

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT



Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

NEW HAMPSHIRE/Bradford

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 New Hampshire will work with the towns of Bradford, Greenfield, and Pelham to assess and clean up several underground storage tank sites. Collaboration among EPA, the State of New Hampshire, local governments, and the surrounding communities is helping to remove barriers associated with the reuse of these petroleum-contaminated sites. Bradford will address a site that is a former landfill where there was also a scrap metal and an auto repair business. In Greenfield, the East Coast Steel site is a known source of contamination with the tank already removed. The former Green Acres Country Store site in Pelham is a former gas station; the underground storage tanks have been removed but there is evidence of petroleum, BTEX, and MTBE contamination. These sites are in the New Hampshire Targeted Site Assessment Program and the New Hampshire Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot.

OBJECTIVES

Using USTfields Pilot funds, the state will team with three communities to assess and clean up contaminated tank sites in Bradford, Greenfield, and Pelham. The Town of Bradford would like to reuse its cleaned up property for recreational purposes, including baseball fields. Greenfield would like to use the East Coast Steel property to resolve problems with failing septic systems in the downtown area. The state wants to perform a limited remedial action on the Pelham site so that the petroleum-contaminated soil can be removed from the residential area.



Applicant Name: State of New Hampshire

Local Partners: Bradford, Greenfield, and Pelham

Date of Selection: June 2002

Profile: New Hampshire will work with Bradford, Greenfield, and Pelham to assess and clean up underground storage tank sites and ready them for reuse.

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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.