

Summary Information on Underground Storage Tanks (USTs)

The Federal Energy Policy Act (Energy Act) of 2005 requires states that receive federal Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Trust Fund money from EPA to provide summary information on USTs on or before December 31st for the prior Federal Fiscal Year (FFY). The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) receives federal funding under Subtitle I of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act in the form of both a LUST Prevention grant and LUST Cleanup grant. The information presented below fulfills the requirement of the Energy Act and subsequent guidelines issued by EPA.

The information below is presented on a FFY basis and based upon the DEP definition of an “UST” and “release”. These definitions can be found in Section 245.1 of the DEP regulations. Active facilities/USTs include those in temporary out-of-service status. Facilities inspected reflect the number of on-site inspections conducted by third-party DEP-certified inspectors. Significant operational compliance (SOC) is defined in EPA guidance and means that the UST systems at a facility have the proper equipment/procedures in place and are being properly operated and maintained to detect a release. The number of confirmed releases includes releases from hazardous substance USTs. Information on releases where the source is not known is not presented. Source/cause release information is generally provided by owners, operators, certified installers/inspectors, and consultants.

Inspection, compliance and release information for individual facilities or USTs can be viewed through the DEP web site at www.dep.pa.gov (Click on Data and Tools, then Tools, then eFACTS). eFACTS is the DEP Environment, Facility, Application, Compliance Tracking System.

Questions pertaining to this summary information can be directed to the Division of Storage Tanks at 800-42TANKS (within PA) or 717-772-5599, or e-mail at tanks@pa.gov.

	FFY 2020	FFY 2019	FFY 2018	FFY 2017
	From: 10/1/2019 To: 9/30/2020	From: 10/1/2018 To: 9/30/2019	From: 10/1/2017 To: 9/30/2018	From: 10/1/2016 To: 9/30/2017
Total Number of Active UST Facilities at end of FFY:	7,384	7,485	7,623	7,725
Total Number of Active USTs at end of FFY:	21,680	21,904	22,146	22,371
Number of UST Facilities Inspected:	2,022	2,755	3,205	2,736
Percent UST Facilities in SOC:	55.0%	66.1%	68.6%	68.7%
Number of Confirmed Releases:	239	248	220	210

Summary of Release Source and Cause Information for FFY 2020

Source			Cause													
			Spill		Overfill		Phys/Mech Damage		Corrosion		Install Problem		Other		Unknown	
#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Tank	35	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	33	16
Piping	53	26	0	0	0	0	6	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	44	21
Dispenser	58	28	0	0	0	0	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	25
STP	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2
Delivery Problem	14	7	3	1	11	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	42	20	1	0	10	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	15
Totals	207	100	4	2	21	10	13	6	5	2	0	0	0	0	164	79

STP = Submersible Turbine Pump Area

= Number

% = Percent

* To the best of their ability, owners, operators, certified installers/inspectors, and consultants report the source of the release. However, in most instances, the exact cause of the release is not able to be determined.