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AROUND THE NATION; U.S. Officials Approve Buyout of Times Beach

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Federal officials gave final approval today to a \$33 million plan to buy all homes and businesses in Times Beach, a town 25 miles southwest of St. Louis that is contaminated by dioxins.

Also today, Times Beach voters elected a mayor who favors mandatory participation in the Federal plan.

Acting Mayor Marilyn Leistner was elected with 93 percent of the vote. Her opponent argued that residents should not be forced to sell.

The money will be distributed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, with the first checks to be issued in September.