

Calif., six other states get \$28 million for cleanups

July 10 -- The EPA is distributing nearly \$15.6 million to California under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to assess and clean up underground storage tank petroleum leaks.

The agency also plans on giving \$3.2 million to Arizona, \$1.27 million to Nevada, and a total of \$7.9 million to the states of Colorado, Montana, South Dakota and Utah,

The greatest potential hazard from a leaking underground storage tank is that the petroleum or other hazardous substances seep into the soil and contaminate groundwater, the source of drinking water for nearly one-third of Americans, according to the EPA.

This money is part of \$197 million appropriated under the Recovery Act, also known as the Stimulus Act, to address shovel-ready sites nationwide contaminated by petroleum from leaking underground storage tanks. The funds will be used to oversee assessment and cleanup of leaks from underground storage tanks or to pay for assessment and cleanup of leaks from federally regulated tanks where the responsible party is unknown, is unwilling or unable to finance, or if the cleanup is an emergency response.

Contact Waste & Recycling News senior reporter Bruce Geiselman at 330-865-6172 or bgeiselman@crain.com