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Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

TENNESSEE/Kingsport

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 Tennessee will work with the City of Kingsport and Sullivan County to assess and clean up three sites with petroleum contamination from underground storage tanks. In Kingsport, the E.J. Smith property is at the entrance to the city and was used as a bulk petroleum distribution terminal for over 50 years; one tank site is heavily contaminated and contains MTBE. The Mullins & Quillen property is adjacent to the E.J. Smith property and is believed to have two underground storage tanks. In Sullivan County, a property in Midway along a main state highway between Kingsport and Johnson City is next to a children's daycare center; three underground storage tanks are located on this property. The state has arranged with the City Council and County Board for additional resources that include labor, equipment, and disposal services.

OBJECTIVES

Using USTfields Pilot funds, the State of Tennessee will work with the City of Kingsport and Sullivan County to assess and clean up petroleum and MTBE contamination at underground storage tank sites. A prominent "Welcome to the City of Kingsport" sign will be displayed on the remediated E.J. Smith property. Once the other properties are cleaned up, they will be important resources for the economic growth of the area.



Applicant Name: State of Tennessee

Local Partner: City of Kingsport

Date of Selection: June 2002

Profile: Tennessee will work with the City of Kingsport and Sullivan County to assess and clean up contaminated underground storage tank sites so they can be reused for economic growth.

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EPA USTfields INITIATIVE

EPA has not yet negotiated the Cooperative Agreements with states and tribes to fund these pilots; therefore, activities are subject to change.

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