



## Tennessee Tank Talk

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### • UST Training and Outreach •

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#### Training Facilities

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's (TDEC) Division of Underground Storage Tanks' (Division) Infrastructure Project aims to replace existing fueling systems with modern fueling equipment at three locations: Montgomery Bell, Pickwick Landing, and Fall Creek Falls State Parks. The first completed design and installation is at Montgomery Bell State Park.

This project aims to provide a modernized fueling system and inventory management for vehicles and maintenance equipment utilized at Montgomery Bell State Park. The site also serves as a safe, low traffic location for operational compliance training for Division staff, service contractors, UST equipment vendors, and staff from other agencies nationwide. Montgomery Bell State Park's fueling system in middle Tennessee was completed in 2019. The other two fueling facilities are scheduled for future construction.

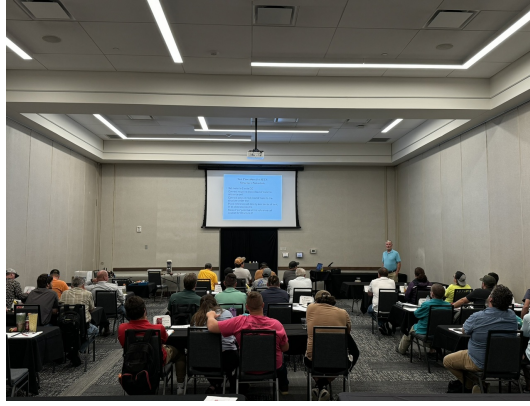
Stan Boyd, Division Director, notes that: "While these training facilities were built for the benefit of the Division and Tennessee State Parks, we invite vendors and other agencies to take advantage of these facilities as well. Protecting the environment and conserving our natural resources is important to all of us."

For more detailed information regarding our training facilities, please reference Issue #87 of [NEIWPICC's](#) publication *L.U.S.T.Line*, "[Tennessee's New State-of-the-Art Training Facility](#)" on page 12.

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#### STI / SPFA Cathodic Protection Course

In August 2024, the Division hosted a successful cathodic protection (CP) training event at [Montgomery Bell State Park](#). The Division began hosting Steel Tank Institute's Cathodic Protection training courses in 2014. These courses provide instruction on CP testing methods for underground storage tank systems, information regarding Tennessee specific regulatory requirements, and instructions on how to complete CP Testing forms.



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## Inspector Training and Subject Matter Experts

The Division strives to reach a statewide inspection consistency standard. Our state inspectors are required to attend and participate in an annual inspector training conducted at our Montgomery Bell State Park training facility. Inspectors are trained on the [Standardized Inspection Manual / Standardized Inspection Process](#) and receive hands-on and classroom learning. This training gives our inspectors an in-depth understanding of UST systems, and testing methods to continually improve the inspection process. These events have been taught by internal Division subject matter experts and external trainers on various topics to keep inspectors up to date on their UST knowledge.

Many inspectors within the Division are trained subject matter experts in various categories such as cathodic protection, tank and line tightness test methods, automatic tank gauge operability, UST system installation, removal, and repairs. If you have questions about your UST system, please reach out to your [local field office](#) to get in contact with an expert.

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## UST Community Newsletter

Over four years ago, the Division sent out the first edition of *Tank Talk* in hopes to reach our UST community with Division updates, information on UST rule changes, and compliance information to help improve UST compliance rates. We have had a great response from our readers and look forward to continuing this newsletter. If you have any suggestions for future topics, email [tanks.ust@tn.gov](mailto:tanks.ust@tn.gov). We would love to hear your ideas!

The Division's email marketing efforts were featured in a recent issue (No. 94) of [NEIWPICC](#)'s publication *L.U.S.T.Line*. Read the full article here, "[How Email Marketing is Transforming Tennessee's Division of Underground Storage Tanks](#)".

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## UST Class A and B Operator Training

The Division offers online, virtual classroom, and in person (upon request) training for tank owners and operators. Each tank owner must use Tennessee Tank Helper to create an account and designate Class A and Class B operators at each facility. If the Class A and/or Class B operators change, the new operator(s) must be designated within 30 days.

### [Tennessee Tank Helper](#)

The Division provides a free online training program to meet all operator class requirements. A UST system owner can complete the operator training based on the existing notification information for the facility. The owner must update incorrect information by completing an amended Notification for Underground Storage Tanks ([CN-1260](#)). UST system operators are required to complete all training modules. A certificate can be printed when the training modules have been successfully completed. For more information about Tennessee Tank Helper click [here](#).

### [Tank School](#)

The Division provides a one-day virtual training class, taught by Division personnel, for owners/operators or any interested parties. The class covers all aspects of UST operational compliance. Anyone who scores 70% or higher on the class final exam will receive a certificate of A/B operator training. For additional information and the Tank School schedule click [here](#).

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# UST Educational Links

[2024 Compliance Tool Box](#)

[Standardized Inspection Manual & Standardized Inspection Process](#)

[Tank Owner Quick Reference Guide](#)

[Tank Operator Reference Guide](#)

[UST Publications & Helpful Resources](#)

[Operational Compliance Videos](#)

[Preparing for a Compliance Inspection](#)

[Division Updates and Outreach](#)

[Current Tennessee UST Rules](#)

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

[EPA -Must For USTs](#)

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## Additional Resources

[UST Contact Information](#)

[Contact Your Local Field Office](#)

[UST Forms and Guidance](#)

[TDEC Underground Storage Tanks Home Page](#)

[EPA- Underground Storage Tanks Home Page](#)

[Report Suspected Releases to: Releases.UST@tn.gov](#)



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