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## **Stratford awarded \$200,000 EPA grant for Mercer Fuel tower removal and cleanup**

STRATFORD - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced that the Town of Stratford has been awarded a \$200,000 Brownfields grant for removal and clean-up at the Mercer Fuel towers site on Stratford Avenue. Stratford was just one of six Connecticut municipalities awarded clean-up funds in the latest round of Brownfields grants announced by the EPA on Wednesday.

Mayor John A. Harkins thanked the EPA and those involved in securing the funding, which will help create another site for economic development in Stratford.

“My administration has been focused on and actively seeking funding to cleanup and redevelop contaminated properties to help grow our grand list and ease the burden on property taxpayers,” said Harkins. “This latest commitment of funding from the EPA is a product of hard work and diligence by many people in many departments. I look forward to receiving the grant funding and to making this property productive once again for our local economy.”

According to the EPA, there are an estimated 450,000 abandoned and contaminated sites in the United States. EPA’s preliminary research has shown that redeveloping Brownfield sites results in an efficient reuse of existing infrastructure and decreasing instances of storm-water runoff.