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Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

IOWA/Clinton

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

In this USTfields Pilot, the State of Iowa will work with the City of Clinton to assess and clean up petroleum and MTBE contamination from underground storage tanks at properties within the city's Liberty Square Redevelopment Brownfields Assessment Demonstration area. Within the 220-acre pilot area, there are approximately 27 known underground storage tank sites, 18 of which are contaminated. The applicant has also received Brownfields Supplemental Assistance funding.

OBJECTIVES

The state and city will use USTfields Pilot funds to conduct assessments and cleanups at tank-impacted sites in Clinton to protect human health and the environment. The city's redevelopment goal for the Liberty Square area includes a mix of commercial and light industrial manufacturing businesses and green space areas.



Applicant Name: State of Iowa
Local Partner: City of Clinton
Date of Selection: June 2002
Profile: Iowa will work with the City of Clinton to clean up petroleum- and MTBE-contaminated sites that are potential threats to the surrounding communities.

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