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Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

LOUISIANA/Baton Rouge

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 Louisiana and the City of Baton Rouge will use USTfields Pilot funds to assess and clean up several properties containing potentially 30 underground storage tanks in the North Boulevard Corridor section of the city. The North Boulevard Corridor, a principal route from downtown to the suburbs, is lined with some of the first gasoline stations and auto repair facilities in Baton Rouge. Based on the age of the properties and historical information, it is anticipated that most of the documented underground storage tanks still exist on site. Local residences are in close proximity to the sites. Baton Rouge is a Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot.

OBJECTIVES

Using USTfields Pilot funds, Louisiana will help the City of Baton Rouge bring North Boulevard and other neighborhood properties back into productive use. After the properties with tanks are assessed and cleaned up, the city plans to improve the North Boulevard roadway as part of enhancing its surface street grid. This improvement will reduce traffic on the already congested interstate and will provide relief to those who work at the soon-to-be-completed and consolidated state office Capital Complex.



Applicant Name: State of Louisiana
Local Partner: City of Baton Rouge
Date of Selection: June 2002
Profile: Louisiana will work with the City of Baton Rouge to assess and clean up underground storage tank sites in the North Boulevard Corridor area.

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