

Superfund Redevelopment Pilots

**Continental Steel Corp.
Kokomo, IN**

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 Kokomo, Indiana, for a Superfund Redevelopment Pilot. Kokomo is home to the 183-acre Continental Steel Corporation Superfund site. The Continental Steel Corporation plant produced nails, wire, and wire fence from scrap steel for 72 years. Operations stopped in 1986, and the company filed for bankruptcy. The site includes a steel manufacturing facility, pickling liquor treatment lagoons, a former waste-disposal area, and slag-processing area. Various volatile organic compounds, polychlorinated biphenyls, several metals, and lead have been found on and near the site, which contaminated groundwater, the adjacent city's wastewater treatment plant, and Wildcat Creek. The plant is above three significant aquifers and 1,600 people get their drinking water from private wells within three miles. Lead testing for residents is already underway. In March 1989, EPA added the site to its list of hazardous waste sites needing cleanup. The site is in a State Enterprise Zone, which is a boost to its development potential.

OBJECTIVES

The city's goal is to identify and evaluate potential reuses for the site and gear the cleanup toward the best reuse option. The project will help the city involve the community in identifying future uses and developing a reuse plan. The city is considering using the site for storm water and sewer management, and for creating an environmental education center to evaluate the development of wetlands and a wildlife habitat.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Applicant Name: Kokomo, IN

Site Name: Continental Steel Corporation

Date of Selection: June 2000

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

Profile: The city will involve the community in identifying and evaluating potential reuses for the site, and in developing a reuse plan.

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