

GEORGIA UST
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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Operational & TOU USTs in GA

- 77,050 USTs registered since 1988**
- **47,188 USTs closed or removed since 1988**
- **29,862 USTs in use today**
- **25,302 USTs now registered as active**
- **1,550 UST sites now registered as temporarily out of use**



Operational & TOU USTs in GA (cont.)

- **25,683 facilities registered since 1988**
- **9,954 currently active facilities**
- **15,729 facilities closed since 1988**
- **66% of operational USTs in compliance with leak detection and prevention regulations**



Corrective Action Status

- **12,226 releases reported since 1988**
- **10,356 releases resolved**
- **1,870 releases left to be cleaned up**
- **~22 new releases reported each month**



The US Energy Act

- Signed into law by the President August 8, 2005
- Technical corrections amendment passed by Congress January 4, 2006
- Contains an Underground Storage Tank (UST) provision
- Details can be found at:
www.epa.gov/oust



Highlights

- **Requires more inspections of USTs.**
- **Requires prohibiting delivery of product to noncompliant USTs.**
- **Requires secondary containment on new UST systems.**
- **Requires public record of UST status.**
- **Requires operators of USTs to receive training.**



Secondary Containment

Within 18 months of enactment (February 8, 2007) requires all new and replaced tanks, lines and dispensers to have either;

- **Secondary containment with monitoring within 1000 feet of drinking water systems (public and private) or,**
- **Installer certification with installer financial assurance**



Secondary Containment, cont.

- Georgia has implemented the secondary containment option.
- Georgia passed the new Rule and it became effective April 7, 2008.
- Existing equipment does **NOT** have to be upgraded.



Secondary Containment, cont.

- **Newly installed secondarily contained tanks and piping will have to have interstitial monitoring.**
- **Any currently approved method of interstitial monitoring is allowed.**
- **New dispensers will have to have under dispenser containment.**



Operator Training

- **Within 4 years after date of enactment (August 8, 2009) all States must have developed and begun to implement UST operator training or be in rules making process.**
- **Georgia's Rule was adopted by the Board of Natural Resources on August 26, 2009.**
- **The final Rule will be effective late September 2009.**



Operator Training, cont.

- There are three classes of operators. A, B and C.
- **Class A** has the primary responsibility for the operation of the USTs.
- **Class B** has the daily responsibility for the USTs.
- **Class C** is the first responder in case of emergencies.



Operator Training, cont.

- **Class A** are generally but not always considered the owner.
- **Class B** is generally considered the person operating the USTs.
- **Class C** are the clerks.
- Not all clerks are a Class C.



Operator Training, cont.

- **Class A and B operators are required to have formal training/testing.**
- **Class C are trained by the A and B operators.**
- **How are the class A and Bs going to be trained?**



Operator Training, cont.

- **Georgia has chosen the test option provided in the EPA guidelines.**
- **All A and B operators will be required to take and pass the Georgia UST Operator Test before August 8, 2012.**
- **The test is currently being designed.**
- **Reciprocity may be granted to operators from other States.**



Operator Training, cont.

- **If you pass the test, you have completed operator training. :)**
- **If you fail the test, you must then receive training from an EPD approved 3rd party trainer and then retake the test.**
- **EPD will publish a list of trainers on its website.**



Operator Training, cont.

- **Class C operators are not required to take the test but must be trained in their duties by an A or B operator prior to them assuming those duties.**
- **Documentation must be retained as to how the C operators are trained and who has received training.**



Operator Training, cont.

- **EPD is producing a study guide for the test.**
- **This will be on our website.**
- **Also, a hard copy will be placed in each EPD District office and in the main branch of each county library.**



Operator Training, cont.

- **After August 8, 2012, brand new operators have 30 days to take the test.**
- **If you lose an operator and have to replace them you have 60 days.**
- **All changes in operators (A and B) must be reported to EPD.**
- **Retesting is required every 7 years.**



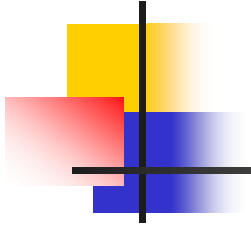
Operator Training, cont.

- **After August 8, 2012, failure to have a Class A and a Class B operator will cause a revocation of the Annual Tank Registration Certificate.**
- **Without a Certificate, you may no longer receive fuel deliveries!**
- **Operator training is very important.**



Operator Training, cont.

- If during an inspection, a facility is found to be significantly out of compliance, The operator(s) may be required to be retrained/retested on the items out of compliance.
- This may be done on site or may require formal retraining/retesting.



Questions?