

# Underground Storage Tank Enforcement Update

Underground Storage Tanks and Solid Waste Disposal Control Board May 7, 2025

## ENFORCEMENT OVERVIEW

The Division issued 47 orders between January 1, 2025 and March 31, 2025.

17 were Fund Orders. Of the 27 remaining compliance orders, 3 were Appealed, 2 were Non-Suited, 5 are in Final status, 7 are in Signed status and, 10 are in Signed-Pending SOP status.

## Enforcement Overview (cont'd)

From January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2025:

The Division assessed \$688,616 in civil penalties.





#### **Summary of CRF24-0001**

Fac. ID No. 4-250051/ Midway Quick Stop, Cookeville, Fentress County

- Cost Recovery Order signed January 8, 2025.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to provide release detection records for UST systems
  - Failure to report a suspected release within 72 hours.
- Penalty:
  - Total fees and penalties: \$34, 335.64.
  - An Agreed Order was entered on January 13, 2025. The Respondent is to pay an upfront penalty of \$34,335.64. Failure to comply could result in further enforcement actions.

#### **Summary of FDA25-0005**

Fac. ID No. 1-300057/ Pilot Travel Center No. 501, Johnson City, Greene County

- Fund Deductible Amount Order signed January 9, 2025.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to report a suspected release within 72 hours.
  - Failure to install, calibrate, operate, or maintain release detection method for tank in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
  - The Application for Fund Eligibility is approved with a deductible of \$30,000.
  - The order became final February 16, 2025, and is currently in OGC.



#### **Summary of FDA25-0009**

Fac. ID No. 5-190863/ Mapco Express No. 3065, Nashville, Davidson County

- Fund Deductible Amount Order signed January 22, 2025.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to inspect overfill prevention equipment at least once every three years.
  - Failure to operate and maintain corrosion protection system in accordance with a corrosion expert's design to provide continuous protection.
  - Failure to install, calibrate, operate, or maintain release detection method for tank in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
  - The Application for Fund Eligibility is approved with a deductible of \$20,000.
- Penalty:
  - Total fees and penalties: \$4,400.00.
  - The order became final February 24, 2025, and is currently in OGC.



#### **Summary of FDA25-0010**

Fac. ID No. 2-470895/ Flying J. Travel Plaza No. 722, Knoxville, Knox County

- Fund Deductible Amount Order signed January 2, 2025.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to report a suspected release to the Division within seventy-two (72) hours after discovery of released petroleum.
  - Failure to conduct annual line tightness test or do monthly monitoring on pressurized underground piping.
  - Failure to install or provide adequate overfill prevention system.
  - The Application for Fund Eligibility is approved with a deductible of \$10,000.
  - The order became final February 12, 2025, and is currently in OGC.



#### **Summary of FDA25-0018**

Fac. ID No. 2-070274/ Pilot 1577, Knoxville, Campbell County

- Fund Deductible Amount Order signed January 23, 2025.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to report a suspected release to the Division within seventy-two (72) hours after discovery of released petroleum, the occurrence of unusual operating conditions or occurrence of monitoring results that indicate a release may have occurred.
  - Failure to conduct annual line tightness test or do monthly monitoring on pressurized underground piping.
  - The Application for Fund Eligibility is approved with a deductible of \$30,000.
- Penalty:
  - Total fees and penalties: \$13,600.00.
  - The order became final February 28, 2025, and is currently in OGC.



#### **Summary of FED25-0001**

Fac. ID No. 3-330758/ Town of Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, Hamilton County

- Fund Eligibility Denial Order signed January 23, 2025.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to test line leak detectors annually.
  - Failure to report a suspected release to the Division within seventy-two (72) hours after discovery of released petroleum.
  - Failure to submit the application for fund eligibility within ninety (90) days of the suspected release.
  - The Application for Fund Eligibility is denied.
  - The order became final March 30, 2025, and is currently in OGC.



