

LSSI. Helping owners of sites impacted by petroleum get their contamination file <u>closed</u>.

From abandoned gas stations to former industrial sites, there are thousands of properties around Florida where petroleum products have leaked into the soil (often from underground storage tanks).

Florida ranks these petroleum-discharge sites using a numerical score on a hazard-rating system. A variety of factors determine the score—such as the age of the discharge and the proximity to water. Sites with a score of 29 or less are considered low-scored sites.

The Low-Scored Site Initiative (LSSI) program provides up to \$35,000 (with no co-payments or deductibles) to assess low-scored sites that are eligible for the State's petroleum cleanup program. The purpose of the LSSI is to determine whether the contamination file can be closed on sites where remaining petroleum levels do not pose a serious health risk.

ERMI can help you implement a 100% State-funded assessment of your site in an attempt to achieve a "closure" status that can help restore your property's value.

THERE ARE THREE POSSIBLE OUTCOMES OF OUR ASSESSMENT:

- 1. If the site is clean, the eligible discharge is closed and the FDEP issues a Site Rehabilitation Completion Order (SRCO).
- 2. If impacts are contained within site boundaries, there are two methods we can guide you through to obtain a 'No Further Action' (NFA) letter from the FDEP.
- 3. If the site does not qualify for SRCO or NFA, the site still remains eligible for remediation funding based on the State's existing priority scoring system.

To participate, site owners simply need to select a qualified contractor using a standard form that we can prepare for you. Upon approval of the form, we work with the FDEP to develop the assessment strategy. The FDEP issues and funds a work order for the assessment with the goal of achieving SRCO or NFA for the eligible discharge.

LSSI is a particular strength of ours, because we helped to draft the original LSSI legislation and guidance documents. We have obtained funding for hundreds of clients using the Abandoned Tank, Innocent Victim, Advanced Cleanup, and Petroleum Cleanup Participation programs. Of the sites we have completed, approximately 45% have resulted in file closure.

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