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Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

ALABAMA/Selma

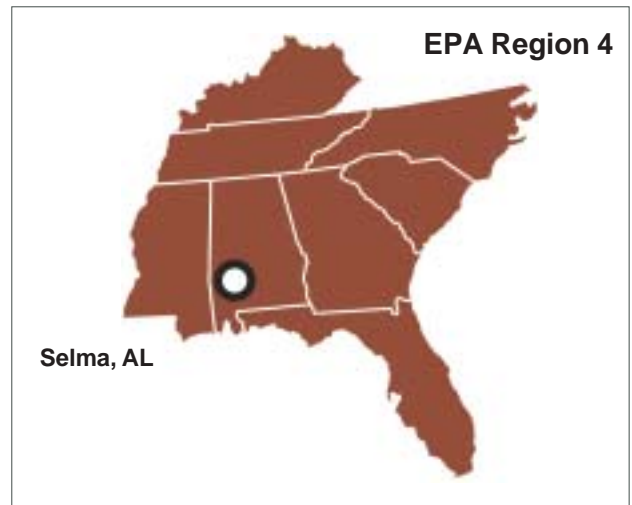
EPA's USTfields Initiative funds states and tribes to conduct pilot projects in brownfields communities to assess and clean up petroleum contamination from federally-regulated underground storage tanks (USTs) at idle or abandoned commercial properties. Petroleum contamination has generally been excluded from funding under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and has not, therefore, been covered under EPA's Brownfields Program. In 2002, EPA's Office of Underground Storage Tanks (OUST) competitively selected 40 state and tribal USTfields Pilots. In each pilot, the state will work with a local community or the tribe will work with its EPA Region to address identified sites. Each pilot is awarded up to \$100,000 of Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Trust funds to assess and clean up petroleum-contaminated sites; as a result, the sites will be ready for future reuse.

BACKGROUND

The State of Alabama will work with the City of Selma to assess and clean up four sites with underground storage tanks. The former Western Gas facility, near a Brownfields Redevelopment area, contains remnants of a fuel dispenser island and unregistered tanks. The Dallas Avenue site, also near a Brownfields area, is a former petroleum station with unregistered tanks. The former Reliable Grocery and BP site was a retail petroleum station; four tanks were removed in 1999, but the site has a documented release to groundwater with MTBE contamination. All four sites are either abandoned or underutilized and have potential for redevelopment due to their prime locations on major arteries in the city. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management will augment the USTfields Pilot funding with in-house resources for field and analytical work.

OBJECTIVES

Using USTfields Pilot funds, the State of Alabama and the City of Selma will assess and clean up petroleum contamination from underground storage tanks at four different properties currently identified as contributors to environmental and visual blight, impediments to redevelopment, and potential sources of MTBE contamination. The City of Selma has a redevelopment plan in place that has used funding from both federal and state cleanup and redevelopment sources. Cleaning up the petroleum contamination at the targeted sites will remove barriers to the progress of the city's redevelopment plans.



Applicant Name: State of Alabama
Local Partner: City of Selma
Date of Selection: June 2002
Profile: Alabama will work with the City of Selma to assess and clean up tank sites with petroleum and MTBE contamination to remove these impediments to redevelopment.

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