#### **Summary of UST24-0215**

Fac. ID No. 3-580042/ Sam's Travel Center, Chattanooga, Marion County

- Director's Order signed January 3, 2025.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure of facility having one or more petroleum UST system to have one or more persons designated as Class A and Class B Operators.
- Penalty:
  - Total fees and penalties: \$4,560.00.
  - The order became final February 15, 2025, and is currently in OGC.



#### **Summary of UST24-0224**

Fac. ID No. 4-890067/ Morrison Market, Cookeville, Warren County

- Director's Order signed February 20, 2025.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to report a suspected release to the division within seventy-two (72) hours.
  - Failure to monitor tanks at least monthly.
  - Failure to inspect overfill prevention equipment at least once every three years.
  - Failure to conduct monthly monitoring on pressurized underground piping.
  - Failure to cooperate with the Division.
- Penalty:
  - Total fees and penalties: \$12,960.00.
- The Order became final April 4, 2025, and is currently in OGC.



### **Summary of UST24-0239**

Fac. ID No. 9-791359/ Winchester BP, Memphis, Shelby County

- Director's Order signed February 11, 2025.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to conduct a site check properly when there is environmental contamination present.
  - Failing to cooperate with the Division.
- Penalty:
  - Total fees and penalties: \$3,840.00.
- The Order became final April 3, 2025, and is currently in OGC.



#### **Summary of UST24-0240**

Fac. ID No. 3-540125/ Etowah Shell, Chattanooga, McMinn County

- Director's Order signed February 24, 2025.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to test line leak detectors annually in accordance with guidance provided by the Division and manufacturer's instructions.
  - Failure to test electronic and mechanical components at least annually for proper operation.
  - Failure to inspect overfill prevention equipment at least once every three years .
  - Failure to test spill prevention equipment at least once every three years.
  - Failure to keep spill catchment basins free of water, dirt, debris, etc.
  - Failing to cooperate with the Division.
- Penalty:
  - Total fees and penalties: \$47,040.00.
- The Order became final April 4, 2025, and is currently in OGC.



### **Summary of UST24-0247**

Fac. ID No. 5-830294/ Petro Plus, Nashville, Sumner County

- Director's Order signed January 28, 2025.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to inspect overfill prevention equipment at least once every three years.
  - Failing to cooperate with the Division.
- Penalty:
  - Total fees and penalties: \$12,000.00.
- The Order became final March 10, 2025, and is currently in OGC.



#### **Summary of UST24-0260**

Fac. ID No. 6-500151/ South End BP, Columbia, Lawrence County

- Director's Order signed January 16, 2025.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to operate and maintain corrosion protection system in accordance with a corrosion expert's design to provide continuous protection.
  - Failing to cooperate with the Division.
- Penalty:
  - Total fees and penalties: \$2,400.00.
- The Order became final February 22, 2025, and is currently in OGC.



#### **Summary of UST24-0265**

Fac. ID No. 3-331252/ Kanku's No. 11, Chattanooga, Hamilton County

- Director's Order signed January 16, 2025.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to repair, replace or close a UST system and begin corrective action if test results indicate that a release exist.
  - Failure to conduct a site check properly when there is environmental contamination present.
  - Failing to cooperate with the Division.
- Penalty:
  - Total fees and penalties: \$7,680.00.
- The Order became final February 24, 2025, and is currently in OGC.



# Final-Probation Orders



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#### **Summary of FDA25-0007**

Fac. ID No. 5-191335/ Porter Road Citgo, Nashville, Davidson County

- Fund Deductible Amount Order signed February 4, 2025.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to have spill prevention equipment that will prevent release of petroleum to the environment when the transfer hose is detached from the fill pipe.
  - Failure to perform periodic walkthrough inspections.
  - Failure to provide release detection method capable of detecting a release from tank that routinely contains product.
  - Failure to conduct annual line tightness test or do monthly monitoring on pressurized underground piping.
  - Failure to test line leak detectors annually.
  - Failure to maintain results of annual testing of electronic and mechanical components for three years.
  - Failure to cooperate with the Division.



