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## PST Investigation Reasons for Investigation

- Non-Compliance indicated by PST Registration Database
  - Reasonable notification from 24 hours up to 14 days
- Complaint
  - No prior notification
- Enforcement Action
  - No prior notification
- Energy Bill (2005)
  - UTA (EPA Contractor)

### Target Issues for Inspection

- 1. Release Detection (USTs)
- 2. Release Detection (Piping)
- 3. Spill & Overfill Prevention
- 4. Corrosion Protection
- 5. Financial Assurance
- 6. Delivery Certificate
- 7. Operator Training
- 8. Other Items

### Release Detection Methods for USTs

Inventory Control Records (required at all retail sites regardless of method of release detection)

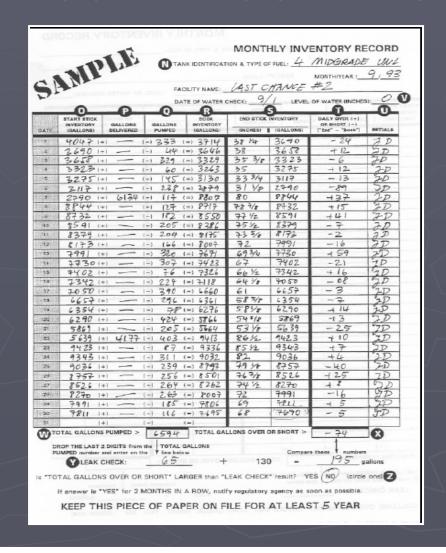
### Monthly methods of release detection are:

Automatic Tank Gauging (ATG) & Inventory Control, Statistical Inventory Reconciliation (SIR) & Inventory Control, Vapor Monitoring, Groundwater Monitoring, Interstitial Monitoring, Secondary Containment Barrier Monitoring, Manual Tank Gauging, and Monthly Tank Gauging

Normally request last 12 months of records

### **Inventory Control**

Must be done each operating day and must be reconciled at the end of the month



### **ATG & Inventory Control**

Requires at least 1 passing test every 35 days for each UST Must be able to detect a 0.2 gallons per hour leak









### **ATG for Emergency Generator USTs**

USTs that feed an emergency generator(s) can use ATG leak testing for its monthly method of release detection <u>without</u> inventory control

The ATG should be conducting continuous automatic tests to be exempted from the inventory control requirement

### **SIR & Inventory Control**

SIR results are required to be received within 15 days of the end of the month (or alternate cycle)

SIR report must state the leak rate in gallons per hour

Failing (24 hours) or Inconclusive (72 hours if not investigated and quantified to pass) results must be reported as a suspected release

### **Vapor Monitoring**

Should see vapor monitoring wells around tank system (usually 1 inch diameter)

Equipment must be able to detect vapors of the regulated substance stored, or a tracer substance added to the UST

Assessment required to determine backfill porosity, # of wells needed, and well locations

Existing contamination can interfere with this method!

### **Groundwater Monitoring**

Natural groundwater level must be within 20 feet from the ground surface

Monitoring device used must be able to detect 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch of free product atop the groundwater...can use an automatic device or a bailer

Assessment required to determine subsurface conditions, # of wells needed, and well locations

Existing contamination can interfere with this method!

### **Interstitial Monitoring**

Can use float sensors (brine-filled interstice) or liquid sensors (dry interstice)...4" risers to brine-filled tanks pictured!

Need to print a monthly report showing all sensors normal



### **Interstitial Monitoring (continued)**

Double-walled Steel Tanks Interstitial Risers (2" diameter)



### **Interstitial Monitoring (continued)**

Jacketed Steel Tanks Interstitial Riser (2" diameter)



### Secondary Containment Barrier Monitoring

Method that monitors the backfill material between the UST and a containment barrier (typically a liner)

Barrier must be positioned above the groundwater level and outside the designated 25-year flood plain, unless the barrier & monitoring equipment are designed for use under such conditions

Can monitor for liquids or vapors

### **Manual Tank Gauging**

Method is basically a modified method of inventory control gauged on a weekly basis

Can only be used for USTs 1,000 gallons or smaller in size (usually for waste oil tanks)

Must gauge tank, wait a minimum duration, and gauge again. No inputs or withdrawals between gauging. This is required weekly.

