Memorandum

To: Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board

From: Chief William Hills, BUSTR

Re: **BUSTR Report**

Date: June 5, 2013

PERSONNEL – There are currently three vacancies on the leaking underground storage tank "LUST" side of the program. Included are the recent File Room Clerk and Attorney 4 position vacancies that are being held due to the uncertain effects (potential LUST grant reduction) as part of the federal sequestration. In addition, one Environmental Specialist 2 position was not filled due to a 10% cut in the fiscal year 2013 LUST grant.

The Release Prevention program enforcement coordinator is currently on extended disability leave. Lynne Caughell is expected back to work in six to eight weeks.

ADMINISTRATION – The proposed BUSTR Revolving Loan Program to enable Political Subdivisions to address the removal of Underground Storage Tanks is being considered by the Senate as part of the budget. SFM BUSTR is still waiting on word from Region 5 of the U.S. E.P.A. concerning possible budget cuts and the effects on the UST and LUST programs.

TRAINING AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT – Over the past two to three years the U.S. E.P.A. has been stressing the importance of proper/adequate investigation of soil vapor intrusion to indoor air spaces when there is a petroleum UST release. As such, BUSTR has been able to access the OEPA's Division of Emergency & Remedial Response (DERR) to provide classroom and hands on training. The training was held at the fire academy on April 16, 17, 23, 24 and May 7, 8, 14, 15, 2013. All BUSTR corrective action staff participated in the training.

TRAINING TO STAKEHOLDERS – As part of the soil vapor training provided by OEPA/DERR, many of the environmental consultants that perform BUSTR corrective action investigations were in attendance. This interaction with BUSTR staff provided valuable insight and is assisting to bring the consulting groups in line with BUSTR expectations.

ACTIVITY –

OTTER Database Upgrade Project

As of June 1, 2013 we are in week ninety-two (92) of the OTTER upgrade. Phase 3 went live on April 30, 2012. A change order to complete Phase 3 has been initiated with approximately 50% remaining to be completed by the vendor, Ventech, on or before June 30, 2013.

Click Scheduling

As of June 1, 2013 we are in week sixty-seven (67) of the project. Fifteen (15) tablets have been delivered to the State Fire Marshal with (13) currently being used by field staff. Interface user acceptance testing with the OTTER database is ongoing. The anticipated start-up date is July 1, 2013.

Three Year Operational Compliance Inspection Cycle

The second federally mandated three year operational compliance inspection cycle has been completed. BUSTR inspectors are currently performing follow-up inspection activities along with assisting customers with specific needs. The next three year inspection cycle will incorporate the use of the "Click" scheduling program once it and the OTTER database are ready for use.

STATISTICS and/or COMMENTS

Release Prevention

UST Operational Compliance Inspections

The current 3 year inspection cycle was completed April 30, 2013.
The new grant cycle will commence no later than August 9, 2013.

Corrective Action

No Further Action Letters (NFA)

The current grant cycle ends September 30, 2013.
For the week ending **June 1, 2013**

3 NFA's were generated, for a total of **422** NFA's
To - date target projection of total NFA's is **437**
-4% ahead of projections

Statistic	Count as of 6/1/2013
Number of Registered Tanks	22,026
Number of Owners of Registered Facilities	3,750
Number of Registered Facilities	7,533
Number of Active Releases	2,579
Number of Active Closures	1,078
Number of Program No Further Actions	27,492