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Tennessee Tank Talk



Welcome!

The Tennessee Division of Underground Storage Tanks would like to welcome you to our newsletter *Tennessee Tank Talk*. In each edition of this newsletter series, you will find rule changes helpful tips and tricks, and access to useful information.

Our primary goal of this newsletter is to help Tennessee's petroleum underground storage tank regulated community; tank owners, operators, vendors and other stakeholders to maintain regulatory compliance. Maintaining regulatory compliance means protection of human health and the environment; keeping Tennessee a good place to live, work and play now and in the future. Not only does maintaining compliance help Tennesseans' quality of life it also helps save you time and money by being prepared for our inspections and avoiding any negative consequences of non-compliance. Compliance means lowering the risks of lost petroleum product and avoiding the possibility of expensive cleanup costs.

We hope you find the newsletter aligned with this goal and helpful to your needs. Being our first newsletter please let us know what you think. Send us an email at Tanks.UST@tn.gov with an ideas or suggestions to help us improve. And of course, if you are not interested in receiving future newsletters, please use the unsubscribe link located in the footer section.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stanley A. Boyd'.

Stan Boyd
Director

Spill Bucket Testing Rule Change

Action: Conduct a spill bucket integrity test every three years or use a double-walled spill bucket with interstitial monitoring.

Tank Owner Responsibility: Maintain a passing spill bucket integrity test conducted within the last

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prevention equipment is double walled and is periodically monitored. Spill bucket tests must be maintained for three years.

The new requirement listed above will go into effect for all Tennessee Underground Storage Tank facilities on October 13, 2021. Must have integrity test completed before October 13, 2021. .



Properly maintained spill bucket

Examples of Improper Spill Bucket Maintenance



Diesel in spill bucket



Corroded spill bucket full of liquid



Deformed spill bucket wall

Things to Remember

- Repair or replace damaged, corroded, or cracked spill buckets.
- Repair or replace cracked or damaged spill bucket lids
- Replace damaged seals and gaskets.
- Inspect all spill buckets before and after every delivery and dispose of liquids properly.
- Inspect all spill buckets after rain and snow events and dispose of liquids properly

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We are building a new webpage specifically dedicated to the new Tennessee Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Rules that went into effect October 13, 2018. This new webpage will contain draft forms, Standard Inspection Manual Draft Revisions and other related information. Our September newsletter will contain a link to this webpage as a helpful resource. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact your local field office for more information.

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Helpful Resources

[2018 Federal Rule Change Quick Reference Guide](#)

[Current Tennessee UST Rules](#)

<https://www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/ust-underground-storage-tanks.html>

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