If allowable weekly or monthly deviations are exceeded, then a suspected release should be noted

### **Manual Tank Gauging (continued)**

### MANUAL TANK GAUGING RECORD Tank Identification Person Completing Form

Circle your tank size, test duration, and weekly/monthly standards in the table below:

	Minimum Duration Of Test	Weakly Standard (1 tost)	(4-test average)
up to 550 gallons	36 hours	10 gallons	5 gaillons
551-1,000 gallons (when tank diameter is 64")	44 hours	9 gallons	4 gallons
551-1,000 gallons (when tank diameter is 48")	58 hours	12 gallons	6 gallons

Compare your weekly readings and the monthly average of the 4 weekly readings with the standards shown in the table on the left.

Facility Name

If the calculated change exceeds the weekly standard, the UST may be leaking. Also, the monthly average of the 4 weekly test results must be compared to the monthly standard in the same way.

If either the weekly or monthly standards have been exceeded, the UST may be leaking. As soon as possible, call your implementing agency to report the suspected leak and get further instructions.

Start Test (morth, day, and time)	First Initial Stick Reading	Second Initial Slick Reading	Average Initial Reading	Initial Gallone (convert Inches to gallone) [4]	End Teet (month, day, and time)	First End Stick Reading	Second End Stick Reading	Average End Reading	End Gallone (convert Inches to gallons)	Change In Tank Volume In Galloos + or () (sb)	Tank Passes Test (circle YES or NO
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### **Monthly Tank Gauging**

Method is basically a modified method of inventory control gauged on a monthly basis

Can only be used for USTs that feed an emergency generator(s)

Must gauge tank, wait a minimum duration, and gauge again. No inputs or withdrawals between gauging. This is required monthly.

If the allowable monthly deviation is exceeded, then a suspected release should be noted

### **Monthly Tank Gauging (continued)**

#### TCEQ MONTHLY TANK GAUGING RECORD

(Only for use with emergency generator tanks)

During the testing period, no substance may be added or removed from the tank. Liquid level measurements are taken at the beginning and ending of the testing period. The difference or deviation in gallons between the measurements is obtained. Compare your reading with the monthly standard in the table below. If the monthly standard has been exceeded, the UST may be leaking. Within 24 hours, notify the local TCEQ regional office to report a suspected release and get further instructions.

#### Circle your tank size and monthly standard on the table below:

Tank Size	Minimum Duration of Test	Monthly Standard
Up to 550 gallons	36 Hours	5 gallons
551 to 1,000 gallons	36 Hours	7 gallons
1,001 to 2,000 gallons	36 Hours	13 gallons
2,001 gallons and Up	36 Hours	1% of Tank Capacity

Facility Name:	TCEQ Facility ID No.:
Person Completing Form;	Tank ID No.:

Year<u>:</u>\_\_\_\_

++	Start Test (date & time)	Initial Stick (inches)	Initial Gallons	End Test (date & time)	End Stick (inches)	End Gallons	Change in Volume	Ta Pas Tes	sses	
	January: Time:			January: Time:				Y	or	N
	February: Time:			February: Time:				Y	or	N
	March: Time:			March: Time:				Y	or	N

### Release Detection for Piping

#### Pressurized Lines:

- Automatic Line Leak Detector with an annual performance test
- 2. Either an annual piping tightness test <u>or</u> a monthly method of release detection

