

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT



Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

CALIFORNIA/Oakland

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 California as an USTfields Pilot. California will choose underground storage tank sites in the City of Oakland to benefit from USTfields funding. Oakland is a recipient of a Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot and a Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund grant. The potential sites are among the many idle or abandoned petroleum-impacted brownfields sites where cleanup cannot be funded through the Brownfields program. In response to this problem, EPA, in partnership with the City of Oakland and the State of California, previously created the Oakland Urban Land Redevelopment (URL) program in an effort to facilitate the assessment and cleanup of petroleum-impacted underground storage tank sites. This pilot will help further that effort.

OBJECTIVES

USTfields funding will be used to assess sites for petroleum contamination, including MTBE contamination, and to clean up prospective sites in support of the Urban Land Redevelopment program. Once sites are cleaned up under this pilot, the Urban Land Redevelopment program will create a partnership with local developers and businesses to return the sites to productive use.



Applicant Name: California

Local Partner: City of Oakland

Date of Selection: October 2000

Profile: The state will assess and clean up former underground storage tank sites and will then coordinate with the Oakland Urban Land Redevelopment program to plan for future reuse of the sites.

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