
State Water Resources Control Board

USEPA Assessment and Cleanup Grants

You could be eligible for a \$200,000 grant if your brownfield underground storage tank site:

- 1) is not eligible for the California Underground Storage Tank (UST) Cleanup Fund
- 2) is not a Superfund site
- 3) is not subject to the Oil Pollution Act
- 4) and the current and previous site owner is not a financially viable responsible party (RP)

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) offers a Petroleum Assessment grant for \$200,000 and a Petroleum Cleanup grant also for \$200,000.

Both USEPA grants (Assessment, and Cleanup) reimburse costs for up to \$200,000 for eligible sites. These grants will only reimburse for petroleum assessment and/or cleanup activities that have taken place after the grant has been awarded. Site ownership is not required for assessment grants. Grantees must be the site owner for cleanup grants. For more grant information, go to http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/grant_info/index.htm.

Under Section III.C.i of the USEPA Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment Grants, non-tribal applicants are required to submit a state determination letter as an attachment to any proposals for petroleum site grant applications. Determination letter requests should include the following information:

- 1) Site name and address
- 2) Current and immediate past owners
- 3) Whether site is eligible for the California UST Cleanup Fund
- 4) Whether site is subject to any federal or state issued cleanup orders
- 5) Whether site is subject to the Oil Pollution Act
- 6) Ability of the current and immediate past owners to financially satisfy their obligations under federal or state law to assess, investigate, or clean up the site.

Petroleum Determination Letter requests are submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board. Requests should be sent to:

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State Water Resources Control Board
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Contact Ian Waters at (916) 323-7905 for additional information.