 8/11/09 - [\\$1M in Recovery Act Funds to Clean Up Underground Petroleum Leaks in Puerto Rico](#)
- 7/10/09 - [\\$4.8M in Recovery Act Funds to Clean Up Underground Petroleum Leaks in New Jersey](#)
- 7/10/09 - [\\$9M in Recovery Act Funds to Clean Up Underground Petroleum Leaks in New York](#)

Links

Explore this link to learn more about LUST Recovery Act money for assessing and cleaning up underground storage tank leaks:

- [Recovery Act Funding for underground storage tanks](#)

To learn more about general underground storage tanks issues in Region 2, see:

- [Underground Storage Tanks in Region 2](#)