San Leandro, California
Alameda County

Total Recovery Act Investment – $180,000

Jobs Created By Recovery Act – Work was conducted by a local Bay area business; although no new employees were hired for this job, work such as this is helping that company avoid layoffs.

Community Background
In September 2009, O.C. Jones & Sons, a local Bay-area contractor, began cleaning up petroleum contamination at an abandoned site that previously served as a former bulk fuel storage facility in San Leandro, Alameda County, California. This facility was left vacant for more than a decade due to the petroleum contamination, which poses a risk to groundwater and human health.

The local Bay-area contractor cleaning up the property is feeling the stress of the current economic climate. "We're busy chasing work and this is a great job to have," stated Darin Hiatt of O.C. Jones & Sons. "I'm glad to be out here, glad to be working," construction worker Robert Short said.

After the cleanup is completed, Hayward Area Recreation and Park District will develop this reclaimed site into a two-acre park and youth center. Construction work to develop the park could begin as early as February 2010 with a target opening in May. Construction of the youth center will begin later, with a target opening in 2012. Using Recovery Act money to clean up this once derelict property will jump start other jobs and investments in the local community. More jobs will be created during construction and more yet for maintenance and management of the youth facility.

More than 77,000 people live in San Leandro, which is comprised of 13.1 square miles. It is across the Bay from San Francisco and is approximately 7 miles from Oakland.

Recovery Overview
EPA provided California's State Water Resources Control Board with $15.6 million to assess and clean up contamination released from federally-regulated underground storage tanks. California identified approximately 150 eligible abandoned sites where underground storage tanks may have leaked, impacting soils and groundwater.

Protecting Our Environment
Cleaning up this former bulk fuel storage facility in San Leandro will allow the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District to develop this reclaimed site into a two-acre park and youth center.

Protecting Our Health
Cleaning up underground storage tank releases protects human health and our environment. Underground storage tanks are a leading source of groundwater contamination in our country. Even a small amount of petroleum can contaminate groundwater, the source of drinking water for nearly half of all Americans and 99 percent of citizens in rural areas.

For More Information
California UST Program
EPA Region 9 UST Program

Remediation workers at the San Leandro, CA site

Cleaning up the San Leandro, CA site