

Petroleum Release Reporting Requirements For Heating Oil Tanks, Underground Storage Tanks, Spills, and Historic Releases



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General Reporting Requirements

DEQ regulations require that confirmed or suspected releases of petroleum or other tank contents be reported. This includes releases at heating oil tank and non-HOT (regulated and non-regulated) USTs. This fact sheet describes the requirements for reporting at various UST sites.

Surface spills observed during the transfer of oil to or from a UST system must be cleaned up as required under Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Division 142. All oil spills exceeding 42 gallons to land or any quantity to surface waters must also be immediately reported to the Oregon Emergency Response System at 1-800-452-0311.

Heating Oil Tank Service Providers

Rules for heating oil tanks are found in OAR Divisions 163 and 177. Specifically, OAR 340-163-0020 (4) states: A service provider or supervisor must report a confirmed release of petroleum from an underground heating oil tank to the Department within 72-hours of discovery.

How to Report Leaking Heating Oil Tanks

All confirmed releases from heating oil tanks should be reported to DEQ's Portland office at 503-229-5263 or through the online petroleum release reporting system at <http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/tanks/report.htm>

Tank owners/permittees are required to report for the same reasons within 24 hours. Tank owners/permittees are also required to notify the department for a variety of other reasons including all suspected releases and spills or releases greater than 25 gallons. DEQ suggests that service providers remind their clients of reporting requirements so that tank owners/permittees do not face enforcement actions. Service providers acting on behalf of the tank owner/permittee must make all reports within the timeframe for the owner or permittee.

How to Report Leaking USTs

Reports of leaking USTs should be directed to the appropriate DEQ regional office or through the online petroleum release reporting system at <http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/tanks/report.htm>

Eastern Region: 541-289-7255
Northwest Region: 503-229-5263
Western Region: 503-378-8240

Historic Releases

All confirmed petroleum contamination discovered during the course of a due diligence environmental site assessment that could be attributed to existing USTs must still be reported as described above. For facilities assessed that previously decommissioned their USTs, there is no reporting requirement provided the site was not closed with site restrictions that require notification to DEQ.

Additional Information

Oregon Administrative Rules can be found at <http://www.deq.state.or.us/regulations/rules.htm>

The UST Cleanup Manual can be found at <http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/pubs/docs/tanks/USTCleanupManual.pdf>

Alternative formats

Documents can be provided upon request in an alternate format for individuals with disabilities or in a language other than English for people with limited English skills. To request a document in another format or language, call DEQ in Portland at 503-229-5696, or toll-free in Oregon at 1-800-452-4011, ext. 5696; or email deqinfo@deq.state.or.us.

Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST)
On-Line Petroleum Release Reporting
Contractor Login Screen

Login ID
Password
Company
Reported By
Phone Number

[On-Line Petroleum Release Reporting Revised Guidance PDF](#)

OLPRR Reporting requires Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.0 or later

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DEQ online reporting form.

Reporting Requirements for UST Service Providers

Rules for underground storage tanks other than heating oil tanks are found in OAR Divisions 150 and 160. Specifically OAR 340-160-0020 (9) states: A service provider must report to the department the existence of any condition relating to an UST system that has or may result in a release to the environment within 72 hours of discovery of the condition.