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RESPONSE

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Release of *UST Systems: Inspecting And Maintaining Sumps And Spill Buckets - Practical Help And Checklist*

FROM: Cliff Rothenstein, Director
Office of Underground Storage Tanks

TO: EPA UST/LUST Regional Division Directors
State UST/LUST/Fund Managers

I am pleased to provide you with the attached New Product News and a copy of our newly-released manual entitled, *UST Systems: Inspecting And Maintaining Sumps And Spill Buckets - Practical Help And Checklist* (EPA-510-R-05-001, April 2005), which describes recommended inspection guidelines and best management practices for sumps associated with underground storage tank systems. EPA developed this manual to help UST owners and operators improve the operation and maintenance of their UST systems' sumps and spill buckets.

The manual will help owners identify and inspect the sumps associated with their UST systems, including equipment in the sumps; explain some simple steps owners can take to maintain their sumps and the equipment in the sumps, as well as identify potential problems; and provide owners with tips for fixing common problems before they cause a release of petroleum products to the environment. The manual includes safety considerations; a general introduction to the kinds of sumps; basic maintenance procedures for sumps and spill buckets; and a sump and spill bucket inspection checklist.

You may view and download the report through OUST's web site at www.epa.gov/oust/pubs. Or you may obtain additional copies by calling NSCEP, OUST's publications warehouse, toll-free at 800-490-9198.

Attachments

cc: EPA UST/LUST Regional Branch Chiefs and Program Managers
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