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Wyo gets $929K for petro tank clean up

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DENVER — Leaking underground petroleum storage tanks can contaminate groundwater, which is the source of drinking water for one-third of Americans. Last week the Environmental Protection Agency announced the distribution of almost $8 million to assess and clean up underground storage tank leaks in Colorado, Montana, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality is set to receive $929,000 of this fund.

The money is part of the $197 million appropriated under the Recovery Act to address shovel-ready sites nationwide contaminated by petroleum from leaking underground tanks.

“We’re providing immediate growth opportunities for communities across the nation, as well as long-term protection from dangerous pollution in the land and water,” said EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson. “EPA is putting people to work by serving our core mission of protecting human health and the environment.”

Learn more about EPA's implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: http://www.epa.gov/recovery/ .