

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT



Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

NEW HAMPSHIRE/Nashua

EPA's USTfields Initiative will fund pilots 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 is generally excluded from coverage under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and is not, therefore, covered under EPA's Brownfields Program. In its USTfields Pilot Program, EPA's Office of Underground Storage Tanks (OUST) has selected 10 state/local pilots in which the state will partner with a local area to assess and/or clean up two or more petroleum-impacted underground storage tank sites. Each pilot state will receive up to \$100,000 of LUST Trust funds to be used to assess and clean up the local area sites. This will help to ready them for future reuse.

BACKGROUND

EPA selected the State of New Hampshire as an USTfields Pilot. The state is taking steps to decrease the environmental impacts that have been created by abandoned gasoline stations and petroleum sites across its predominantly rural landscape. The state will be working closely with the City of Nashua, which has found gasoline at its Brownfields site. However, petroleum products generally cannot be cleaned up through the Brownfields program, and this has been an obstacle to cleanup efforts. Nashua is a recipient of a Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot.

OBJECTIVES

With USTfields pilot funds, the state will work with the city to conduct activities such as determining each potential site's current environmental status, installing monitoring wells, investigating MTBE in groundwater, and cleaning up petroleum contamination. Nashua will be able to continue its Brownfields work on the Broad Street Parkway Highway project once sites have been assessed and cleaned up.

Region 1



Applicant Name: New Hampshire

Local Partner: City of Nashua

Date of Selection: October 2000

Profile: The state will help the city assess and clean up former petroleum sites to remove an environmental obstacle to future reuse.

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EPA USTfields INITIATIVE

EPA and the state have not yet negotiated the Cooperative Agreement to fund this pilot; therefore, activities are subject to change.