#### **Suction Lines:**

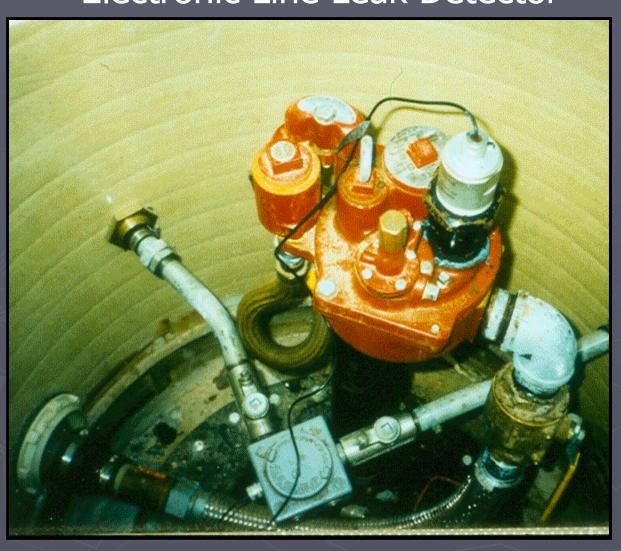
- 1. Either a triennial piping tightness test <u>or</u> a monthly method of release detection
- 2. Exempt if only one check valve (under dispenser) and piping slopes to top of tank

### Release Detection for Piping (continued)

Mechanical Line Leak Detectors



## Release Detection for Piping (continued) Electronic Line Leak Detector



### Spill & Overfill Prevention

Tight fill fittings

Spill containment devices

Overfill prevention devices

- 1. Shut-off valve (set at 95% of tank capacity)
- 2. Flow restrictor (set at 90%)
- 3. Audible & Visual alarm w/ ball float (set at 98%)

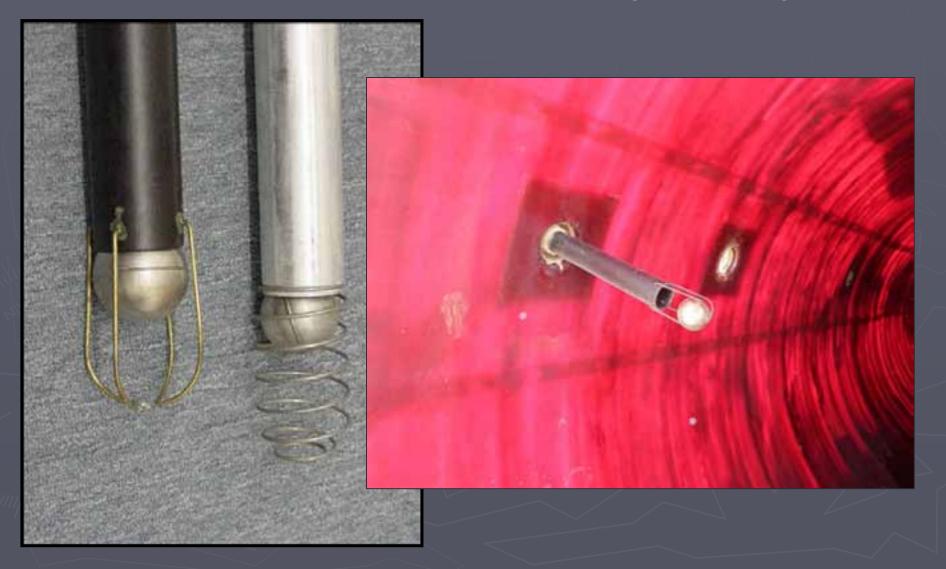
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Overfill Devices – Shut-off Valves (flapper)

