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Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

IOWA/Des Moines

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 Iowa will work with the City of Des Moines to target sites in the Drake Neighborhood, which is in north central Des Moines. There are several properties along the neighborhood's main roads that are vacant or underutilized and have several underground storage tanks that may have leaked. As part of its Neighborhood Based Service Delivery Program, the city's Economic Development and Community Development departments are working with the community to remove blight, decrease crime, beautify the area, promote cultural diversity, and improve the overall quality of life in the community. The neighborhood is a Brownfields Showcase Community.

OBJECTIVES

USTfields Pilot funds will allow the State of Iowa to work with the City of Des Moines to assess and clean up petroleum and MTBE contamination from underground storage tanks at multiple properties within the Drake Neighborhood. After the sites are cleaned up, the neighborhood association will develop an inventory of mixed use, commercial, and pedestrian-friendly residential properties available for redevelopment.



Applicant Name: State of Iowa
Local Partner: City of Des Moines
Date of Selection: June 2002
Profile: Iowa will work with the City of Des Moines to assess and clean up several properties with petroleum contamination within the Drake Neighborhood.

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