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Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

INDIANA/Indianapolis

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 Indiana will work with the City of Indianapolis to assess and clean up several abandoned gas stations with underground storage tanks. Three sites with petroleum releases are located within residential areas of the city. The primary challenge is to address these petroleum-impacted properties in a way that will promote commercial or multi-family residential redevelopment. The state and city hope this pilot will become a model for cleaning up and reusing contaminated abandoned gas stations throughout the state. The city has received other cleanup and redevelopment funding from various city, state, and federal sources.

OBJECTIVES

USTfields Pilot funds will allow the State of Indiana to work with the City of Indianapolis to assess and clean up petroleum contamination at underground storage tank sites. This cleanup effort will remove barriers to redevelopment so that the city will be able to continue revitalization of the targeted sites for housing, recreational, commercial, and green space uses.

Applicant Name: State of Indiana

Local Partner: City of Indianapolis

Date of Selection: June 2002

Profile: Indiana will work with the City of Indianapolis to assess and clean up petroleum-contaminated tank sites, which will remove potential environmental barriers to redevelopment.

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

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