



Tennessee Tank Talk

Suspected Release Investigation

WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER A SUSPECTED RELEASE

- In the event of a true emergency, safety and the protection of life and property comes first. Call 911 or your local emergency responders immediately.
- Report the suspected release to the [Division](#) within 72 hours.
- An operational compliance inspection will be scheduled and conducted within 10 days.
- During the suspected release investigation:
 - all compliance violations will be documented;
 - a system(s) test may be required; and
 - a site check may be required.
- If a site check is required, a remediation case manager will send the tank owner a letter including details about the required site check.
- If the site check results indicate that a release has occurred, it must be reported within 72 hours and corrective action must be conducted in accordance with [Rule 0400-18-01-.06](#).

WHAT IS A SYSTEM TEST?

System(s) testing may include testing the following equipment: tanks, product piping, electronic and/or mechanical release detection equipment, secondary containment, and spill/overflow equipment.

All system(s) testing must have a third-party evaluation and be listed on the National Work Group on Leak Detection Evaluations (NWGLDE) [website](#) or an approved Division method.

WHAT IS A SITE CHECK?

A site check measures for the presence of a release where contamination is most likely to be present at the UST Site. A site check may be required for the following:

- System(s) test **FAIL**
- Environmental impact

- o vapors in buildings/utilities
- o free product on/off-site
- o visual contaminated surface water, etc.

QUICK SUSPECTED RELEASE INFORMATION

- Report suspected releases to Releases.UST@tn.gov.
- Submit all Applications for Fund Eligibility ([CN-0943](#)) to UST.Fund@tn.gov within 90 days of suspected releases or 60 days of confirmed releases.
- Reimbursement payments from the fund can only be made to **approved** [Corrective Action Contractors](#).
- For more information regarding reporting suspected releases and the fund eligibility process, reference [Tank Talk 30th Edition](#) or visit our [website](#).

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**Remediation staff have statewide responsibility and routinely work across regional boundaries.*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITY

Regulatory Extensions and Updates

This rulemaking package addresses the observation identified in the 2022 Tennessee Comptroller Performance Audit Report that the Underground Storage Tank (UST) rules should be amended to allow for reporting extensions. This package also adopts the proposals made during the Retrospective Rule Review to ensure that the UST rules are up-to-date, legally compliant, and not unduly burdensome.

Review the UST Amendment Documents Below

[Rulemaking Hearing Notice: Chapter 0400-18-01 UST 2024 Amendments](#)

[Rulemaking Hearing Notice: Chapter 0400-18-01 UST 2024 Amendments - Redline](#)

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DIRECT UST EMAILS

Report Suspected Release - Releases.UST@tn.gov

Submit Fund Eligibility Application - UST.Fund@tn.gov

Submit Closure Application - Closure.Application.UST@tn.gov

Submit Notification Form - Notification.Fees@tn.gov

Submit Reimbursement Claim - UST.Reimbursement@tn.gov

Submit Newsletter Topics & Feedback - Tanks.UST@tn.gov

UST RESOURCES

[UST Contact Information](#)

[Contact Your Local Field Office](#)

[UST Forms and Guidance](#)

[Division Updates and Outreach](#)

[Current Tennessee UST Rules](#)

[TDEC Underground Storage Tanks Home Page](#)

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

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



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