

FDEP Petroleum Cleanup Participation Program (PCPP)

The State of Florida created a program to assist owners or operators to clean up property contaminated with petroleum or petroleum products from a petroleum storage system by providing rehabilitation funding assistance from the Inland Protection Trust Fund (IPTF). PCPP is a cost-sharing clean-up program providing rehabilitation funding assistance for property currently contaminated by discharges of petroleum or petroleum products from a petroleum storage system occurring before January 1, 1995.

The owner, operator or person otherwise responsible for site rehabilitation must then prepare and provide the Department a limited contamination assessment report (LCAR) sufficient to determine the extent of the contamination and cleanup. After selecting a certified petroleum rehabilitation contractor to clean up the site, the owner must enter into a preapproved site rehabilitation agreement with the Department. This agreement provides for a 25% copayment of the cost of cleanup plus a demonstration by the owner of his/her financial ability to meet the copayment obligation. The owner must pay for the LCAR and the 25% copayment unless a financial inability to pay status can be demonstrated to the Department.

The PCPP program projects are managed in phases. Each phase contributes information that is used to determine if the site assessment is complete or whether more investigations are necessary. One of the benefits of the PCPP program, requires those firms be utilized that are on the State's approved contractor list, which JS&A is. Such chosen contractors are bound by the terms of the State of Florida billing rates, so that there is no negotiation on costs due to the predetermined rates established by the State for the site work.