## Final -Probation Order-Continued

#### **Summary of FDA25-0007**

Fac. ID No. 5-191335/ Porter Road Citgo, Nashville, Davidson County

- Fund Deductible Amount Order signed February 4, 2025.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to repair, replace or close the UST system and begin corrective action if test results indicate that a release exists.
  - Failure to successfully complete retraining.
  - The Fund Eligibility application is approved with a deductible of \$20,000.
- Penalty:
  - Total fees and penalties: \$3,200.00.
  - An Agreed Order was entered on March 31, 2025. The Respondent is to pay an upfront penalty of \$1,760.00 and have no probation violations for one year. A contingent penalty will be due if there is a violation during the year probation time.

# Final Probation Order

#### **Summary of UST24-0200**

Fac. ID No. 8-550038/ Michie Quick Stop, Jackson, McNairy County

- Director's Order signed January 23, 2025.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to monitor tanks at least monthly.
  - Failure to monitor spill prevention equipment, for UST systems no less frequently than walkthrough inspections are conducted, or to test spill prevention equipment at least once every three years.
  - Failure to operate and maintain corrosion protection system.
  - Failure to conduct monthly monitoring on pressurized underground piping.
  - Failure to perform periodic walkthrough inspections.



# Final Probation Order-Continued

#### **Summary of UST24-0200**

Fac. ID No. 8-550038/ Michie Quick Stop, Jackson, McNairy County

- Director's Order signed January 23, 2025.
- Penalty:
  - Total fees and penalties: \$21,120.00.
- An Agreed Order was entered on March 20, 2025. The Respondent is to pay an upfront penalty of \$3,580.00 and have no probation violations for one year. A contingent penalty will be due if there is a violation during the year probation time.



# Final Remediation Orders

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#### **Summary of FDA25-0013**

Fac. ID No. 5-190741/ Circle K No. 4703926, Nashville, Davidson County

- Fund Deductible Amount Order signed February 5, 2025.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to operate and maintain corrosion protection system in accordance with a corrosion expert's design to provide continuous protection.
  - Failure to keep spill catchment basins free of water, dirt, debris, etc.
  - Failure to have at least one trained Class C Operator on site whenever the facility is operating.
  - Failure to report a suspected release to the Division within seventy-two (72)
    hours after discovery of released petroleum, the occurrence of unusual
    operating conditions or the occurrence of monitoring results that indicate a
    release may have occurred.

## Final Remediation Order-Continued

#### **Summary of FDA25-0013**

Fac. ID No. 5-190741/ Circle K No. 4703926, Nashville, Davidson County

- Fund Deductible Amount Order signed February 5, 2025.
  - The Fund Eligibility application is approved with a deductible of \$30,000.
- Penalty:
  - Total fees and penalties: \$15,100.00.

 The facility has returned to compliance and the civil penalty was paid in full. Remediation has an open case on the facility.

# Non-Suit Orders



### Non-Suit Order

#### **Summary of UST24-0265**

Fac. ID No. 9-792570/ Quick Mart, Memphis, Shelby County

- Director's Order signed January 3, 2025.
  - Violations on Order:
  - Failure of facility having one or more petroleum UST systems to have one or more persons designated as Class A, Class B and Class C Operators.
  - Failing to cooperate with the Division.
  - Penalty:
    - Total fees and penalties: \$4,560.00.
    - The facility successfully designated the Operators. There was an issue with an incorrect address for the Respondent. The Order was non-suited on February 7, 2025.

# Non-Suit Order

#### **Summary of UST24-0242**

Fac. ID No. 3-060058/ Collins Oil Co. Inc., Chattanooga, Bradley County

- Director's Order signed March 11, 2025.
  - Violations on Order:
  - Failure to provide release detection method capable of detecting a release from tank that routinely contains product.
  - Failing to cooperate with the Division.
- Penalty:
  - Total fees and penalties: \$15,360.00.
  - The Respondent proved compliance the same day the order was sent for service. So, the order was non-suited.





