

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

CROW TRIBE/Pryor Trading Post

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 Pryor Trading Post, located on the Crow Reservation in Pryor, Montana, is the site of an abandoned gas station that had two petroleum underground storage tanks. The tanks were removed in 1999, and the results of the petroleum hydrocarbon sampling exceeded EPA Region 8's UST Program Indian Country risk-based standards. Additional site investigation is necessary to completely define the extent of petroleum contamination.

OBJECTIVES

The Crow Tribe will use USTfields Pilot funds to assess the extent of petroleum contamination at the former Pryor Trading Post and to clean the site up to safe levels. The Tribe will work with Little Horn Bank and EPA's Region 8. After the site is cleaned up, the Tribe will redevelop the abandoned gas station building into a community center.



Applicant Name: Crow Tribe

Date of Selection: June 2002

Profile: The Crow Tribe will assess and clean up petroleum contamination from underground storage tanks at an abandoned gas station in Pryor, Montana.

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