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Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

NEW HAMPSHIRE/Northumberland

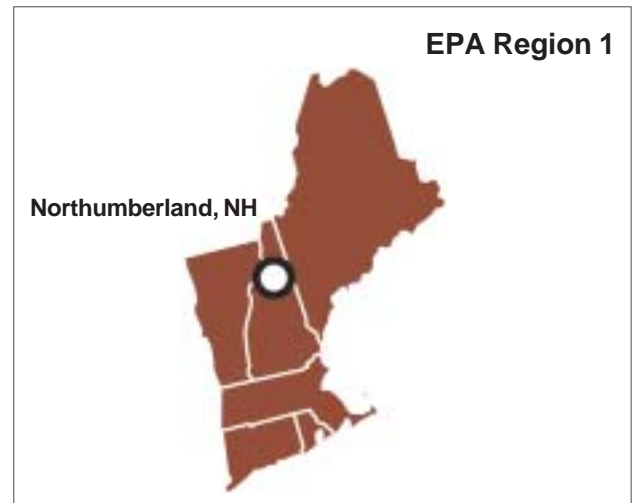
EPA's USTfields Initiative funds states and tribes to conduct pilot projects in brownfields communities to assess and clean up petroleum contamination from federally-regulated underground storage tanks (USTs) at idle or abandoned commercial properties. Petroleum contamination has generally been excluded 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 communities of Northumberland, Berlin, and Carroll as part of its North Country Renewal USTfields Pilot project. The Dupuis Country Store, located in Northumberland, is a former gas station with the underground storage tanks already removed. In Berlin, severe groundwater contamination was discovered when three tanks were removed at one site. The Fred's Service Station site is located at the gateway to Berlin and has two tanks that were put into temporary closure with site characterization work remaining. In Carroll, the Twin Mountain Sunoco is the site of soil and groundwater contamination discovered at the time of tank removal and closure. As part of the North Country Renewal USTfields Pilot project, the state and local areas will address the petroleum contamination at these sites in an economically-depressed area of northern New Hampshire. All the sites are in or near a residential community. The State of New Hampshire is a Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot.

OBJECTIVES

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services plans to use the USTfields Pilot funds to assess these sites for eligibility for the state's Petroleum Reimbursement Fund. The sites are in different stages of the closure process, and the USTfields funding will be used for site investigation and remediation. Following cleanup, two of the sites may be used as garages, one may be used as a plowing service and leasing office, and the other may remain as a country store.



Applicant Name: State of New Hampshire

Local Partners: Northumberland, Berlin & Carroll

Date of Selection: June 2002

Profile: New Hampshire will work with Northumberland, Berlin, and Carroll to assess and clean up tank sites with petroleum contamination 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.