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Hull Selected to Perform Petroleum Cleanups for Ohio ARRA Program

DUBLIN, Ohio — Hull & Associates, Inc., an industry leader in engineering and environmental consulting, has been selected by the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of State Fire Marshal Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations (BUSTR) to perform environmental assessments and remediation of petroleum releases from regulated storage tanks located in Ohio. Hull was among a group of nine consultants selected last week to implement the new program statewide.

As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), Ohio received \$8,080,000 for assessment and remediation to address petroleum releases from underground storage tanks in all eight regions of the state. Hull has been assigned to Region 1, which includes the following 17 counties: Allen, Auglaize, Champaign, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Logan, Lucas, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Shelby, Van Wert, Williams and Wood.

Department of Commerce Director Kimberly Zurz said in announcing the program, "This is the first mass-scale cleanup initiative of its kind on Ohio that will help to improve health and safety for our citizens and businesses." Eligible sites for the ARRA program must have been contaminated as the result of a release of petroleum from an underground storage tank. In addition, BUSTR is obligated to establish that a viable responsible party no longer exists to perform regulatory-required assessment and cleanup at the property. BUSTR is currently working with the selected consultants to identify potential sites.

Communities or property owners with potential sites in need of assessment or cleanup located within the Region 1 area are encouraged to contact Dave Mustafaga at Hull at (614) 793-8777 or dmustafaga@hullinc.com for additional information about the program or with specific questions regarding site eligibility.

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