

Tank Talk 2014 Tour

The purpose of Tank Talk is to provide 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.

The 2014 Tank Talk meetings will include a presentation from P.B. Hoidale Company on the function of automatic tank gauges (ATGs) and how they provide needed reports to the operator. KDHE will share information about compliance and permitting and give an update on the Underground Storage Tank (UST) program. Recent changes to the SPCC rules for farmers, and the status of the proposed EPA rule changes for USTs (if published by the time of the meetings) will be discussed by Tank Management Services. 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 2014 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:

- October 28 Chanute Recreation Facility
Suite 8
400 S. Highland (5th & Highland)
Chanute, KS
- October 29 Kansas Soybean Association
1000 SW Red Oaks Place
Topeka, KS
- October 30 Leavenworth Public Library
Jahn Meeting Room
417 Spruce Street
Leavenworth, KS

- November 3 Salina Public Library
Prescott Meeting Room
301 W Elm street
Salina, KS
- November 6 Belleville Public Library
1327 19th Street
Belleville, KS
- November 13 Wichita Public Library
Linwood Park Branch
Inside Linwood Recreation Center
1901 South Kansas
Wichita, KS
- November 17 Finney County Library
605 East Walnut
Garden City, KS
- November 18 Norton Public Library
1 Washington Square
Norton, KS

Meetings will begin at 1:00 p.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m.

Five Reasons To Keep Spill Buckets Clean

1. A clean spill bucket void of dirt, trash, water, fuel leaves space for a fuel spill.
2. A clean spill bucket allows any cracks or holes to be seen that might let fuel seep into the ground; contaminating site.
3. A clean plastic spill bucket prevents expedited deterioration that fuel can cause to the bucket.
4. Water and wet dirt or sand will cause steel spill buckets to rust.
5. If spill bucket has a drain you can see if it is broken so it does not let water, dirt and sand into tank.

Deadline for 2014/15 Permit Missed by Many

2013/14 permits ended on July 31st, 2014, THE DEADLINE WAS FEBRUARY 28th, 2014! However the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) was swamped with renewal applications and reports in July. Five months after the deadline owners and operators were still turning in reports and paying fees.

Over 800 underground storage tanks were not permitted as of August 1st; most because of the following reasons:

1. Unpaid annual tank fees - The statement for tank fees was sent out to **tank owners** in late March. Reasons given for not having paid the fees ranged from the owner not sending the statement to the operator to pay or large companies not forwarding the statement to their accounts payable department.
2. Line leak detector annual test not completed - The last permit cycle KDHE started enforcing the line leak detector test being done annually and some operators did not understand that this was an annual test.
3. Cathodic protection test not completed - This test must be done every 3 years on steel tanks.

KDHE also saw a large number of sites that did not have leak detection completed. **LEAK DETECTION BEING OUT OF COMPLIANCE IS SERIOUS!!!** For your own protection this **MUST** be a daily part of operating a UST system. Due to the seriousness of having leak detection current KDHE will enforce tank tightness testing for tanks six months or more out of compliance and also mandatory retraining. **Tank permit will not be issued till all issues have been addressed.** Being out of compliance can be quite costly. Protect yourself from fines, extra testing cost, and a law suit from a tragedy caused by a leak... keep your leak detection current!

Operator Training

Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) requires all UST operators to be certified as level A/B operators within 30 days of taking over operation of a UST facility.

Trained in 2007, 2008, 2009 MUST RENEW BY DECEMBER 31, 2014. If you took the class in 2010 or 2011 you will need to be recertified by December 31, 2015. If you were trained in 2012 or after you must

renew within four years of the *EXACT DATE* you were trained.

Below is a list of dates and location of the classes scheduled through December 2014, You will find more classes and registration on our website at <http://tankmgmt.net/ustoptraining.html>.

September 18	Salina BiCentennial Center Room 203 800 The Midway Salina, KS
October 1	Ramada Hotel & Conference Center Apollo Room 1400 N. Lorraine Hutchinson, KS
October 6	Kansas Soybean Association 1000 SW Red Oaks Place Topeka, KS
November 6	The Eldridge Hotel Crystal Ballroom 701 Massachusetts Lawrence, KS
December 2	Kansas Soybean Association 1000 SW Red Oaks Place Topeka, 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. 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.*

To have the advisor E-mailed to you go to 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.