

# LATEST LEAKS

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## **New UST Rules**

## New UST rules published by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) require:

- Owners/operators of existing UST systems to test and/ or inspect their leak detection equipment, spill buckets, overfill prevention equipment and tank tops, and do "walkthrough inspections," by January 1, 2020;
- Owners/operators using groundwater or vapor monitoring wells as their leak detection method to switch to a different method by July 1, 2020;
- Containment sumps under all dispensers installed after July 1, 2017, (unless an existing dispenser is replaced without replacing the piping connections);
- New underground storage tank systems installed after July 1, 2017, to be double-walled and have containment sumps on tank tops and under dispensers; and
- Owners/operators of USTs installed after July 1, 2017, to use interstitial monitoring as their primary leak detection method.

Other new requirements also apply; see dnr.mo.gov/env/hwp/ustchanges.htm for more information.

## Reminder: Empty Tanks Are Not Insurable

Because the PSTIF provides insurance protection for leaks, and because empty tanks/piping cannot leak, you cannot apply for and obtain coverage if the tanks you are attempting to insure are empty.

In addition, be aware the PSTIF will not issue coverage for USTs that have been empty five years or more, even if such tanks are put back into use.

# Web-based Map of Tank Sites

A map of current and former UST sites in Missouri is now available on the DNR's website. Sites are color coded to indicate whether petroleum impact has been reported and whether a cleanup has been completed. The map also contains some AST sites.

See dnr.mo.gov/ESTART.



Check out our NEW WEBSITE at www.pstif.org

## **Kudos to you!**

As is typical, Missouri's UST owners/ operators have done a magnificent job complying with yet another government requirement. Since last year's compliance deadline, 94% of you have documented compliance with the operator training rule. We expect the last few to do so as coverage renews in May-June.

## And a Shout Out...

To **Steve Ayers**, Ayers Oil Company, who recently completed 10 years of service as Chairman of the PSTIF Advisory Committee...

To **Mark Jordan**, Wallis Companies, and **Sonny Underwood**, Mid-South Steel, recently elected chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of the PSTIF Advisory
Committee



## Did you know?

As owners of the 10,000 USTs and ASTs we insure make changes to their equipment, the PSTIF's risks change. The Board of Trustees employs experts to help them understand and quantify their ever-changing risks.

Recent analysis revealed about 5.3% of insured USTs are 45+ years old; statistically, there's a higher risk of leaks from these systems.

On the other end of the risk scale are 721 new USTs installed in the last five years at 311 sites. The majority are double-wall fiberglass tanks, although nearly 1/3 of owners opted for steel tanks.



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