#### **Summary of FDA24-0048**

Fac. ID No. 5-750260/ Pilot Travel Center No. 52, Nashville, Rutherford County

- Fund Deductible Amount Order signed January 15, 2025.
  - Violations on Order:
  - Failure to report a suspected release to the Division within seventy-two (72) hours.
  - Failure to keep spill catchment basins free of water, dirt, debris, etc.
  - Failure to comply with requirements concerning design, construction, utilization, and or upgrade of corrosion protection for piping.
- The Application for Fund Eligibility is approved with a deductible of \$30,000.00.
  - Penalty:
    - Total fees and penalties: \$2,200.00.
- The order was appealed on February 21, 2025, and is currently in OGC.



#### **Summary of FDA25-0012**

Fac. ID No. 8-390152/ 101 Travel Center, Jackson, Henderson County

- Fund Deductible Amount Order signed January 21, 2025.
  - Violations on Order:
  - Failure to maintain results of annual testing of electronic and mechanical components for three years.
  - Failure to conduct a system test when there is a suspected release to determine whether a leak exists in the tank or delivery piping or a breach exists in either wall or secondary containment.
- The Application for Fund Eligibility is approved with a deductible of \$20,000.00.
  - Penalty:
    - Total fees and penalties: \$12,000.00.
- The order was appealed on February 26, 2025, and is currently in OGC.



#### **Summary of FDA25-0014**

Fac. ID No. 9-790821/ The Market No. 135, Memphis, Shelby County

- Fund Deductible Amount Order signed January 9, 2025.
  - Violations on Order:
  - Failure to maintain results of annual testing of electronic and mechanical components for three years.
- The Application for Fund Eligibility is approved with a deductible of \$20,000.00.
  - Penalty:
    - Total fees and penalties: \$12,000.00.

The order was appealed on March 7, 2025, and is currently in OGC.



#### **Summary of UST24-0176**

Fac. ID No. 4180173/ Ian's Market, Cookeville, Cumberland County

- Director's Order signed January 13, 2025.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to have a designated A and B Operator.
  - Failure to properly anchor sheer valves under dispenser 7/8
  - Failure to test pressurized piping annually
  - Failure to cooperate with the Division.
- Penalty:
  - Total fees and penalties: \$67,680.00.
- The Order was appealed on November 18, 2024 and is currently in OGC.



#### **Summary of UST24-0235**

Fac. ID No. 5-940254/ New Highway 96 Market, Nashville, Williamson County

- Director's Order signed February 11, 2025.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to continue operation and maintenance of release detection in a temporarily closed tank system that contains greater than 1 inch of liquid and/or residue.
  - Failure to ensure that the cathodic protection system is tested every 3 years.
  - Failure to inspect the impressed current cathodic protection system every sixty (60) days.
  - Failure to cooperate with the Division.
- Penalty:
  - Total fees and penalties: \$14,400.00.
- The Order was appealed on February 23, 2025, and is currently in OGC.



#### **Summary of UST24-0263**

Fac. ID No. 6-600342/ Sara's Cooking Shack, Columbia, Maury County

- Director's Order signed February 14, 2025.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to monitor tanks at least monthly.
  - Failure to cooperate with the Division.
- Penalty:
  - Total fees and penalties: \$3,840.00.
- The Order was appealed on March 12, 2025, and is currently in OGC.



#### **Summary of UST25-0009**

Fac. ID No. 7-270042/ Tony Montana Mini Mart, Jackson, Gibson County

- Director's Order signed March 6, 2025.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to have spill prevention equipment that will prevent release of petroleum to the environment when the transfer hose is detached from the fill pipe.
  - Failure to have overfill prevention equipment that will automatically shut off the flow into the tank when the tank is no more than ninety-five (95%) full.
  - Failure to install, calibrate, operate, or maintain release detection method for tank in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
  - Failure to operate and maintain corrosion protection system in accordance with a corrosion expert's design to provide continuous protection.
  - Failure to cooperate with the Division.
- Penalty:
  - Total fees and penalties: \$29,760.00.
- The Order was appealed on April 3, 2025, and is currently in OGC.



