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Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

NEW YORK/Yonkers

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 York will work with the City of Yonkers, located on the east bank of the Hudson River, to assess and clean up petroleum contamination at three abandoned gas stations. The cornerstone of the city's redevelopment efforts is the four-and-a-half mile Hudson waterfront and the adjoining downtown area where these sites are located. The sites are well suited for commercial use. The city is a Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot and has received Brownfields Revolving Loan funds as well as a HUD Brownfields Economic Development Initiative grant.

OBJECTIVES

Using USTfields Pilot funds, the state will team with the City of Yonkers to investigate and clean up petroleum contamination at three abandoned gas stations in an area that is the focus of the city's redevelopment efforts. The cleanup of these sites will remove barriers to commercial reuse and will help bring jobs and economic opportunities to this traditionally underserved section of Yonkers.



Applicant Name: State of New York
Local Partner: City of Yonkers
Date of Selection: June 2002
Profile: The State of New York will work with the City of Yonkers to assess and clean up three abandoned gas stations to remove barriers to commercial reuse of the sites.

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