



Tennessee Tank Talk

Released Petroleum Investigation

WHAT IS A RELEASE?

A release is defined as any spilling, overfilling, leaking, emitting, discharging, escaping, leaching or disposing of a petroleum substance from a petroleum underground storage tank or its associated piping into groundwater, surface water, or subsurface soils.

Owners, operators, and/or other responsible parties of petroleum UST systems shall, in response to a confirmed release from a UST system, comply with the requirements of [Rule 0400-18-01-.06](#). This Rule applies to all newly reported and/or discovered releases from regulated petroleum underground storage tanks.

ACTIONS FOR RELEASED PETROLEUM

Immediate Actions:

- Report the release to the [Division](#) within 72 hours.
- Stop and contain the leak or spill.
- Evaluate if explosive conditions are present and contact the Division and appropriate authorities.
- Remove free product if it is present.
- Ensure the spill or leak poses no immediate hazard to human health or safety.
- Contact an approved [Corrective Action Contractor \(CAC\)](#).
- If required, submit a [Hazard Notification Report CN-1259](#) within 72 hours.
- Submit an Application for Fund Eligibility ([CN-0943](#)) to UST.Fund@tn.gov within 90 days of a suspected release or 60 days of a confirmed release.

Short Term Actions:

- An operational compliance inspection will be scheduled and conducted within 10 days.
- If additional investigation is required, a remediation project manager will issue the tank owner a letter outlining necessary measures, which may include the submittal of:
 - [Site Check Report](#),
 - [Initial Response and Hazard Management Report](#) (IRHMR), and
 - [Initial Site Characterization Report](#) (ISCR).

Long Term Actions:

- The Division will evaluate the need for remediation based upon information submitted.
- If remediation is necessary, a [Corrective Action Plan](#) (CAP) will be required by the Division.
- Once approved, implement the CAP to remediate the soil and/or groundwater to applicable cleanup levels.

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**Project Managers have statewide responsibility and routinely work across regional boundaries.*

UST RESOURCES

[UST Forms and Guidance](#)

[UST Contact Information](#)

[Contact Your Local Field Office](#)

[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](mailto:Releases.UST@tn.gov)

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



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