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Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

NEW JERSEY/Hudson County

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 Jersey will work with Hudson County to facilitate the county's long-range economic development plan. USTfields Pilot funds will be used at four underground storage tank sites within the county's Brownfields Pilot area. The presence of petroleum contamination from tanks has limited Hudson County's efforts to revitalize its Brownfields Pilot sites. The high population density of the county, coupled with limited land available for development, has created a market in which sites would be quickly redeveloped if the contamination were cleaned up. Hudson County is a Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot and has received Brownfields Supplemental Assistance and Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan funds.

OBJECTIVES

Using USTfields Pilot funds, the state will team with the county to mitigate the petroleum contamination that has impacted the Hudson County Brownfields Pilot project. The initial focus of this USTfields Pilot will be to fully assess the tanks sites, plan for their cleanup, monitor the sites, and disseminate the lessons learned to other municipalities and entities involved in similar redevelopment. The state and county plan to return these sites to productive use, which will improve their appearance, generate jobs, and create tax revenues.



Applicant Name: State of New Jersey
Local Partner: Hudson County
Date of Selection: June 2002
Profile: New Jersey will work with Hudson County to address petroleum contamination at four tank sites to help remove these barriers to redevelopment

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