

## Joplin, Mo., gets money for remediation plans

Dec. 19 – The U.S. EPA will provide Joplin, Mo., with \$500,000 to cover the costs of soil sampling and remediation at properties where lead-contaminated soils were exposed during the tornado that ripped through the community earlier this year.

Preliminary testing at 43 properties found elevated levels of lead in yard soil at 19 properties, the Jasper County Health Department reported. City officials asked for the funding, saying as many as 1,500 lead-contaminated residential properties may exist in the tornado-impacted areas of the city.

The money will allow the city to hire a full-time remediation coordinator and part-time environmental specialist to guide and assist in the soil testing and yard remediation plan. The money will be used to conduct competitive bidding for contractors to perform the remediation work.

For more information on EPA's response to the May tornado in Joplin, Mo., visit it [online](http://epa.gov/joplin). (<http://epa.gov/joplin>)

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