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Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

COLORADO/Denver

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 Colorado will partner with the City and County of Denver (CCD) to assess and clean up four sites that have known or suspected petroleum releases located within the CCD Brownfields Showcase Community boundaries. At the Northeast Park Hill location, there is an auto service garage with underground storage tanks with petroleum contamination and an abandoned former retail gasoline structure with tanks still in place. There are two permanently closed tanks with no site assessment report at a Sunnyside Acres location and an unknown number of tanks at a former service station at another Sunnyside site. Denver is a Brownfields Showcase Community and a Brownfields Assessment grant recipient.

OBJECTIVES

Using USTfields Pilot funds, Colorado will team with Denver to assess and perform corrective action at four underground storage tank sites. Denver will focus reuse efforts on creating economic activity to relieve the high unemployment in these areas. After the Northeast Park Hill properties are cleaned up, the area will be redeveloped into a neighborhood shopping center and affordable housing. Through the USTfields and Brownfields Initiatives, these areas will see benefits such as new jobs and economic stimulation.



Applicant Name: State of Colorado
Local Partner: City and County of Denver
Date of Selection: June 2002
Profile: Colorado will work with the City and County of Denver to assess and clean up four underground storage tank properties, which will aid Denver's economic revitalization efforts.

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