

UST Operator Training

At its meeting on July 25, the PSTIF Board of Trustees voted to “create and fund an underground storage tank operator training program.” The action was recommended by the PSTIF Advisory Committee and was seen as necessary to prevent Missouri’s UST owners/operators from being subject to both state and federal rules.

There will be little or no cost to UST operators, as the PSTIF is required to pay for the program. There is broad consensus in favor of recognizing other states’ operator training certificates so that persons who are responsible for facilities in multiple states are not required to undergo duplicate training.

Details of the program, including when operators will be required to comply, are yet to be decided, and will be spelled out in rules to be drafted and circulated in the near future. No training courses have yet been approved by Missouri.

Some states have imposed a deadline of August 8, 2012 for all UST operators to be trained. *This deadline does not apply in Missouri.*

More information will appear in future issues of *Latest Leaks* and at <http://www.pstif.org>.

Missouri Works to Reduce Regulatory Burden

Bills enacted by the 2012 Missouri Legislature and signed by Governor Nixon require all state agencies to review all of their rules every five years. The periodic review was mandated to assure that government agencies regularly consider whether some requirements are obsolete and/or whether there are ways to reduce the regulatory burden on Missouri businesses and citizens.

This new requirement was contained in both HB1135 and SB469, available at <http://www.house.mo.gov/billcentral.aspx>.

Proposed PSTIF Rule Changes

Coincidentally, the PSTIF recently drafted several changes to its participation rules.

New DNR leak detection requirements for high-throughput USTs will be incorporated into the PSTIF’s rules. More flexibility will be provided for owners who buy or build a new facility, or who put a previously-empty tank back into service, and who want insurance coverage from the PSTIF. Rules for insuring ASTs will be modified to better match the Weights and Measures inspectors’ current requirements.

The PSTIF’s proposed rule changes are available at <http://www.pstif.org/laws.html> and will be published in the September 17 issue of the *Missouri Register*. Public comments will be accepted through October 17, 2012.

Inspections

Rounds and Associates has again been hired by the PSTIF and the DNR to inspect UST and AST facilities in FY13, which began on July 1, 2012. Owners of facilities to be inspected will receive a letter this summer, notifying them of such.



NEW PSTIF Claim Forms ...

The PSTIF has revised and simplified its claim form. There is now a very short form for persons who wish to voluntarily clean up an old tank site – called a “remedial claim” by the PSTIF. A slightly longer form is available for insured owners and operators.

Both forms are available on the PSTIF web site, <http://www.pstif.org>.

... A New DNR Closure Notice ...

The DNR recently revised and simplified its Closure Notice. Persons who plan to remove USTs are required to give DNR 30 days’ advance notice, and may use this form to do so. It is available at <http://snipurl.com/pstif046>.

... And a New Phone Number

PSTIF staff who review applications for insurance coverage can now be reached at **855-765-4041**.

In addition, all PSTIF staff and adjusters still can be accessed via the main PSTIF number at **800-765-2765**.

Free Webinars

Excellent free webinars on vapor intrusion, leak detection at high volume UST facilities, and other topics of interest are available at <http://snipurl.com/pstif047>.



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