

## Limited Source Removal Initiative

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Over the last several months the FPMA Environmental Committee has worked with FDEP to enhance the Limited Source Removal Initiative (LSRI).

LSRI adds incentive for owners and operators of tanks that must be upgraded with secondary containment by 2010. For sites scored below funding range that have submitted a discharge report and are program eligible, there are special funds available for the removal of contaminated soil. Up to \$50,000 is available and in some cases up to \$100,000 for sites, provided there is soil contamination in the tank pit area. FDEP has enhanced the LSRI to make the funding more accessible to the site owners. Previously, if contamination could not be found prior to the tank upgrade, the site would not get a work order for soil removal. In cases where contamination was discovered once the tanks were removed, these owners had no funding assistance. **With the new changes, it is possible to get a contingency work order, so that during tank removal if samples show contamination exists in the tank pit, funding is available.** Of course, if the results show the soil to be clean, then the work order is cancelled and the funding is not available.

### Some important changes are listed below as Options:

**Option 1 includes a soil investigation with analyticals demonstrating soil contamination exists in the tank pit and a work order is issued that is good for 6 months. If a site has soil analyticals less than 5 years old, a work order can most likely be granted without having to do an investigation, the process is the same as it was before.**

**Option 2 is a contingency work order based on historical documentation demonstrating that it is likely that soil contamination exists in the tank pit. In this case either the soil investigation was attempted but the analyticals came back clean OR the site owner chose to forgo the soil investigation and wants to wait until the tanks are removed to attempt to get the funding. In order to implement the work order, soil samples must be taken during the tank removal and must prove contamination exists. If the samples come back clean, then the work order is cancelled and the site will not get the funding.**

**Option 3 is a contingency work order where there is no historical info regarding the contamination at the site. For example the site is program eligible, but there is no information on Oculus or in the county files that discusses the contamination at the site. Similar to option 2, in order to implement the work order, soil samples must be taken during the tank removal and must prove contamination exists. If the samples come back clean, then the work order is cancelled and the site will not get funding. Also, option 3 will only cover soil transportation, disposal, backfill and the report. Dewatering and labor costs are NOT covered in Option 3.**

**Important considerations: This funding will not be available after June 2008, so take advantage now.**

**If your site is PLIRP or PCPP eligible with a funding cap, the LSRI funding does not apply toward your cap. This is a chance to address part of the contamination on your site with additional funding assistance.**

**The 2010 deadline is looming. Take advantage of this assistance to move forward with those upgrades.**