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EMERGENCY TANK REMOVAL IN BAKER, LA

On January 4, 2010, the Department was notified by a UST closure contractor that a UST had surfaced at an inactive gas station, former T&L Quick Stop, in Baker, Louisiana. Two registered USTs were located on the northern side of the property at 1006 Main St. One tank had enough fluid in it to keep it from floating; however, the eastern tank was almost completely empty. Witnesses said that a mound had been forming above the east tank for a period of time, but eventually the tank surfaced.

LDEQ personnel inspected the site on January 5, 2010. Results of the inspection revealed that the UST had broken through the ground surface due to extensive rainfall that had occurred in late 2009 and early 2010.



Photo Credit: Alan Karr, LDEQ

Under emergency declaration, LDEQ contracted Ranger Environmental, an LDEQ UST Closure Certified and Response Action Contractor, to permanently remove the two USTs. On March 25th, the tanks were removed from the ground, the area was sampled and clean backfill material was placed in the excavated area. The tanks were properly disposed of at an LDEQ permitted facility. Analytical results of closure samples did not exceed the limiting soil RECAP Screening Standards; therefore additional remediation is not required.

On June 7th 2010, a Lien was placed on the property in the Mortgage Records of East Baton Rouge Parish to cover the removal of the two underground tanks.

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- ◆ LUST Post Hurricane (Katrina/Rita) Corrective Action Solicitations
- ◆ ARRA Updates
- ◆ STARS

UST OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAM

On February 20, 2010, the LDEQ UST Operator Training regulations became final. These new UST regulations can be found in LAC 33:XI.Chapter 6, and are available for viewing on the LDEQ website at www.deq.louisiana.gov.

UST Operators are divided into three classes (A, B and C), and there are specific training requirements for each class. Class A UST Operators are the tank owners, or a person designated by the tank owner to represent the owner's interest. Class B UST Operators are the person or persons designated by the tank owner to implement the day-to-day aspects



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of the operation and maintenance of a UST system at the facility. Class B UST operators can be employees of the UST owner or can be third party operators hired by the UST owner. Class C UST Operators are person(s) designated by the tank owner that has the daily, on-site responsibility for addressing emergencies presented by a spill or release from a UST system (e.g., clerks, attendants).

UST owners are required to designate, for each UST facility, at least one named individual for each class of UST operator. UST owners can designate a different individual for each class of operator, or one individual for more than one operator class.

All Class A and Class B UST Operators are required to attend and complete a Department-sponsored UST operator training seminar. All Class A and Class B UST Operators will be able to attend the seminars at no charge, although there may be a fee for registrants that fail to cancel within 3 days of the seminar date and fail to show up.

UST Operators can register for the seminars through the Petro Classroom website at www.petroclassroom.com or may contacting *Cinde Crump* at 225-926-8300, *Lori Desch* at 785-233-9655, or *Marcia Reed* at 877-269-0194.

All Class A and Class B UST operators for facilities inspected after February 20, 2010 must complete the training course within 9 months of the inspection date. All other Class A and B UST Operators must complete the training course before August 8, 2012. If there are no seminars scheduled in your area within the 9 month time frame, please contact *Samuel Broussard* at 337-262-5744.

All Class A and B UST Operators that complete the seminar will receive a certificate, and that certificate must be maintained with the facility records for which the person is designated.

Class A or B UST Operators must ensure that the UST facility's Class C UST Operators complete training in emergency procedures before August 8, 2012. Class C operator training programs may include in-class, hands-on, on-line, or any other training format deemed acceptable by the facility's Class A or B UST Operator. Class C training information will be provided to all Class A and B UST Operators that attend the Department-sponsored UST operator training seminars.

The Class A or B UST Operator must ensure that a list of emergency procedures, which must include site-specific emergency procedures, the location of emergency shut-off devices, and appropriate emergency contact telephone numbers, is posted in a prominent area at the UST facility that is easily visible to the Class C UST Operator.

Class A or B UST Operators must submit a list of all Class C Operators that they have ensured were trained to Louisiana Compliance Services LLC in order to receive Class C Certificates. The names of the Class C persons trained, the date of the training, and the UST owner that they work for must be either emailed to lomcsa@lomcsa.com or mailed to:

Louisiana Compliance Services, LLC
P.O. Box 80357
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-0357



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PETRO CLASSROOM

Petroleum Storage Tank Training consists of training for Class A, B, or C Operator Certification Training, as required by the Energy Policy Act of 2005. To check for current and upcoming seminars available in Louisiana, Petro Classroom is available on the web at: http://www.petroclassroom.com/state_choice.php?state=Louisiana

UST CLOSURE/CHANGE-IN-SERVICE GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Underground Storage Tank Division has revised the LDEQ Underground Storage Tank Closure/Change-in-Service Guidance Document. The effective date of this revision was May 1, 2010. LDEQ UST Division made an effort to create a new closure guidance document that incorporated current UST closure practices and site-closing technology while keeping closure costs at or below their current cost. LDEQ UST Division provided training on the new document to all certified closure contractors, but not all certified closure contractors attended. It is still the responsibility of the UST owner that UST closures are performed according to the regulations and new closure guidance document requirements. When selecting a closure contractor, please verify that they will be performing the closure according to these new requirements.

In addition, LDEQ UST Division has revised the Notification of Intent to Perform a Closure or Change-in-Service to an Underground Storage Tank System Form (UST-SURV-01) and the Underground Storage Tank Closure/Assessment Form (UST-SURV-02). As of May 1, 2010, LDEQ UST Division will no longer accept the old (multi-page carbon or carbonless) forms. The new forms are available on the LDEQ UST Division

webpage, under the headings UST Program Information; UST Forms.

For more information, see the LDEQ UST Division website at www.deq.louisiana.gov or contact *Samuel Broussard* at 337-262-5744.

ANNUAL REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

The 2010 UST Registration Certificates expired on June 30, 2010. Invoices for UST Annual Registration Fees were mailed to all owner/operators in March. If you did not receive your UST invoice (For fiscal period 07-2010/06-2011) for your FY2011 certificate of UST registration, please contact the Underground Storage Tank Division at DEQ-wwwUST@LA.gov to make sure that your registration information is up to date. If any registration information has changed, you are required to submit an updated/amended registration form ([UST REG-01](#)) to notify LDEQ's UST Division of these changes within 30 days. Certificates will not be issued to facilities with outstanding registration fees.

HELPFUL DOCUMENT LINKS:

- [Final Version of Closure Guidance Document](#)
- [Closure Guidance Document Memo](#)



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UST CERTIFIED WORKER EXAM SCHEDULE 2010

DATE AND TIME	REGION	LOCATION
Sept 2 Installation/Repair 8:30AM Closure 1:30PM	CRO	LA. DEQ (Map) Galvez Building

XP SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2010

DATE AND TIME	REGION	LOCATION
July 14 1:00PM - 5:00PM	SERO	Delgado Community College (Map) City Park Campus - New Orleans
Aug 11 8:00AM - 12:00PM	NWRO	LA Technical College (Map) Shreveport/Bossier Campus - Shreveport
Sept 16 8:00AM - 12:00PM	NERO	LA Technical College (Map) Delta/Ouachita Campus - West Monroe

UST RULE UPDATES AND CHANGES

Rule	Effective Date	View the Rule Changes
Interstitial Monitoring Requirement for Emergency Power Generator UST Systems	Proposed	LAC 33:XI.101 and 303
Miscellaneous Corrections	Proposed	LAC 33:XI.1121
LDEQ Monthly Regulation Changes Electronic Notification	Current	Electronic Notification