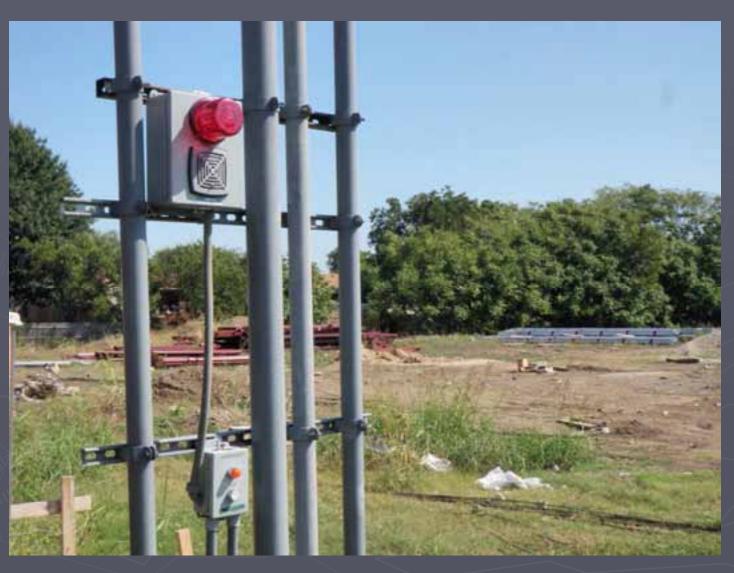


### Spill & Overfill Prevention (continued)

Overfill Devices – Flow Restrictor (Ball Floats)



## Spill & Overfill Prevention (continued) Audible/Visual Alarms



### Spill & Overfill Prevention – Exceptions!

A tank is not required to have spill and overfill prevention equipment if any one of the following applies:

- 1) Transfers of regulated substances into the tank do not exceed 25 gallons (example: used oil USTs)
- 2) The UST system has alternative equipment approved by TCEQ
- 3) Its installation has been deemed impracticable due to the UST system design & approved by TCEQ

### **Corrosion Protection**

Cathodic protection system records for field installed systems – Galvanic & Impressed Current

- Design documentation
- 2. CP operability test (3 to 6 months after installation & every 3 years thereafter
- 3. 60 day operational check of rectifier (impressed current systems only)

Rectifier Box for Impressed Current System (amps/volts)



### Other CP options:

- 1. Tanks and piping can be constructed of noncorrodible materials (examples: composite tanks ACT-100, fiberglass tanks & piping, poly flexible piping)
- 2. Metal components can be electrically isolated (examples: jacketed tanks, sumps, boots)
- 3. Dielectric tape is not acceptable for metal parts that routinely contain product.

### **CP using non-corrodible materials** (Fiberglass Tanks & Piping)





## CP using electrical isolation (sumps)



#### Financial Assurance

### Mechanisms and Coverages Needed

Financial Assurance mechanisms are: Insurance, Surety Bond, Letter of Credit, Financial Test, Guarantee, and Trust (Local governments may use a Test or Guarantee)

<u>Corrective Action Coverage</u> - covers the cost of taking corrective action caused by accidental releases arising from the operation of the UST system

Third Party Liability - compensates third parties for bodily injury & property damage

### **Delivery Certificate**

Delivery certificate must be current to legally receive fuel

Required to be renewed annually or within 30 days of a change of ownership

Required to submit proof of financial assurance with a UST Registration & Self-Certification Form

### **Operator Training**

A/B operator training required for all regulated UST systems – at least one A/B trained representative for the facility

A person can be the A/B trained representative for up to 50 facilities

A/B representative can be with a third party as long as they have a current TCEQ installer's license and contractor's license

Documentation of C representatives trained must be maintained

### **Shear Valves**

Shear valves properly anchored?



### Other Items

UST systems installed after January 1, 2009 are required to have interstitial sensors in all tanks and liquid sensors in all sumps (e.g. Beaudreau or Veeder Root sensors)

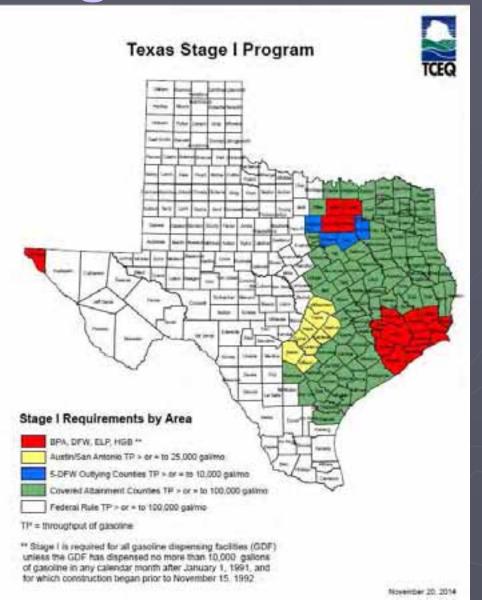
Sumps must be installed at all STPs and under all dispensers and the sensors must be within 2 inches of the bottom of the sumps

