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DEQ to hold class on underground storage tanks

BATON ROUGE -- The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality will hold a class for owners and operators of underground storage tanks on Wednesday, July 13, from 8 a.m. – noon at Louisiana Technical College, Sowela Campus, room 202 in the Administration Building. The college is located at 3820 J. Bennett Johnson Ave. in Lake Charles.

The class is geared toward educating owners and operators of underground storage tanks in areas such as leak detection, tank registration and various other environmental regulations. Anyone interested may sign up for the free class by calling (225) 219-3719, (225) 219-3713 or (225) 219-3801.

Unfortunately, many people who operate businesses with underground storage tanks, such as gas stations, do not realize that their tanks could be hazardous to the environment if they do not follow regulations. If DEQ inspectors find a leaking tank or reporting error, the owner of the facility could face regulatory consequences such as fines.

In an attempt to educate owners, DEQ has recently begun holding classes on the regulations at various sites throughout the state. Those owners or operators that have received a notice of potential fine or penalty receive priority enrollment for the class. People with potential penalty may receive a reduced fine for completing the course.