

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 Underground Storage Tanks (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 25 Pennsylvania Code Chapter 245. Active facilities and active 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 or prevent a release. Technical compliance rate (TCR) is defined in EPA guidance and means that the UST systems at a facility have the proper equipment/procedures in place, are being properly operated and maintained to detect or prevent a release and have successfully passed all necessary equipment operability testing. 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 website at www.dep.pa.gov (Click on “Data and Tools,” then “Tools,” and 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 1.800.42.TANKS (within PA), 717-772-5599, or e-mail at tanks@pa.gov.

	FFY 2024	FFY 2023	FFY 2022	FFY 2021
	From: 10/1/2023 To: 9/30/2024	From: 10/1/2022 To: 9/30/2023	From: 10/1/2021 To: 9/30/2022	From: 10/1/2020 To: 9/30/2021
Total Number of Active UST Facilities at end of FFY:	6,908	7,024	7,151	7,260
Total Number of Active USTs at end of FFY:	20,805	20,980	21,251	21,405
Number of UST Facilities Inspected:	2,345	2,014	2,816	2,471
Percent UST Facilities in SOC through 12/21/2021:	N/A	N/A	N/A	55.3%
Percent of UST facilities in TCR beginning 12/22/2021:	79.6%	64.3%	56.0%	N/A
Number of Confirmed Releases:	194	208	226	231

Summary of Release Source and Cause Information for FFY 2024

Source			Cause													
			Spill		Overfill		Phys/Mech Damage		Corrosion		Install Problem		Other		Unknown	
#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Tank	32	22	0	0	0	0	5	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	24	16
Piping	48	32	0	0	0	0	18	12	2	1	0	0	0	0	28	19
Dispenser	48	32	1	1	5	3	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	23
STP	7	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Delivery Problem	12	8	10	7	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Totals	148	100	11	7	7	5	36	24	6	4	0	0	0	0	88	59

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.