

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT



Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

DELAWARE/Wilmington

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 Delaware as an USTfields Pilot. Delaware has identified several potential petroleum-impacted sites in the City of Wilmington to be assessed and cleaned up. The state has discovered abandoned underground storage tank sites through community improvement projects, and the state will work with the city to use USTfields pilot funding to address these sites. The sites pose an environmental hurdle to the progress of the improvement projects and are a potential risk to the health of surrounding neighborhoods. Delaware wants to assess and clean up the abandoned underground storage tank sites to help the city protect the environment and to return these sites to productive use for the community. Wilmington is a recipient of a Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot.

OBJECTIVES

The state will use pilot funding to assess and clean up petroleum-impacted underground storage tank sites in Wilmington, including those with potential MTBE contamination. Lessons learned from these sites will foster the creation of networks with other communities in the City of Wilmington and other local areas to identify and clean up more potentially petroleum-impacted sites.

Region 3



Applicant Name: Delaware

Local Partner: City of Wilmington

Date of Selection: October 2000

Profile: The State of Delaware will work with Wilmington to assess and clean up petroleum contamination at former underground storage tank sites.

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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.