

## **STORAGE TANK PROGRAM COMPLIANCE SECTION**

The Storage Tank Program (STP) protects public health and the environment from releases from storage tanks. The STP Compliance Section has been tasked with:

1. Ensuring that owners/operators (o/o) have tanks that are designed, constructed, and operated to protect public health and the environment.
2. Conducting compliance inspections to ensure operational requirements are being met.
3. Tracking and notifying o/o's of operational requirements, such as inventory control, leak detection, cathodic protection, etc.
4. Maintaining a database to track tank inventory, physical descriptions of tanks, tank locations, o/o phone contacts, tank operational requirements, tank fees, inspection fees, generation of compliance notices, etc.
5. Notifying o/o's of compliance due dates. Contact by phone and written correspondence to encourage compliance. Work through conference and conciliation to resolve compliance issues versus penalties.
6. Providing outreach to the regulated community in the form of newsletters, letters, informational meetings, and via the internet.
7. Providing information regarding storage tank facilities when requested.
8. Reporting to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The STP regulates underground storage tanks (USTs) if:

- They contain petroleum or a hazardous substance.
- They are larger than 110 gallons; or 1,100 gallons on a farm, ranch, or residence.
- They are not heating oil tanks.

The STP regulates aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) only if they contain gasoline or diesel, and they are used by a fuel dealer to directly fuel vehicles.

The STP does not regulate septic tanks, water storage tanks, hazardous substance ASTs, heating oil tanks, bulk plants, oil refineries, interstate pipeline breakout tanks, or temporary construction ASTs.