

UST Operator Training Coming to Missouri

A new rule proposed by the PSTIF Board of Trustees will require trained UST operators for every active UST in Missouri by July 1, 2016.

To help owners and operators comply with this requirement, **free training courses and tests will be offered on the PSTIF website later this year.** In addition, the Board's rule will recognize the training programs of all states adjacent to Missouri, except Nebraska, so persons responsible for UST facilities in multiple states will not have to retrain to meet Missouri's new requirement.

The proposed rule can be found at <http://snipurl.com/pstif051> and will appear in the September 2, 2014 issue of the *Missouri Register*. The Board is accepting comments on the proposed rule until October 17, 2014.

New Deadline for Reimbursement Requests

The PSTIF Trustees also will publish proposed changes to their claims rule, including a new deadline for reimbursement requests. The proposed rule would require invoices be submitted within two years after the costs were incurred.

If the rule becomes final, it will likely be effective March 30, 2015. This means invoices for any work done prior to March 30, 2013 would have to be submitted by March 30, 2015. Thereafter, invoices more than two years old would not be reimbursed.

Other proposed changes are aimed at accelerating the pace of cleanups. The proposal would require all cost estimates to include a schedule, and a site conceptual model would be required with all cost estimates for site characterization.

A list of the proposed changes and the proposed new rule language can be found at <http://snipurl.com/pstif052>. The Board is accepting comments on the proposal until October 17, 2014.

Fake Fluids?

Missouri's Weights, Measures and Consumer Protection Division recently issued a consumer alert and announced it has prohibited the sale of five antifreeze products, nine automatic transmission fluid products, and more than two dozen motor oils.

Among the products banned in Missouri are several branded Orbit, Super XXX, and Bullseye. A complete list is available at <http://snipurl.com/pstif053>.

Be sure you deal with reputable suppliers and provide quality products to your customers.



Goodbye and Good Riddance!

The DNR's Air Commission has voted to finalize a rule that eliminates the requirement for gas stations in the St. Louis area to have "Stage 2" equipment. In fact, the rule would *prohibit* such equipment by December 31, 2015.

Many retailers have already decommissioned their Stage 2 equipment, eliminating the expense of purchasing and maintaining these devices.

The new rule also will allow more flexibility in what type of vent caps must be used; many station owners have found the equipment required by the current air rule creates such a big vacuum in their UST system that it causes their automatic tank gauge to malfunction. The DNR is working to find a compromise that will allow owners to comply with *both* its air rule and its UST rule.

Another improvement is that the rule will no longer require owners to get *permission* – via an air permit – *before* making most UST repairs required by the UST inspectors and UST rules. Instead, only *notification* to the air pollution regulator will be required. Follow-up tests after repairs are still necessary.

We salute DNR and its Air Commission for reducing the regulatory burden on St. Louis area tank owners!



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