Memorandum

To: Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board

From: Chief William Hills, BUSTR

Re: **BUSTR Report**

Date: November 13, 2013

PERSONNEL – BUSTR reduced strength by 3 positions as a result of federal cuts to the UST and LUST grants. Reduced are Attorney 4, File Room Clerk and Environmental Specialist 2 positions.

ADMINISTRATION – The BUSTR Revolving Loan Fund Program administrative rule (OAC 1301:7-9-20) that enables Political Subdivisions to address the removal of Underground Storage Tanks was filed on November 13, 2013 with an anticipated effective date of January 30, 2014. BUSTR is working with Commerce Fiscal on the application form, screening criteria and loan agreement used for this program.

BUSTR was recently awarded $98,000 in additional FY14 LUST grant dollars to be used for performing responsible party searches at petroleum UST release properties. Commerce Fiscal is currently working with BUSTR to develop the steps necessary for selecting vendors for this project.

TRAINING AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT – BUSTR has scheduled through the Ohio Fire Academy an UST installer course for February 10-14, 2014 and an UST inspector course for March 3-7, 2014.

The State Fire Marshal/BUSTR has agreed to sponsor the U.S. EPA Region 5 (consisting of six states) "Underground Storage Tank Installer" seminar in early April, 2014. The training is scheduled for March 25-26, 2014 at the State Fire Academy. BUSTR staff will have the opportunity to participate in these training sessions and seminar.

TRAINING TO STAKEHOLDERS – Stakeholders will be participating in the courses noted under Training and Staff Development.

ACTIVITY –

OTTER Database Upgrade Project

OTTER went live with on August 5, 2013. Ventech and IT Commerce continue to correct minor issues as part of the contract.

Click Scheduling

The "Click Scheduling" process also went live on August 5, 2013. There have only been a few minor issues that are being handled in-house.

STATISTICS and/or COMMENTS

Release Prevention

UST Operation Compliance Inspections

The current 3 year inspection cycle ends June 30, 2016.
For the week ending **November 8, 2013**
72 new inspections were performed for a total of **1,458** inspections.

Corrective Action

No Further Action Letters (NFA)

The current grant cycle ends September 30, 2014.
For the week ending **November 8, 2013**
12 NFA's were generated, for a total of **63** NFA's
To - date target projection of total NFA's is **75**

Statistic	Count as of 11/12/2013
Number of Registered Tanks	22,025
Number of Owners of Registered Facilities	3,745
Number of Registered Facilities	7,526
Number of Active Releases	2,540
Number of Active Closures	1,136
Number of Program No Further Actions	27,758