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Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

WASHINGTON/Rosalia

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 Washington will work with the Town of Rosalia to address the Old Jensen Texaco Station site on Whitman Street. Leaks from four underground storage tanks could easily impact both the groundwater and surface water at nearby Pine Creek with petroleum products. This former gas station site, located in the middle of Rosalia's business district, was in operation from 1923 until the mid-1980s and has been abandoned since that time. Rosalia is a small rural farming town with an economically depressed downtown commercial center. This unused and potentially contaminated site is considered a roadblock to redevelopment.

OBJECTIVES

Using USTfields Pilot funds, Washington will team with the Town of Rosalia to conduct a site assessment and clean up petroleum contamination at the Old Jensen Texaco Station site in the heart of Rosalia's downtown commercial district. After cleanup is complete, the town plans to redevelop the site into a visitor and community center. This would turn the site into a focal point for economic, cultural, and educational development. The community hopes to complete these efforts in time for Washington's Bicentennial Lewis and Clark Celebration in 2004.



Applicant Name: State of Washington
Local Partner: Town of Rosalia
Date of Selection: June 2002
Profile: The State of Washington will work with the Town of Rosalia to conduct a site assessment and clean up petroleum contamination at a tank site in the heart of Rosalia's downtown commercial district.

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