Memorandum

To: Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board

From: Chief William Hills, BUSTR

Re: **BUSTR Report**

Date: August 28, 2013

PERSONNEL – There are three positions on the leaking underground storage tank "LUST" side of the program that will not be filled. 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 Environmentalist Specialist 2 position was not filled due to a 10% cut in the fiscal year 2013 LUST grant.

ADMINISTRATION – The proposed BUSTR Revolving Loan Program to enable Political Subdivisions to address the removal of Underground Storage Tanks was passed as part of the State of Ohio budget. Region 5 of the U.S. E.P.A. reduced the underground storage tank (UST) grant by 19% for the 2013 – 2014 grant cycle. No further reductions were imposed on the LUST grant for FY14.

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 investigationof 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 on hands training. The training was held at the fire academy on April 16, 17, 23, 24 - May 7, 8, 14, 15, – September 17, 18 and October 1, 2, 2013. All BUSTR corrective action staff participated in the training.

The State Fire Marshal/BUSTR has agreed to sponsor the U.S. E.P.A. Region 5 (consisting of six states) "Underground Storage Tank Installer" seminar in early April, 2014. The training is tentatively planned to be held at the state fire academy. Planning for the event is ongoing.

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

After a lengthy process, updated OTTER went live with the change order process on August 5, 2013. Ventech is continuing to correct minor issues through August 30th as part of the contract.

Click Scheduling

The "Click Scheduling" process also went live on August 5, 2013 under the direction of supervisors and managers. There have only been a few minor issues.

Three Year Operational Compliance Inspection Cycle

The third federally mandated three year operational compliance inspection cycle has been started. BUSTR inspectors are currently performing inspection activities along with assisting customers with specific needs through the Click Scheduling system.

STATISTICS and/or COMMENTS

Release Prevention

UST Operation Compliance Inspections

The current 3 year inspection cycle ends June 30, 2016.
For the week ending **August 23, 2013**
75 new inspections were performed for a total of **788** inspections.

Corrective Action

No Further Action Letters (NFA)

The current grant cycle ends September 30, 2013.
For the week ending **August 23, 2013**
10 NFA's were generated, for a total of **573** NFA's
To - date target projection of total NFA's is **587**
-3% ahead of projections

Statistic	Count as of 6/1/2013
Number of Registered Tanks	21,972
Number of Owners of Registered Facilities	3,743
Number of Registered Facilities	7,514
Number of Active Releases	2,552
Number of Active Closures	1,124
Number of Program No Further Actions	27,614