

influencing program performance? Does the list provide a reasonable starting point for an analysis of an OSWER program that would ensure consideration of a broad range of program impacts and features? Should any attributes be modified, or deleted or added to this list, and if so, why?

(2) Keeping in mind that it was OSWER's intention to evaluate a range of methodological options, and to include some relatively less resource-intensive options (recognizing these are likely to be less technically rigorous), are the methods presented viable and technically sound? Will the methods lead to defensible conclusions? Are the assumptions associated with the methods reasonable? If you believe any of these methods or assumptions are not viable, sound, or defensible, why not? Are the methods consistent with EPA's Guidelines for Economic Analyses, to the extent the guidelines address the OSWER program attributes?

(3) Are the methods clearly and adequately described, for purposes of making a decision to select preferred methods for additional development and implementation? Are the advantages, disadvantages, and data requirements associated with each option clearly and adequately described? Is additional information needed for any of these methods in order for OSWER management to make an informed decision? If so, what information?

(4) Are there alternative methods (or modifications of methods presented in the reports) that could be used to better characterize any of the attributes addressed in the two reports, keeping potential resource limitations in mind? If so, what are they and how would they help? We are particularly interested in seeking SAB advice on methodologies to characterize the more traditional human health/environmental benefits (which represent EPA's core areas of responsibility), but OSWER would also welcome any recommendations the SAB might have on better ways to characterize and/or quantify some of the more "non-traditional" attributes such as sustainability and other long-term program impacts; the value of regulatory requirements that focus on providing information to the public; and the influence on program performance of factors such as stakeholder concerns and statutory/legal constraints.

The charge listed above can also be found on the EPA Science Advisory Board website at [www.epa.gov/sab/](http://www.epa.gov/sab/).

The expertise needed to address the charge questions includes environmental economics, preferably with experience in waste, groundwater

and surface water contamination issues, particularly in the UST and RCRA contexts, health risk assessment, and ecological impact assessment. Finally, it would be helpful to have a reviewer who is familiar with social science issues related to topics such as environmental justice, stakeholder values, the value of regulations requiring that information be provided to the public, and changes in the long-term behavior of the regulated community resulting from environmental regulatory requirements.

The criteria for selecting Panel members and consultants (M/C) are that they be recognized experts in their fields; that Panel M/C be as impartial and objective as possible; that public pronouncements, if any, by any prospective Panelist reflect balance and objectivity on the subject matter, that Panel M/C are free from conflicts of interest, as determined by the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) (see the OGE Form 450 and the OGE web site: [http://www.usoge.gov/pages/forms\\_pubs\\_otherdocs/fpo\\_files/forms/fr450fill\\_00.pdf](http://www.usoge.gov/pages/forms_pubs_otherdocs/fpo_files/forms/fr450fill_00.pdf)); that Panelists represent an array of backgrounds, perspectives and balance (within the disciplines relevant to this review); and that the Panelists be available to participate fully in the review, which will be conducted over a relatively short time frame (i.e., within approximately 3 to 6 months). Panelists will be asked to attend at least one public meeting followed by at least one public teleconference meeting over the course of the review; they will be asked to participate in the discussion of key issues and assumptions at these meetings, and they will be asked to review and to help finalize the products and outputs of the Panel. The Panel will make its recommendations to the SAB Executive Committee (EC) for approval of the Panel's report and transmittal to the EPA Administrator.

Nominees selected as Panelists are appointed as Special Government Employees (SGE) and are subject to government conflict of interest statutes. SGEs serving on the EPA Science Advisory Board are compensated for their time and are reimbursed for their expenses in accordance with standard government travel practices.

Nominations should be submitted to Dr. K. Jack Kooyoomjian, Designated Federal Officer, EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 564-4557; FAX (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at [kooyoomjian.jack@epa.gov](mailto:kooyoomjian.jack@epa.gov) no later than (September 4, 2001).

## General Information

Additional information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in the EPA Science Advisory Board FY2000 Annual Staff Report which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 564-4533 or via fax at (202) 501-0256.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund), Section 311(b)(9)(A), CERCLA Section 311(b)(3); "Announcement of Competition for EPA's Brownfields Job Training and Development Demonstration Pilots"

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency will begin accepting applications for Brownfields Job Training and Development Demonstration Pilots through October 19, 2001. The application period will close October 19, 2001 and the Agency intends to competitively select ten Pilots by December 2001. All funding will be contingent upon availability of appropriated funds.

**DATES:** This action is effective as of August 23, 2001. All proposals must be received by October 19, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested applicants must submit a response to the Brownfields Job Training and Development Demonstration Pilot Guidelines. Job training guidelines can be obtained via the Internet: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>, or by calling the Call Center at 1-800-424-9346 (TDD for the hearing impaired at 1-800-553-7672). Copies of the job training guidelines will be mailed upon request.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Myra Blakely, Outreach and Special Projects Staff, (202) 260-4527 or Doris Thompson at (202) 260-4483.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Brownfields Job Training and

Development Demonstration Pilots will each be funded up to \$200,000 over two-years. These funds are to be used to bring together community groups, job training organizations, employers, investors, lenders, developers, and other affected parties to address the issue of providing training for residents in communities impacted by brownfields. The goals of the pilots are to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites contaminated with hazardous substances and prepare the trainees for future employment in the environmental field. The pilot projects must prepare trainees in activities that can be usefully applied to a cleanup employing an alternative or innovative treatment technology.

