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Tank Talks 2013

What are Tank Talks? Tank Talks are an opportunity for AST & UST owners/operators to gather new information on storage tanks, hear presentations on compliance and participate in an open forum with representatives of agencies that regulate ASTs and USTs.

This year's talks will include a speaker from Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) who will share information about compliance and permitting. TMS' presentation will be on SPCC for AST compliance, fire rules, the status of new EPA rule changes and news from the National Tanks Conference.

Literature from all presenters will be available for later review. Each meeting will conclude with a question and answer period.

Although these meetings do not take the place of the mandatory operator training it is a good place to learn more about USTs and ASTs plus help make you a better operator. We hope you will join us at one of the eight locations for the 2013 Tank Talks. Refreshments will be provided.

Register on line at tankmgmt.net/tanktalk or call 800-530-5683 /785-233-1414 for one of the following:

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| November 4 | Manhattan Public Library
629 Poyntz Avenue
Manhattan, Kansas |
| November 6 | Pioneer Memorial Public Library
375 West 4th Street
Colby, Kansas |
| November 7 | Dodge City Public Library
1001 North 2nd Avenue
Dodge City, Kansas |
| November 12 | McPherson Public Library
214 West Marlin Street
McPherson, Kansas |

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| November 14 | Concordia City Hall
701 Washington
Concordia, Kansas |
| November 18 | Parsons Public Library
311 South 17th Street
Parsons, Kansas |
| November 20 | Augusta Public Library
1609 State Street
Augusta, Kansas |
| November 25 | Gardner Grange Hall
136 East Washington
Gardner, Kansas |

All meetings begin at 1:00 pm and end by 4:00 pm.

Selling Fuel at a Unattended Facility

An unattended facility is many times thought of as a card lock site, but an unattended fueling facility may be a convenience store that sells fuel using credit cards at the dispenser after the store closes or a fleet site that has a dispenser that uses a key pad or company ID card. Whether a facility is totally unattended or just unattended for only a few hours, equipment and signs for fire safety and prevention are required.

All unattended fueling facilities in Kansas must have the following as required by the Kansas Fire Marshal's Office (KFM):

1. Required at a self service location:
 - Safe handling sign
 - No smoking sign
2. Emergency shut off switch or button that must be more than 10 feet but no more 100 feet from the dispenser
3. A minimum 40BC rated fire extinguisher shall be available for use within 100 ft of the dispenser site

4. Operating and emergency instructions shall be posted and visible in the dispensing area which include:

- Location of emergency shut-off (unless obvious)
- Location of fire extinguisher (unless obvious)
- Emergency instructions which incorporate the following or equivalent wording:

Company Name
IN CASE OF FIRE OR SPILL
Use emergency shut-off
Call 911

(Local fire department telephone number if 911 not available)

Report to: (Company emergency telephone number)

If you accept credit cards or have another way to get fuel after site is closed and do not have the above, the dispenser must be turned off. If there is an emergency, the ramifications from selling fuel after hours at a facility not equipped as required by the KFM may include fines, denial of insurance and legal action brought on by numerous sources.

For links to the Kansas Fire Marshal's Office go to tankmgmt.net/USTandAST.

2013 Inspection Update

TMS has done over 100 inspections for the Underground Storage Tank Trust this year and found 3 facilities with overfill disabled. In all three cases a tank stick was broken off, not allowing the flapper valve to function as designed. Some good news - we have found more spill buckets being clean than in years past; the bad news - dirty or full spill buckets are still the number one compliance issue and several were found broken.

Issues found during these inspection included:

- Dirty or full spill buckets
- Not having leak detection data completed
- Unprotected line leak detectors covered in dirt/sand or water
- No level C training for clerks or attendants
- No fire extinguisher available
- Emergency shut off not identified
- No emergency contact sign posted
- Broken spill bucket

TMS recommends UST operators do monthly facility inspections which included cleaning spill buckets, checking water in your tanks, and if you have an impressed current system, logging your readings.

To have the advisor E-mailed to you go to tankmgmt.net click on Advisor.

UST 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. Click on UST Operator Training.

September 18	DoubleTree Hotel 10100 College Boulevard Overland Park, Kansas
September 19	Memorial Hall Civic Center Veteran's Room 401 North Penn Independence, Kansas
October 9	Salina Bicentennial Center 800 The Midway Room 203 Salina, Kansas
October 10	Kansas Soybean Commission 1000 SW Red Oaks Place Topeka, Kansas
November 6	DoubleTree Hotel 10100 College Boulevard Overland Park, Kansas

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. 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. David Engelken is available to answer your questions. *This Service is free.*