

Free UST Operator Training Courses now online

Like most other states, Missouri now requires all persons with responsibility for UST operations to be properly trained. The deadline for complying with this new requirement is July 1, 2016.

Under the rule, persons who have been trained in a manner approved by an adjacent state (except Nebraska) will be deemed adequately trained in Missouri. Others may access free training courses and tests at <http://optraining.pstif.org/intro>.



Trade Show

The petroleum marketers and convenience store associations from four states (Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas) are co-sponsoring their annual trade show at the Kansas City Convention Center, Bartle Hall on February 27-28. UST/AST owners and their employees can attend free and see the latest in equipment, software, etc. For more information, see <http://www.paceshow.com>.

New Rules for USTs

Missouri's Department of Natural Resources plans to propose new rules for USTs later this year. It is likely the DNR will propose a deadline of July 1, 2017, after which any newly-installed underground tank or piping will have to be double-walled.

The DNR's rule package may also contain new equipment testing requirements and/or requirements for owners/operators to periodically inspect their UST equipment; these provisions will likely be triggered by new federal rules expected to be published soon.

National Tanks Conference

Missouri tank owners, equipment companies, consultants, and others are invited to attend the 25th National Tanks Conference in Phoenix, Arizona on September 14-16, 2015. Watch for more information here:

<http://www.neivpcc.org/tanksconference>.



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Cellulosic Ethanol Plant

The first commercial manufacturer of ethanol from cellulose opened in Emmetsburg, Iowa in September 2014. A 50/50 venture of POET, LLC, a U.S. biofuels company, and Royal DSM, a Dutch pharmaceuticals and chemical company, the plant reportedly cost \$250 million, 40% of which came from the U.S. Department of Energy. It is expected to process about 770 tons of corn stover per day and produce up to 25 million gallons of ethanol per year.

Did You Know?

Despite the rise of convenience store chains, most stores are owned and operated by small businesses. According to the *Lundberg Letter*, (November 6, 2014), 63% of convenience stores are operated by a single-store owner.



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