

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT



Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

CALIFORNIA/Los Angeles

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 California will work with the City of Los Angeles to conduct site assessments and remediation at four underground storage tank sites in the San Pedro community, which is situated on a peninsula with hills along one side and large industrial installations on the other. The primary site, N. Gaffey Street, is at the entrance to San Pedro and has at least three underground storage tanks. Two other sites are an abandoned gas station with six tanks on Valley Boulevard and an underutilized former gas station with three tanks on San Pedro Street. An environmental assessment also needs to be conducted to determine if there is any contamination from tanks that have already been removed at a non-profit theater that teaches dance to underprivileged youth. Los Angeles is a Brownfields Showcase Community, a Targeted Site Assessment Pilot, and a Job Training Pilot.

OBJECTIVES

USTfields Pilot funds will allow the state to work with the City of Los Angeles to assess and clean up four underground storage tank sites. The project will help the community ready the underutilized and contaminated sites for reuse, such as the gateway park planned for the N. Gaffey Street location.



Applicant Name: State of California

Local Partner: City of Los Angeles

Date of Selection: June 2002

Profile: California will work with the City of Los Angeles to assess and clean up underground storage tank sites in the San Pedro community to help remove these barriers to redevelopment.

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EPA USTfields INITIATIVE

EPA has not yet negotiated the Cooperative Agreements with states and tribes to fund these pilots; therefore, activities are subject to change.