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## Renew UST Operator Training

## 2014/15 Compliance Packet

Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is requiring everyone who took the level A/B UST training in 2007, 2008 and 2009 to be recertified by December 31, 2014, and then every four years from the date you recertified.

The 2014/2015 compliance packets from Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) that you should have received in October contained the following:

To register for UST level A/B operator training go to <http://tankmgmt.net/ustopraining.html>, UST Operator Training is FREE if you own or operate USTs in Kansas. Training for "A" Operators (persons having primary responsibility for the on-site operation and maintenance of USTs) and "B" Operators (persons having daily on-site responsibility for the operation and maintenance of USTs) will be offered in group sessions across the state. You will need the number off your current certificate to register for the renewal.

- Forms for documentation of leak detection
- Annual inventory control summary form
- A new log form if you have a rectifier
- Registration form for operator training (for owners and operators that have not yet taken the class)
- Instructions for all the forms
- Deadline for mailing forms

Please review your packet closely and also make a note on your calendar for February 28<sup>th</sup> – **COMPLIANCE REPORTS DUE TO KDHE TODAY!**

We stress the importance of filing your compliance report by the deadline for these reasons:

1. Failure to comply may result in fines.
2. If too many locations fail to comply it may result in more rules and heavier fines.
3. Missing the February 28<sup>th</sup> 2014 deadline may result in a facility not getting their 2014/15 permit and **not being able to get fuel deliveries.**
4. If you have missed this deadline you may have to have additional testing done to prove compliance.

There are more reasons but the 4 above are the ones about which TMS most often hears.

Mail your packet to KDHE **as soon as you can** but most importantly be sure to mail so KDHE receives them by February 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Who to Contact After Leak or Spill

When a leak or spill occurs the first thing that comes to mind for you, as an operator, is anyone in danger or is everyone safe? Once those issues are cleared up and everyone is safe you can then focus on the leak or spill.

January 9	Ramada Hotel & Conference Center 1400 North Lorraine Hutchinson, Kansas
February 6	DoubleTree Hotel 10100 College Boulevard Overland Park, Kansas
March 6	Courtyard by Marriott Wichita East, Praire Room 2927 North Webb Road Wichita, Kansas
March 7	Kansas Soybean Commission 1000 SW Red Oaks Place Topeka, Kansas
April 9	Salina Bicentennial Center 800 The Midway Room 203 Salina, Kansas
April 10	Fort Hays University Memorial Union, 600 Park St. Trails Room 217 Hays, Kansas

If it is a spill, how large is the spill? Is it less than 25 gallons? Can you take care of it by yourself? Do you have enough absorbent? Has it gone into a storm drain or onto the adjoining properties? Who should you call?

If the spill is too large or you don't have enough absorbent you should call 911 and they will determine what emergency response group should respond. Most often it will be the fire department. In the meantime:

1. Cordon off the area to prevent people or vehicles from being in contact with the product.
2. Try to dam up drains and any access to storm drains that would allow the product to spread.

The responding emergency team will help secure the area and either assist in the clean up or bring in an outside crew.

Jeff Donovan, Haz-Mat Response, reports a crew is on the road within 15 minutes of the call. The lead responder will contact the facility to get the information needed to assist in the clean up. The crews are prepared to do anything from spreading absorbent to excavation as well as collecting and disposing of the contaminated materials.

If the spill was larger than 25 gallons you must contact the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Do this after the emergency is over. You can contact them at their 24 hour spill hot line 785-296-1679.

If you have had your ATG leak alarm sound, received a fail or inconclusive from your SIR provider, the vapor or groundwater test failed or you just suspect a leak use the following checklist:

1. Review all your data to be sure it is accurate.
2. Is this tank used with a blender dispenser? If so make sure the blender is functioning correctly and the gallonage is divided correctly.
3. Check the line leak detector sump for product.
4. Check under dispensers for product.
5. Have the dispensers calibrated.
6. If site has monitoring wells and the above checks cannot explain the trend, open and smell for product and have a sample drawn.

If after checking the above information you cannot find what caused you to fail your leak test you must notify KDHE. They will review all your information and give you the detailed steps needed to address the issue. Your contact at KDHE is Marcus Meerian, 785-296-6372.

If you had a leak or a spill that migrated to the adjoining property, you will need to contact the 3rd party insurance company. Khan Adams of Great American Specialty E & S states the best option to notify Great American of a claim is by phone or email. To contact Khan Adams by phone call 513-579-6300 and ask for underground storage tank claims. The email address for new claims is [E&SClaims@gaic.com](mailto:E&SClaims@gaic.com). Another option, though not preferred, is to fax the claim to 513-412-4157. You can also notify your agent to send a notice to Great American.

Khan Adams is there to help you. The following is his contact information;

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## Tank Talk 2013

In November TMS had a chance to visit with hundreds of you during the Tank Talk meetings across the state. We want to thank you for participating and hope you picked up some information to help you in your operation. TMS would also like to thank Richard Smith, Midwest Training and Consulting for sharing his expertise on SPCC plans and Kansas Department of Health and Environment for informing us of the KDHE rule changes.

## TMS at PACE

PACE is at Bartle Hall in Kansas City on February 28 and March 1st. Visit TMS in booth 339. Stop by if you have any questions or to just say "Hi". You can also visit your friendly KDHE Tank Section reps in booth 160.

For more information on PACE visit [paceshow.com](http://paceshow.com).

### 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.