

## More Records to be Required

Insured UST owners/operators have received a letter from the PSTIF alerting them that more months of leak detection records will be required to obtain or renew their insurance policies. The change will be implemented on November 1, 2006.

To accommodate a request from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the PSTIF Advisory Committee and Board of Trustees recently agreed to require *all* insured tank owners to provide six months' records. In the past, some owners using certain leak detection methods have provided twelve months of records when their insurance policy renewed, but others only provided two months of records. To assure that the review of records done by the PSTIF satisfies state and federal regulatory requirements, the DNR requested and the PSTIF agreed to require six months of records from all insured UST owners/operators.

## Automatic Tank Gauge Printouts

Most automatic tank gauges (ATGs) require a certain level of fuel in the tank to provide a reliable "leak test." If there is less fuel in the tank than specified, state and federal regulators consider the test to be invalid. For the last few years, the PSTIF has alerted owners who sent us invalid ATG printouts that this is a problem, but the ATG printouts were not rejected.

We are changing our procedures. Now when you send a renewal application to us, the PSTIF will require that the most recent ATG leak test be done with the liquid level that was specified

when the device was third-party certified. Anyone with questions or concerns about this should contact Dorcee Lauen at 800-765-2765.

## When You Sell Tanks or Property

Don't forget – When you sell insured tanks, your PSTIF coverage automatically ends on the date of the sale. You can buy an "extended reporting period" to protect yourself from liability associated with leaks that may have occurred while you were the owner/operator of the tanks, but to do that, you must notify us of the sale within 30 days.

The best approach is to call us BEFORE the sale occurs. We will work with you and the buyer to assure there is no lapse in coverage.

## MEGA Update

An updated, improved version of the Missouri Environmental Geology Atlas, (MEGA), will be available from the Department of Natural Resources' Division of Geology and Land Survey next month. MEGA is a Geographic Information System first released in 2003. This version includes new information, including data on uppermost groundwater elevations which will assist users in estimating groundwater flow direction, areas where special well drilling requirements exist, data on mines, and bedrock contours.

Other data sets have also been updated, including those on sinkholes, springs, surficial material maps, well records, and stream information. MEGA 2007 will cost \$45. To order a copy, call 573-368-2125 or 800-361-4827, or order online at [www.dnr.mo.gov/geology/adm/publications/MapsOrder.htm](http://www.dnr.mo.gov/geology/adm/publications/MapsOrder.htm).

## AST Workshops

The Division of Weights and Measures has announced one-day AST Workshops to be held in five locations. The workshop will cover: Fuels and Equipment Compatibility, SPCC Plans, Integrity Testing of ASTs, Design and Construction of AST Systems, New Standard Development for Overfill Prevention, Secondary Containment Requirements, and Plans for Implementing SB1020. (The law passed in Missouri this year requiring manufacturers and installers of tank equipment to have pollution liability insurance.)

The workshops are scheduled for October 10 in Kansas City, October 11 in Jefferson City, October 12 in Springfield, October 17 in Cape Girardeau, and October 18 in St. Peters. For more information, contact Kerry Kaullen at 573-751-7062.

## FR Enforcement

Working with the DNR and PSTIF, the Attorney General's Office is making believers of those few UST owners who never bothered to insure their tanks, or who let coverage lapse and did nothing to get back into compliance with the requirement to have a "Financial Responsibility" (FR) mechanism.

More than \$200,000 in fines and penalties has been paid by about 35 facility owners, and a handful have been ordered by courts to stop selling fuel until they comply with the requirement to have FR. It is not pleasant to have to deal with the paperwork and requirements, but the majority of tank owners work hard to comply with the regulations, including the FR requirement, and it is only fair to them to require

others to do so also. Besides, it's in everyone's best interest to assure that – if a leak occurs – there is money to do the cleanup!

## Info for Consultants

The Department of Natural Resources has published a new fact sheet to help consultants and drillers manage wastewater from well drilling. It is available at [www.dnr.mo.gov/pubs/pub2189.pdf](http://www.dnr.mo.gov/pubs/pub2189.pdf).

DNR's Wellhead Protection Program has posted several commonly used forms on the Internet, including two commonly used by environmental consultants doing work at tank sites: the Monitoring Well Certification Record and Abandonment Registration Record. Go to [www.dnr.mo.gov/forms](http://www.dnr.mo.gov/forms) and select Wellhead Protection from the drop-down menu.

## FY06 Audit

The PSTIF Board of Trustees has engaged Graves and Associates to audit its financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.

## Corrections

We try hard to avoid errors... But in our last issue, there were TWO!

*Latest Leaks* mistakenly said that by October 15, all retail markets must sell 15 ppm ULS. Though this informa-

tion was being disseminated by other publications, it was wrong. Retail outlets may choose what type(s) of diesel fuel to sell until December 1, 2010. However, labeling requirements do apply to all retail and private dispensers.

The last issue of *Latest Leaks* also mistakenly said that "commercial landfarms" for treating petroleum-contaminated soil will no longer be allowed by DNR. This is not correct. Commercial landfarms can still exist and operate, but such facilities will no longer be able to operate under a "General NPDES permit;" instead, they will now have to obtain a site-specific NPDES permit.

Thank you, readers, for keeping us on our toes!

## Did You Know?

Seventy percent of America's goods are transported in diesel-powered vehicles.

Vehicle emissions are down 41% since 1970, even with more drivers on the road.

Prices have risen in the last 20 years: 418% for tobacco; 364% for hospital and related services; 362% for tuition and childcare; 129% for gasoline; and 124% for public transportation.

(From <http://www.factsonfuel.org>)

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