

BUSTR Release Prevention Rule Changes Effective March 1, 2005

Top Ten Release Prevention Rule Changes

As part of their five-year rule review, BUSTR has amended several of its rules regarding release prevention. These rules became effective on March 1, 2005. As you can see, some of these changes will be phased in over a period of time. Of particular importance is the requirement that owners must complete and maintain operational compliance records on forms to be developed by BUSTR after January 1, 2006.

The following is a list of some of the amendments as described by BUSTR at a recent seminar:

- 1) For new UST systems, most piping must be secondarily contained and containments/sumps must be installed at the UST and under the dispensers.
- 2) After December 31, 2005, ground water monitoring and soil vapor monitoring will no longer be accepted as a valid method of monthly leak detection.
- 3) Most UST systems must perform daily inventory control or use other approved methods.
- 4) Tightness testing procedures have been modified for most UST system components.
- 5) Starting no later January 1, 2006, owners must complete and maintain an operational compliance form as prescribed by the fire marshal.
- 6) After January 1, 2006, tightness testing and periodic checks of leak detection equipment must be supervised by a certified UST installer.
- 7) Permit requirements have changed with respect to modification work and routine maintenance work.
- 8) It is easier for owners to seek extensions for UST systems out of service for over a year.
- 9) It is easier for UST inspectors associated with delegated fire departments to renew their certifications.
- 10) UST Inspectors no longer have to demonstrate continuing education as a condition of renewal except for special training sessions, as determined by the fire marshal.

Any questions regarding the amended rules and their implications to your UST systems should be directed to BUSTR at 614-752-7938 or visit their web site at <http://www.com.state.oh.us/sfm/bust/>.