

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT



Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

MISSISSIPPI/Jackson

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 Mississippi will work with the City of Jackson to determine the number and location of underground storage tanks within the 45-acre zone along the Pearl River known as Le Fleur's Bluff. Currently, only eight buildings are in use on the land; past site use has included an automobile maintenance garage and refueling operations. Pearl River is the primary source of potable and industrial water for the City of Jackson, and city officials are taking steps to ensure the protection of this resource from petroleum contamination from underground storage tanks. The City of Jackson is a Targeted Brownfields Assessment Pilot and has received funding from the HUD Economic Development Initiative for Brownfields.

OBJECTIVES

Using USTfields Pilot funds, the State of Mississippi will work with the City of Jackson at Le Fleur's Bluff to assess and clean up petroleum and MTBE contamination at underground storage tank sites. Once this area has been cleaned up, it will be used as a location for the annual Jubilee Jam Festival as well as other arts and music festivals that attract numerous residents and visitors to Jackson.



Applicant Name: State of Mississippi

Local Partner: City of Jackson

Date of Selection: June 2002

Profile: Mississippi will work with the City of Jackson to assess and clean up contamination at underground storage tank sites at Le Fleur's Bluff.

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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.