

UST Operator Training

Matching bills have been filed in the Missouri Senate and House of Representatives to authorize the PSTIF Board of Trustees to establish an UST operator training program. The bill language is identical to the text considered by the Missouri Legislature last year, and is intended to give the PSTIF Board authority to meet federal requirements enacted by the U.S. Congress in 2005 as part of the Energy Policy Act.

The bills are SB135 and HB192. If either is to become law in the State of Missouri, both the Senate and the House must pass identical versions by May 13 and Governor Nixon must sign the bill by mid-July. Readers who wish to track the progress of the bills may do so at <http://snipurl.com/pstif032>.

According to various sources, 29 states have implemented a partial or complete UST operator training program to date, and a few states reportedly have decided not to implement a program.

Changes to UST Rules

Proposed changes to the rules governing operation of underground tanks were presented to the DNR's Hazardous Waste Management Commission at its meeting on February 17, who agreed to publish them. It is anticipated the proposals will appear in the Missouri Register in May and that a public hearing will be held on June 16.

A separate mailing has been sent to PSTIF-insured owners and operators, summarizing the proposed changes. The proposals are also available at <http://www.pstif.org/laws1.html>.

Leak Detection Records

A reminder for UST owners and operators: Pay attention to your leak detection records! At least once a month, look carefully at your ATG printouts, SIR reports, or other records to make sure you're not losing fuel. If the records indicate a possible problem, investigate immediately. Don't wait until your annual insurance renewal – by then, you may have lost a lot of expensive fuel!

"FR" Required for ASTs

The Division of Weights and Measures has published a rule to implement Missouri's requirement for aboveground tank owners and operators to have pollution liability insurance, or – as it is called in laws and regulations – a "financial responsibility" (FR) mechanism.

The proposed rule appears at <http://snipurl.com/pstif033>. AST owners or operators who have not yet obtained the required coverage are encouraged to contact the PSTIF at 800-765-2765.

Revised Inspection and Maintenance Standard

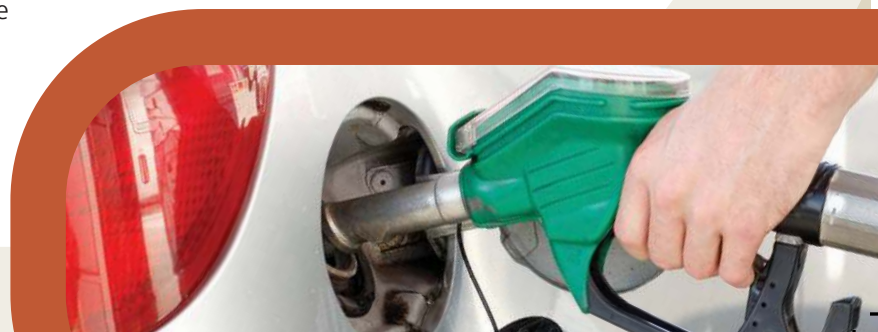
The Petroleum Equipment Institute, (PEI), has released a revised version of its publication, Recommended Practices for Inspection and Maintenance of Motor Fuel Dispensing Equipment, RP500.

Changes from the previous version include recommendations related to dispenser cabinets, plumbing from the top of the shear valve, suction-pumping systems, and other items. The publication may be ordered at <http://www.pei.org/rp500>.

Nozzle Colors

The Missouri Department of Agriculture's Division of Weights and Measures has proposed a new rule that would require all fuel dispensing nozzles to be "color-coded." All grades of gasoline nozzles, including 10% ethanol blend, would have to be black. E85 and other blends suitable for use in flex-fuel vehicles would have to be yellow. Diesel fuel for highway use would be dispensed from green nozzles; for non-highway use, diesel nozzles would be red. And kerosene nozzles would be blue.

Comments on the proposal were due by March 17; the Department of Agriculture must then decide within 60 days whether to finalize the proposed rule.



Missourians on PEI Committees

Congratulations and a big “thank you” goes out to our colleagues who have been appointed to serve on the Petroleum Equipment Institute’s 2011 Committees, which are responsible for writing and updating PEI’s Recommended Practices:

- John Albert, MO Department of Agriculture – Aboveground Tank Installation Committee and AST Overfill Protection Committee
- Sonny Underwood, Mid-South Steel Products, Inc. – Chair, AST Overfill Protection Committee and Member, UST System Inspection and Maintenance Committee
- Tracy Barth, MFA Oil Company – AST Overfill Protection Committee
- Brad Holmes, Clay & Bailey Manufacturing Company – AST Overfill Protection Committee
- Mark Lipa, Neumayer Equipment Company – Bulk Plant Installation Committee
- Joseph Laschke, Husky Corporation – Fuel Dispensing Equipment Inspection and Maintenance Committee
- Steve Brandt, Mid-State Petroleum Equipment Company – Marina Fueling System Installation Committee
- Bill Parker, Lincoln Industrial – Vehicle-Maintenance Fluids Equipment Committee
- Steve Spiros, Superior Equipment Company – Vehicle-Maintenance Fluids Equipment Committee

Trustee Reappointed

Governor Nixon recently appointed Don McNutt to serve another term on the PSTIF Board of Trustees. Mr. McNutt is President of Midwest Petroleum Company, St. Louis, and currently serves as Chairman of the PSTIF Board.

We appreciate the dedication and hard work of all of our Trustees, and a special thanks goes to Don for his service as Chairman!

C-Store Count

Of the 146,341 convenience stores in the U.S., 80.2% sell motor fuels, according to the NACS/Nielsen TDLinx 2011 Convenience Industry Store Count. Single-store operators account for 62.7% of the stores. (PEI Newsletter, February 15, 2011)

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