



TANK MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.

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## Then and Now

In 1966, the corner service station had two repair bays; you could find a soda pop machine out front where you could get a bottle of pop for 25 cents. You would also find a rack of assorted tires and the owner would let you sit in his office while you waited for the attendant to fill your car with gas, checked the oil and cleaned the windshield. The office was usually filled with free maps, an assortment of different types of oil, windshield wiper box full of new blades and engine belts; each item displayed neatly and organized. One of the more important items in the office was the keys to the bathrooms...two keys attached to a long plastic tag or piece of wood; one for the women's restroom and one for the men's. A good operator kept the small office, restrooms and driveway spotless. The operator did so because the traveler looked for the cleanest place to stop.

Today, most fueling sites are convenience stores. If you need an oil change, new tires or engine belts you may have to make three different trips to get your car serviced. Today, self serve fueling is the norm along with pay-at-the-pump. The inside of a convenience store is dedicated to food and lottery sales. Specialty coffees, fountain soda pop, multi door coolers with energy drinks and novelty items complete the store inventory. You might be able to find a small section in the store that has maps, quart size oil and other quick car repair items...but you may have to look very hard. And maps will cost you \$3 or more.

In the back of the 1966 service station you could find a trash area where there were a number of 50 gallon drums filled with round cardboard type

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quart oil cans with trace amounts of oil left in them. You could also find used fuel filters from cars that had dripped oil on the ground and when it rained you could see the multi colored stream slide down the driveway. The tank fill area was black from years of overfills. Back then (and hopefully not today) when an overfill occurred the attendant would get the water hose and wash it down the drain (fire departments would do the same at wrecks where gas or diesel was spilled).

Lube shops now have underground storage tanks and occasionally use plastic quart bottles to service a vehicle. Oil filters go to a recycling center. When a spill occurs absorbent is used to clean the site. If the spill is large a hazmat unit may be called to remediate the site.

We learn from our past. There are few service station operators offering full service to the customer. Today, the consumer wants convenience, low prices and to get in and out of the store quickly. Government regulations have changed dramatically over the years and it is likely that we will see more regulatory changes in the future. A good example of a major change for tank owners will occur on July 1. Any retrofit to a UST that requires more than 51% of the tank or line to be repaired will require to be double walled.

More change is here now or coming soon:

- \* Annual line leak detector testing
- \* Level C training for clerks and attendants
- \* Double wall UST systems
- \* Facility monthly inspections
- \* More pending implementation by the US EPA.

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## Kansas Fire Safety Rules

Kansas fire safety rules and regulations from the Kansas Fire Marshal's office for fueling facilities are posted on our web site [tankmgmt.net](http://tankmgmt.net); tab on the left of the screen. Click on UST and AST, next towards the bottom on the right hand side click on the link "Kansas Fire Rules For Fueling Facilities".

## Tank Talk Meetings

TMS is putting together the 2013 Tank Talk meeting agenda, setting dates, cities and lining up speakers. Tank Talk will be held in 8 different cities across our state. Some of the topics we will discuss include level C training and news from the National Tanks Conference. KDHE will update us on UST compliance. Please contact us if you have a topic of special interest you would like to have addressed.

## Orphan Tank

Does your city or town have a closed gas station or convenience store with USTs that the current owner of the property has never used? You might help your community by letting the current owner know about the UST (Underground Storage Tank) Redevelopment Fund so they may get financial assistance to have tanks removed.

The fund will pay 90% up to \$25,000.00, the site owner will pay the remaining 10% and everything over \$25,000.00. KDHE has approved 23 sites so far with an average cost of \$12,630.00 per site, meaning the average out of pocket for the owner was only \$1,263.00.

The UST Redevelopment Fund was created to serve as a reimbursement fund for the removal of underground storage tanks and allow KDHE to permanently close an abandoned underground storage tank if the owner or operator of the tank cannot be identified or is unable or unwilling to perform the work needed to permanently close the tank. The bill outlines procedures that an owner must follow if they request financial assistance from the fund to remove an underground storage tank and perform the necessary remediation themselves. If you have questions about the UST Redevelopment Fund or need help applying you can call Roger Boeken with

KDHE at 785-296-1674 or Randy Carlson at 785-296-1684.

## Operator Training

Below are upcoming dates for Level A/B UST operator training for new UST owners/operators (must be trained 30 days after starting operation) and for facilities that have been cited by KDHE and ordered to be retrained. To register go to our website [tankmgmt.net](http://tankmgmt.net). Click on Operator Training.

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| August 6,     | Kansas Soybean Commission<br>1000 SW Red Oaks Place<br>Topeka, KS                             |
| August 7,     | Ramada Hotel & Conference Center<br>1400 N. Lorraine<br>Ambassador Room<br>Hutchinson, KS     |
| August 8,     | Dodge City Community College<br>2501 North 14th<br>Student Union Board Room<br>Dodge City, KS |
| September 18, | DoubleTree Hotel<br>10100 College Boulevard<br>Overland Park, KS                              |

## Clerks and Attendants Must Be Trained

Information on level C training for all clerks and attendants may be found in the manual or on the CD received by A/B operators. A Level C certificate is available at [tankmgmt.net](http://tankmgmt.net). Click on the "UST Operator Training" button on the left side of the home page then scroll down under the left side menu to yellow box labeled "Level C Training Certificate" and click there. **All UST Level C personnel must be trained before they may begin working at the facility.**

### WHAT IS TANK MANAGEMENT SERVICES?

TMS provides loss control and risk management assistance to UST owners who have third party liability insurance through Great American Custom as part of the Kansas Underground Storage Tank Liability Plan. TMS can provide you with information on USTs -leak detection methods, and Federal and State regulations. Call TMS toll free at 800-530-5683 during normal Central Time Zone office hours (8-5). In the Topeka area, please call 233-1414. On the web go to [tankmgmt.net](http://tankmgmt.net). David Engelken is available to answer your questions. *This Service is free.*

To have the Advisor E-mailed to you go to [tankmgmt.net](http://tankmgmt.net) click on Advisor.

Tank Management Services, Inc. (TMS) has provided the written information in this newsletter for educational purposes to assist UST owners and operators in complying with current UST regulations and to assist them in reducing losses associated with releases from UST's. The information is an outline and may not be complete. Owners and operators are responsible to insure that they are in compliance with all applicable laws. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment can provide detailed information on compliance. The application or use of the information provided is the responsibility of the individual user.