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Governor Doyle, Congressman Obey Announce \$2 Million in Recovery Funds to Clean Contaminated Sites in Stetsonville

STETSONVILLE – Governor Jim Doyle and Congressman Dave Obey announced today \$2 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding for clean up efforts in Stetsonville for site contaminated by leaking underground storage tanks. The funding is estimated to create about 20 new jobs for hardworking families in excavation, demolition, science, and engineering.

“These funds provided by the Recovery and Reinvestment Act will allow clean up to proceed on sites contaminated by hazardous substances, creating local jobs and protecting public health,” Governor Doyle said. “Not only will clean up efforts create local jobs, but revitalizing the contaminated sites will provide potential new locations for businesses to operate. I would like to thank Congressman Obey for his work to help secure these funds that will make lasting improvements to our state.”

“I’m glad to see these funds going to help Stetsonville deal with these contaminated sites,” said Obey. “Not only will it create some jobs and help ensure the health and safety of local residents, it will also help the village grow without putting too big a burden on local ratepayers.”

The ARRA funding will help the Village of Stetsonville construct a new municipal water supply system, benefiting public health. Petroleum contamination that is not treatable has impacted private wells in the village. Stetsonville’s new water supply system will address many concerns, including threats to public health and decreased property values while creating jobs and stimulating the local economy.

Wisconsin is receiving the funds from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Program, part of the U.S. EPA. The State of Wisconsin will use recovery funds for clean up when there is no known or viable responsible party or where environmental cleanup is necessary to make the site a viable location for future business growth.