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Fee Changes

by Doug Hansen

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During the 2016 Utah legislative session, changes were made to some of the fees within the underground storage tank (UST) program. The annual registration fee, which had remained unchanged since 2003 was increased from \$100.00 to \$110.00 for tanks that participate in the Petroleum Storage Tank (PST) Fund and from \$200.00 to \$220.00 for tanks that do not participate on the PST Fund. Additionally, a permit fee was approved for new tank installations. Previously, the cost to the State for administrative and field work associated with installing tanks was covered with general program funds. Increasingly these costs were being supplied out of the PST Fund, placing an undue share of program costs onto Fund participants. By charging a specific fee for new tank installations, those who require the services pay directly for them. The new fee structure is a \$500.00 base fee for all tank installation permits. For those areas in the state where UST program staff conduct field inspections during installations, an additional \$200.00 per tank will be assessed to cover those costs. All fee changes go into effect on July 1, 2016.

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Important Dates to Remember

by Sean Warner

1. Certificates of Compliance are mailed at the start of December.
2. The Secondary Containment Tests to qualify for the rebate are due December 15.
3. Throughput forms are mailed out around March 15.
4. Throughput forms are due on April 30.
5. Annual tank registration and PST Fund fee invoices are mailed around May 15 and the payment deadline for these fees is June 30.
6. Any facility that has not paid the annual fees by September 1 will lose PST Fund coverage and the certificate of compliance will lapse.

PUBLIC COMMENT TO NEW RULES

In response to Federal UST Rule changes, the State UST program is proposing changes to Utah's UST regulations. A copy of the current rule change proposal can be found on the web page at http://undergroundtanks.utah.gov/proposed_R311.htm. A formal comment period will be held later this summer or early fall, so check the web site and watch for an email notifying you of your opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed rule changes.

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What's Wrong With This Picture?

by DeAnn Rasmussen

In the last newsletter, we started a new feature called "What's Wrong With This Picture?" in which there will be a photo that has something wrong with it. Can you determine what the problem is here? Obvious, entertaining, and creative! The answer is below.



While the sensor is upright, it's not in the lowest part of the containment sump and a jerry-rigged bucket is not the correct way to fix a leak.

If you have a question about underground storage tanks or the UST program and would like to see your question answered in an upcoming issue of Utah Tank News, please submit your questions to Kim Viehweg at kviehweg@utah.gov.

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Certification Corner

TESTS for A/B Operators, GW/Soil Samplers, ETC

Testing will be conducted each month on the first Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and the third Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at the DEQ/DERR office located at 195 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City. All students must register with the DERR at least one week prior to taking the exam. Please contact Michelle Horning at mhorning@utah.gov to register.

CERTIFIED UST CONSULTANT ~ Initial Exam and Renewal Course Schedule

The renewal course will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and finish at 1:00 p.m. The next two dates for this exam are Thursday, October 20, 2016 and Thursday, February 16, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Horning at mhorning@utah.gov.

GOOD NEWS!! You can now submit initial UST certification and operator applications, documentations, and payments online here: <https://secure.utah.gov/storagetank>