EPA expects to select approximately 10 Brownfields Environmental Job Training and Development pilots by the end of December 2001. Pilot applicants must be located within or near one of the 399 pre-2002 brownfields assessment pilot communities. Colleges, universities, non-profit training centers, community-based job training organizations, states, cities, towns, counties, U.S. Territories, and Federally recognized Indian Tribes are eligible to apply for funds. EPA welcomes and encourages applications from coalitions of such entities, but a single eligible entity must be identified as the legal recipient. Entities with experience in providing environmental job training and placement programs are invited to apply. The deadline for applications is October 19, 2001.

EPA's Brownfields Initiative is an organized commitment to help communities revitalize abandoned contaminated properties, and to thereby eliminate potential health risks and restore economic vitality to areas where these properties exist. EPA defines brownfields as abandoned, idled or under-used industrial and commercial facilities where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7041-3]

### Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Trust Fund Cooperative Agreements—USTfields Pilots; Announcement of Proposal Deadline for Request for Proposals for the Competition for USTfields Pilots

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Request for proposals; notice of deadline.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is accepting proposals for financial assistance for USTfields Pilots. "USTfields" are abandoned or underused industrial and commercial properties with real or perceived environmental contamination from petroleum from federally-regulated underground storage tanks (USTs). Up to half of the estimated 450,000 brownfields sites in the United States may contain abandoned underground storage tanks or be impacted by petroleum leaks from such tanks. However, 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.

EPA's USTfields initiative is intended to bridge this gap and take advantage of the many advances in Brownfields work that could and should be applied to the numerous USTfields sites across the country. The USTfields initiative will accomplish this by selecting pilots intended to: help clean up abandoned or underused underground storage tank sites; demonstrate how federal, state, tribal, local, and private entities can combine their knowledge and resources to effectively address USTfields properties; take advantage of the expertise and existing infrastructure being used in similar EPA cleanup projects to maximize the use of available resources; and disseminate the lessons learned from these pilots.

EPA is inviting states (including the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), federally-recognized Indian tribes, and eligible intertribal consortia to submit up to three proposals each to compete for these pilots. EPA expects to select up to 40 USTfields pilots in 2001. Each selected pilot will receive up to \$100,000 in Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Trust Fund monies. These

USTfields Pilots will be selected on a competitive basis. Detailed instructions and information on how to apply for these pilots, the eligibility requirements, the factors that will be used to evaluate the proposals, and a description of the evaluation process EPA will use can be found in The USTfields Initiative: Proposal Guidelines for USTfields Pilots (EPA 510-B-01-001, August 2001) and is available on EPA's website at [www.epa.gov/oust](http://www.epa.gov/oust) and from other sources (see below). To assist state, tribal, and intertribal consortia applicants, EPA will conduct a series of regional conference calls. Please consult the same website for the schedule of these conference calls. Questions and answers from the conference calls will also be summarized and posted as soon as possible on this website.

**DATES:** The deadline for submitting proposals for the USTfields Pilots is October 22, 2001. All proposals must be postmarked by that date. States, tribes, and intertribal consortia must send their proposals to their respective EPA Regional office via registered or tracked mail. (EPA Regional office contact information is provided in the Proposal Guidelines.)

**ADDRESSES:** Besides obtaining the Proposal Guidelines on EPA's website at [www.epa.gov/oust](http://www.epa.gov/oust), interested persons can also obtain a copy by contacting their EPA Regional office or by calling the RCRA, Superfund, and EPCRA Call Center at the following numbers: Callers outside the Washington, DC metro area at 1-800-424-9346; callers in the Washington, DC metro area at (703) 412-9810; TDD for the hearing impaired at 1-800-553-7672.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven McNeely, EPA Office of Underground Storage Tanks (OUST) at (703) 603-7164, [mcneely.steven@epa.gov](mailto:mcneely.steven@epa.gov), or Tim R. Smith, EPA OUST at (703) 603-7158, [smith.timr@epa.gov](mailto:smith.timr@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA's goal is to select a broad array of USTfields Pilots that will serve as models for states, local areas, tribes, and U.S. territories. EPA anticipates that at least one USTfields Pilot will be awarded in each of its ten Regions. EPA also anticipates that at least one USTfields Pilot will be awarded for a pilot submitted by a tribal or intertribal consortium applicant. A preference will be given to applicants that have previously participated in an EPA cleanup program (e.g., Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot or RCRA Brownfields Pilot). EPA reserves the right to reject all applications and make no awards.