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Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

MINNESOTA/Minneapolis

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 Minnesota and the City of Minneapolis will work together to assess and clean up underground storage tank sites with petroleum and MTBE contamination. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, in partnership with the Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA), will use USTfields Pilot funds to address seven sites in the city that are located in empowerment zones. These sites are all old gasoline stations that are no longer in service but have known or suspected underground storage tanks. The city anticipates that the completion of environmental cleanup work will generate interest in reusing these underutilized sites. The City of Minneapolis/Hennepin County is the recipient of a Brownfields Demonstration Assessment grant.

OBJECTIVES

The State of Minnesota will work with the City of Minneapolis to assess targeted tank sites and clean up petroleum contamination, including MTBE contamination. Once the sites are cleaned up, the city anticipates that MCDA will reuse these properties to create housing, foster economic growth, and transform underutilized properties into vital parts of the community.



Applicant Name: State of Minnesota

Local Partner: City of Minneapolis

Date of Selection: June 2002

Profile: Minnesota will work with the City of Minneapolis to assess and clean up petroleum contamination at abandoned gas stations, which would foster the city's revitalization efforts.

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For further information, go to www.epa.gov/oust/

EPA USTfields INITIATIVE

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