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Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

LOUISIANA/Westwego

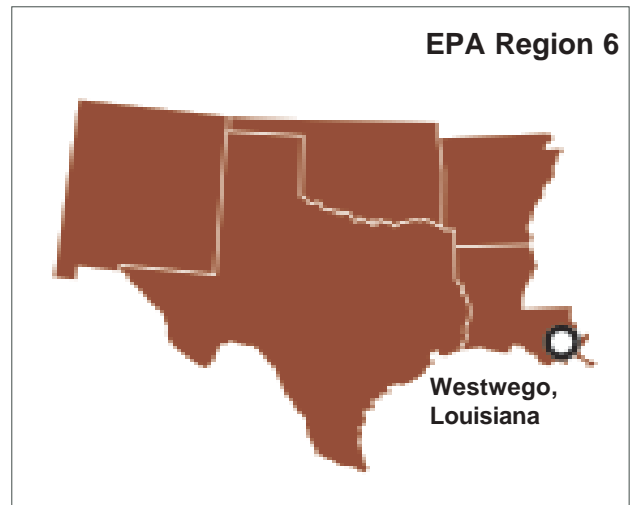
EPA's USTfields Initiative funds states and tribes to conduct pilot projects in brownfields communities to assess and clean up petroleum contamination from federally-regulated underground storage tanks (USTs) at idle or abandoned commercial properties. Petroleum contamination has generally been excluded 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 Louisiana will partner with the City of Westwego to restore the city's dilapidated downtown commercial center. As part of the its redevelopment plans, the city has identified underground storage tanks at Clem's Service Station, which is in a prime location in the commercial center. This gasoline and auto repair station has been out of operation since the mid-1980s, and although the city demolished the last remaining structure on the property, three underground storage tanks remain. City officials want to assess and clean up any petroleum contamination, which could pose a threat to human health and the environment, around the remaining capped tanks. Westwego is a Brownfields Assessment Pilot.

OBJECTIVES

Using USTfields Pilot funds, the state will team with the city to assess and clean up petroleum contamination from underground storage tanks at Clem's Service Station. Once the site is cleaned up, the city can move forward with its redevelopment plans. The city's ultimate goal is to make the property part of a new city government center.



Applicant Name: State of Louisiana

Local Partner: City of Westwego

Date of Selection: June 2002

Profile: Louisiana will work with the City of Westwego to assess and clean up petroleum contamination from underground storage tanks at an abandoned service station to remove a barrier to city redevelopment plans.

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EPA USTfields INITIATIVE

EPA has not yet negotiated the Cooperative Agreement with the state or tribe to fund this pilot; therefore, activities are subject to change.