

Transport Load Fee Reduced

The PSTIF Board of Trustees has voted to reduce the transport load fee from \$40 per 8,000 gallons to \$20 per 8,000 gallons, effective September 1, 2008.

The fee reduction was made possible by several factors, including careful and conservative management of the trust fund by the Board of Trustees, slower-than-expected claim submittals, and passage of SB907. Trustees announced the possible change in April. The few comments that were received supported reduction of the fee.

The Missouri Department of Revenue will send official notice to all fee payers. Fees for September fuel sales are due to the State in early November. PSTIF monthly financial statements are posted at <http://www.pstif.org>.

PSTIF's "Sunset Date" Extended

The Missouri Legislature has passed and Governor Blunt has signed a bill extending operation of the PSTIF to December 31, 2020. Previously, state law specified that the PSTIF would "sunset" on December 31, 2010.

This change means tank owners can continue to obtain pollution liability insurance from the PSTIF beyond 2010, and we will continue to accept new claims after that date.

The new law also contains other important changes:

- It requires owners/operators of ASTs where petroleum is offered for sale to have pollution liability insurance, or a similar "financial responsibility mechanism," by January 1, 2011;

- It authorizes DNR to "red tag" an underground tank that is grossly out of compliance; and
- It requires DNR's Hazardous Waste Management Commission to propose regulations implementing risk-based corrective action standards by February 2009.

The new law is available online at <http://snipurl.com/pst005>. Future issues of *Latest Leaks* will provide more information on this new law.

Inspections

The PSTIF will again partner with the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Agriculture to conduct inspections of tank facilities during the fiscal year that runs from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

The inspections will be conducted by Rounds & Associates, a contractor working for the State of Missouri who has conducted inspections of Missouri tank facilities for the last five years.

Owners typically receive a written inspection report within two weeks of the inspection. The reports inform the owner of any observed conditions that need attention and give a timeframe for responding. Inspection reports and photos for UST sites are sent to both the PSTIF and the DNR; inspection reports and photos for AST sites are sent to both the PSTIF and the Department of Agriculture. Owners/operators of sites to be inspected in the coming year will receive notice of such in late summer.

In addition, the U.S. EPA office in Kansas City has announced it will re-inspect approximately 80 UST locations that were inspected by the State's contractor or DNR staff in the last

twelve months as an "audit" of the State's work. EPA has sent a letter to these owners, notifying them of their intention to inspect.

ELLD Operability Checks

Many more UST owners and operators are now using electronic devices to monitor their pressurized piping. When these devices were first marketed, opinions and advice varied about whether they needed to be checked periodically to make sure they were still functioning properly.

Today, all manufacturers of electronic line leak detectors (ELLDs) specify that an annual operability test of the device be conducted. Missouri's UST regulations state, "an annual test of the operation of the leak detector must be conducted in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements." Therefore, effective September 1, 2008, owners/operators with ELLDs will be required to submit documentation showing this test has been conducted when renewing their insurance coverage with the PSTIF.

Tank owners and operators may contact the PSTIF or their equipment vendor if they have questions.

AST Inspector Certification

The Steel Tank Institute is offering online coursework and testing for persons who wish to be certified to inspect aboveground tanks, including those who want to conduct inspections according to the SP001 Standard.

There is a \$200 fee which can be paid online. For more information, go to <http://snipurl.com/pst006>.

Bulk Plant Installations

The Petroleum Equipment Institute has published a new standard, "Recommended Practices for the Installation of Bulk Storage Plants," or PEI/RP800. The document addresses all types of tanks and equipment for storage and transfer of petroleum, biofuels and related products.

PEI wrote the new standard to help minimize environmental and safety hazards, and to avoid practices that needlessly increase installation costs. Copies are available for purchase at <http://www.pei.org/rp800> or by calling 918-494-9696. Mark Lipa from Neumayer Equipment served on the PEI Committee that developed the new standard.

BioFuels Info

The U.S. EPA has posted a large compendium of information on biofuels at <http://snipurl.com/pst007>. It contains links to numerous technical papers, bulletins, industry standards and states' requirements.

IRS and Diesel Fuel

As a result of new guidance issued in May, IRS fuel inspectors will now be checking the sulfur content of diesel fuel to see if it matches the label on the

dispenser. Fuel samples will be collected during the inspection and sent to a laboratory. If the lab results indicate the sulfur content is greater than allowed, IRS will mail a Notice of Violation and impose a penalty. The new procedures apply to bulk plants and retail facilities.

Meet Your Trustees

Few people can match Melvin Schebaum's experience in the petroleum industry. He began his career with MFA Oil Company in 1983, working as a maintenance technician and quickly progressing to take on responsibility for designing and supervising construction of several bulk plants. Since then, he has managed a bulk plant, marketed a variety of petroleum products, served as a trainer for other personnel, worked as a district sales manager, then director of marketing. Today he is Vice President of Supply and Distribution for MFA Oil Company, overseeing purchase and shipment of gasoline, diesel, propane and biofuels.



Melvin has capably filled the seat on the PSTIF Board of Trustees reserved for an owner of aboveground tanks since his appointment to the Board in April 2005. He resides in Jefferson City with his wife and three children.

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