# Orders Final or Appealed from Previous Quarter



#### **Summary of UST24-0203**

Fac. ID No. 9-791900/ PRP Properties, Memphis, Shelby County

- Director's Order signed October 29, 2024.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to monitor spill prevention equipment, for UST systems no less frequently than walkthrough inspections are conducted, or to test spill prevention equipment at least once every three years.
  - Failure of facility having one or more petroleum UST systems to have one or more persons designated as Class A, Class B, and Class C Operators.
  - Failure to cooperate with the Division.
- Penalty:
  - Total fees and penalties: \$11,760.00.
- The Order became final December 2, 2024, and is currently in OGC. Settlement reached. Respondent paid \$8,349.60 in upfront civil penalties and \$60.00 for service of process. \$3,350.40 remains contingent based on 1 year of probation.



#### **Summary of UST24-0065**

Fac. ID No. 9-792626/Shelby Food Center, Memphis, Shelby County

- Director's Order signed October 18, 2024.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to monitor spill prevention equipment, for UST systems no less frequently than walkthrough inspections are conducted, or to test spill prevention equipment at least once every three years.
  - Failure to inspect overfill prevention equipment at least once every three years.
  - Failure to perform periodic walkthrough inspections.
  - Failure to conduct annual line tightness test on pressurized underground piping
  - Failure to test line leak detectors annually.
  - Failure to test electronic and mechanical components at least annually for proper operation.



# Appealed Order-Continued

#### **Summary of UST24-0065**

Fac. ID No. 9-792626/Shelby Food Center, Memphis, Shelby County

- Director's Order signed October 18, 2024.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to successfully complete retraining to the appropriate level of operator Class within a timeframe determined by the division when a significant operational compliance violation is discovered.
  - Failure to cooperate with the Division.
- Penalty:
  - Total fees and penalties: \$40.560.00
- The Order was appealed on November 29, 2024, and is currently in OGC. Settlement reached. Respondent will pay \$60.00 for Service of Process and \$3,980.00 in upfront civil penalties in twelve installments. The first installment included the Service of Process and has been paid. \$3,980.00 remains contingent on one year of probation.

#### **Summary of UST24-0182**

Fac. ID No. 2-010088/ Casey's No. 4228, Knoxville, Anderson County

- Director's Order signed October 11, 2024.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to report a suspected release to the Division within seventy-two (72) hours.
  - Failure to conduct an annual line tightness test or do monthly monitoring on pressurized underground piping.
  - Failure to monitor tanks at least monthly.
  - Failure to install, calibrate, operate, or maintain a release detection method for tanks in
  - accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
  - Failure of an unmanned facility to meet Class C Operator requirements by posting appropriate signage conspicuously.
  - Failure to cooperate with the Division.
- Penalty:
  - Total fees and penalties: \$67,680.00.
- The Order was appealed on November 18, 2024, and is currently in OGC. Settlement was reached and the Respondent paid \$160.00 for service of process and \$47,376.00 in upfront civil penalties. \$20,304 will remain contingent based on one year of probation.

#### **Summary of UST24-0229**

Fac. ID No. 2-130103/ Ian's Market No. 37, Knoxville, Claiborne County

- Director's Order signed October 22, 2024.
- Violations on Order:
  - Failure to conduct annual line tightness test on pressurized underground piping.
  - Failure to test line leak detectors annually in accordance with guidance provided by the Division and manufacturer's instructions.
    - Failure of facility having one or more petroleum UST systems to have one or more persons designated as Class A, Class B, and Class C Operators.
  - Failure to report a change of status for a UST system within thirty (30) days.
  - Failure to cooperate with the Division.
- Penalty:
  - Total fees and penalties: \$19,680.00.
- The Order was appealed on November 26, 2024, and is currently in OGC. Settlement has been reached, and the Respondent will pay \$130.00 for service of process and the full \$19.680.00 in six monthly payments of \$3,410.00.