Sumps must be inspected annually and tested every 3 years for tightness (hydrostatic test)

### PST Investigation Common Violations

- Failure to complete or renew self-certification form (delivery certificate)
- Accepting fuel without current delivery certificate
- Failure to conduct inventory control
- Failure to conduct release detection for USTs
- Failure to have Financial Assurance
- Failure to conduct leak detector and line tightness test
- Failure to Test:
  - 1. Cathodic Protection (every 3 years)
  - 2. Line Leak Detector (annually)
- Failure to maintain inspection log for Impressed Current Rectifier (every 60 days)
- Failure to ensure that shear valves are properly anchored
- Failure to remove USTs without cathodic protection
- Failure to perform monthly reconciliation

### Stage I Revisions



## Stage I Revisions: Inspection Requirements

- **115.224**:
- ▶ (1) Inspections for liquid leaks, visible vapors, or significant odors resulting from gasoline transfer shall be conducted at gasoline dispensing facilities. Gasoline transfer shall be discontinued immediately when any liquid leaks, visible vapors, or significant odors are observed and shall not be resumed until the observed issue is repaired.
- (2) The gasoline tank-truck tank must have been inspected for leaks within one year in accordance with the requirements of §§115.234 115.237 of this title (relating to Inspection Requirements; Approved Test Methods; Recordkeeping Requirements; and Exemptions, respectively), as evidenced by a prominently displayed certification affixed near the United States Department of Transportation certification plate.

# Stage I Revisions: Testing Requirements

- (1) California Air Resources Board Vapor Recovery Test Procedure TP 201.1E - Leak Rate and Cracking Pressure of Pressure/Vacuum Vent Valves.
- (2) California Air Resources Board Vapor Recovery Test Procedure TP-201.3 -Determination of 2-Inch WC Static Pressure Performance of Vapor Recovery Systems of Dispensing Facilities.

## Stage II Decommissioning Deadline

- DEADLINE TO DECOMMISSION: August 31, 2018.
- Please note that if you decide to replace the hanging hardware through attrition, all Stage II hanging hardware must also be replaced by August 31, 2018.

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# Who can conduct the work?

- Stage II decommissioning must be conducted by a TCEQ licensed UST Contractor and tested by a TCEQ registered Stage II tester.
- You can obtain a copy of the TCEQ licensed UST Contractors and TCEQ registered Stage II testers from the TCEQ website or contact your local TCEQ office for a list.



### **Testing**

- Prior to placing the fuel system back into service, appropriate testing is required to be conducted and "pass".
- If the testing cannot be conducted on the same day as the decommissioning; the fuel system must remain out of service until the testing is successfully conducted.
  - Required Testing:
    - Pressure Decay (TX-102) and Dynamic Back-Pressure (TX-103) tests are required to be conducted and "pass" for all fuel systems prior to placing back into service.
    - If a central vacuum motor was removed, a product line tightness test must be conducted and "pass" before placing the fuel system back into operation



### After Decommissioning is Completed

- The Pressure Decay test is part of the Stage I system and will be required to be tested on a regulatory basis.
- All affected gasoline dispensing facilities are required to test annually for Stage I.
- Annual/monthly piping release detection testing and annual Line Leak Detector testing will continue to be required per the PST regulations.
- You are still required to conduct theses test even if you decommission your Stage II equipment.

### TCEQ PST CEI Investigations



Thank You.....Questions?