

Insuring a New Tank Added to an Existing Site

State law says a tank owner who wishes to have insurance from the PSTIF must apply for coverage and pay a fee. So at its meeting on August 2, the PSTIF Board of Trustees approved the following policy related to PSTIF-insured sites *where one or more new tanks are added during the 12-month period of PSTIF coverage:*

“If, during the period of coverage as specified by the board, a fund participant installs one or more additional tanks at an insured site and desires coverage for the new tank(s), the fund participant must notify the board, provide such information as the board may require to demonstrate the integrity of the new tank(s), and pay the new tank fee(s) and a pro-rata portion of the annual fee(s).”

For new USTs added to an existing location, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) typically performs an installation inspection to confirm the tank, piping, sumps, leak detection equipment, etc., have been installed correctly. This confirmation will provide assurance that the new tank and piping are leak-tight. Once you apply for coverage for your new tank system(s) and pay the required fees, we will issue an endorsement adding the new tank(s) to your existing coverage document.

For new ASTs, our staff may request a copy of the line tightness test and some basic information on the size, location, and contents of the tank.

Insuring a Site with All New USTs

The situation described above is similar to sites where there never were any tanks or where all previously-operated tanks have been removed.

New USTs installed after July 1, 2017, will be inspected by the DNR during installation and initial setup of the monitoring equipment. The DNR *also* will check your paperwork – e.g., the manufacturers’ checklist(s), sump tightness tests, leak detection operability checks, etc. Therefore, PSTIF staff will no longer require this paperwork; instead, we will rely on the DNR’s confirmation that all equipment was installed properly and is functioning as intended.

New UST Installation Guidance

Speaking of UST installations... The Petroleum Equipment Institute recently updated its *Recommended Practices for Installation of Underground Liquid Storage Systems*. Though the 2011 version is referenced in the DNR’s regulations, equipment companies and owners also may want to refer to the 2017 version’s updated information on engineering and construction practices.



Bill Vetoed

The last issue of *Latest Leaks* alerted you that the Missouri General Assembly had passed HCB3, which would allow Governor Greitens to take “unexpended balances” from various state fee funds to use for other purposes.

Governor Greitens vetoed HCB3, so unless the Legislature overrides his veto this fall, the bill will not go into effect.



Reducing Red Tape

At Governor Greitens’ directive, all state agencies are currently inviting ideas on how we can reduce red tape. If you have ideas for us, please send them to pstif@sprintmail.com by November 1, 2017. Thanks!

Selling PSTIF-Insured Tanks

New, streamlined application forms for use when you sell PSTIF-insured tanks are available at www.pstif.org.

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