



# Superfund Redevelopment Pilots

## Silresim Chemical Corporation Lowell, MA

EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Initiative (SRI) is a nationally coordinated effort to facilitate the return of Superfund sites to productive use by selecting response actions consistent with anticipated use. The SRI Pilots are intended to help local governments enhance their involvement in the Superfund decision-making process by assisting EPA in predicting future land uses for Superfund sites. Under the Pilot Program, EPA will provide up to \$100,000 in financial assistance and/or services to local governments for specified activities. Applicants are offered several types of program assistance, including funding through a cooperative agreement, access to facilitation services, and/or the availability of personnel under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA).

### BACKGROUND

EPA selected the City of Lowell, Massachusetts, for a Superfund Redevelopment Pilot. An industrial area of Lowell is home to the five-acre Silresim Chemical Corporation Superfund site. Starting in 1971, Silresim processed and treated a variety of chemical wastes, waste oil, solvents, and sludges to reclaim some of the valuable chemicals contained in the waste. In 1977, Silresim declared bankruptcy and abandoned the site, leaving behind 30,000 decaying drums and several large chemical storage tanks. In September 1983, EPA added the site to its list of hazardous waste sites needing cleanup. The site is in an economically disadvantaged community. The City of Lowell is a Brownfields Showcase Community.

### OBJECTIVES

The City of Lowell intends to use Pilot funds to conduct a reuse assessment and to draft a redevelopment plan for the Silresim site. The city's plan includes facilitation for residents and businesses to reach a consensus on the reuse of the site. In addition, as part of the plan, the city will form a community advisory board to oversee the development of a reuse plan, and perform a land-use study.

### PILOT SNAPSHOT



**Applicant Name:** Lowell, MA

**Site Name:** Silresim Chemical Corporation

**Date of Selection:** July 2000

**Anticipated Award:** Cooperative Agreement (\$100,000)

**Profile:** The community will form a community advisory board to oversee the development of a plan to reuse the site.

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