



Tips From Frank the Tank

WHAT DOES OHIO LAW SAY ABOUT OWNING/OPERATING PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS?

Failure to register tanks with the Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations (BUSTR) and to assure tanks with the Financial Assurance Fund (Fund) may result in civil and/or criminal penalties.

In Ohio, all UST owners are required to register their USTs annually with BUSTR and to participate in the Fund to demonstrate financial responsibility. Federal and state law requires UST owners to demonstrate financial responsibility of at least \$1,000,000.

BUSTR regulates the safe operation of USTs and supervises appropriate investigations and cleanup of releases from USTs to protect human health and preserve the environment for the citizens of Ohio.

The Fund provides coverage for clean up costs and third-party property and bodily injury damages associated with releases from petroleum USTs. The Petroleum UST Release Compensation Board (Board) administers the Fund. The Board assesses annual fees and issues Certificates of Coverage to all owners who pay the annual fees, demonstrate coverage for the Fund deductible, and certify their USTs are in compliance with BUSTR's regulations for the operation and maintenance of USTs.

Complying with BUSTR regulations and acquiring Financial Assurance Fund coverage is required for the lawful ownership and operation of USTs.

REGISTERING PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS WITH BUSTR AND ACQUIRING COVERAGE FROM THE BOARD

BUREAU OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REGULATIONS (BUSTR)
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Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
Jason Anthony, Interim Bureau Chief

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P.O. Box 687, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Telephone 614-752-7938
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Registration Fees: Due by July 1 each year
\$100 per tank

(Political Subdivisions exempt from fee)
(Heating oil tanks used for consumptive use on premises where stored and farm or residential tanks with a capacity of 1,100 gallons or less are exempt from registration and paying fees.)

For more information visit
www.com.ohio.gov/fire

PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK RELEASE COMPENSATION BOARD (BOARD)
4151 Executive Parkway, Suite 350
Westerville, OH 43081
Starr Richmond, Executive Director

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Annual Fees: Due by July 1 each year
2024 Program Year (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)
\$350 per tank/\$55,000 deductible
\$550 per tank/\$11,000 deductible
(only owners of six or fewer tanks may elect the reduced deductible)

For more information visit
<http://www.petroboard.org>