

STORAGE TANKS PROGRAM

DEP's Bureau of Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields is responsible for policies and implementation of the Storage Tank Program. The program provides for the health and safety of the citizens of Pennsylvania by protecting Pennsylvania's air, land, and water from storage tank releases. The program staff work as partners with individuals, organizations, governments, and businesses to prevent releases from storage tanks and restore our natural resources when releases do occur. Under the Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act, which became effective on August 5, 1989, the Storage Tank Program is responsible for developing and implementing regulations for aboveground and underground storage tanks. Specific program responsibilities include the following: registration and permitting of regulated aboveground and underground storage tank systems and collection of annual tank registration fees, certification of individuals and companies that perform tank inspection and tank handling (installation, modification, removal) activities, establishment of technical and operational standards for aboveground and underground storage tank systems, and development of procedures for reporting of releases and corrective action by tank owners.

The Storage Tank Program encompasses two divisions within the bureau. The [Division of Storage Tanks](#) manages the statewide program to regulate aboveground and underground storage tanks under Pennsylvania's Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act. The Site Remediation Division (SRD) develops regulations, policy and guidance for the storage tanks corrective action program and the state and federal Superfund programs. The SRD also procures and administers statewide contracts to perform site assessment, design, interim response and other actions to respond to petroleum and hazardous substance releases.

The Storage Tank Program regulates over 17,470 aboveground storage tanks and approximately 21,046 underground storage tanks located at over 12,200 facilities in Pennsylvania. From July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, DEP-staff and DEP-certified third-party inspectors performed over 7,650 inspections at regulated storage tank facilities.

In FY 2021, which ended June 30, 2022, the Storage Tank Program completed 408 cleanups at regulated storage tank sites.