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Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

SOUTH CAROLINA/Anderson

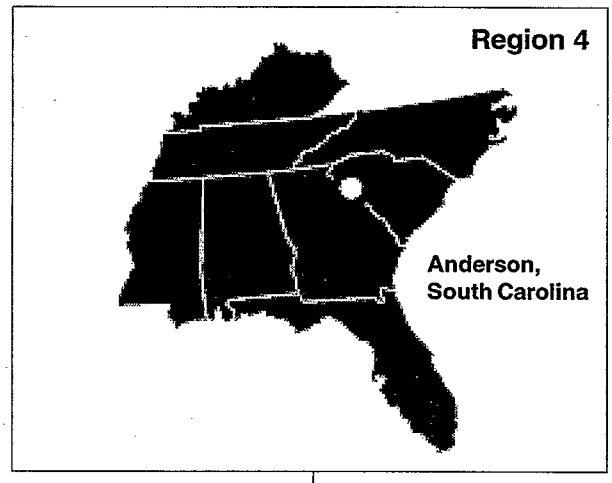
EPA's USTfields Initiative will fund pilots in Brownfields communities to assess and clean up petroleum contamination from federally-regulated underground storage tanks (USTs) at idle or abandoned commercial properties. Petroleum contamination is generally excluded from coverage under the Comprehensive 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 South Carolina as an USTfields Pilot. South Carolina will use pilot funds to clean up properties in the City of Anderson. The City is restoring its Main Street district, including renovating several historic buildings and professional offices. This area also includes at least six former gasoline stations that qualify as USTfields. These sites are in various states of disrepair. The city has established the area as a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District to encourage improvement in the entire area. This TIF includes one designated Brownfields site and borders another Brownfields site. City officials have reported obstacles associated with the underground storage tank sites that significantly impair the completion of the revitalization project. The city is a recipient of a Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot and a Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund grant.

OBJECTIVES

Pilot funds will allow the State of South Carolina to work with the City of Anderson and other entities and organizations to assess and clean up underground storage tank sites. The state will team with the City of Anderson to assess and clean up potential petroleum and MTBE contamination at the former gasoline stations. The city will then be able to continue the revitalization of the downtown area.



Applicant Name: South Carolina

Local Partner: City of Anderson

Date of Selection: October 2000

Profile: The state will work with the city to assess and clean up former gasoline stations, which will help remove potential environmental barriers to redevelopment.

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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.