

Focus on UST Technical Assistance Program



Toxics Cleanup Program

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Do you own or operate underground storage tanks (USTs) regulated by the Department of Ecology? Would you like to know if your UST system complies with the regulations – without fear of penalty?

If your answers are “Yes,” you may benefit from Ecology’s Technical Assistance Program.

How does the Technical Assistance Program work?

Your technical assistance (TA) inspection is like a full UST compliance inspection. But, in the case of a technical assistance inspection, you will not be penalized for minor violations (unless there is potential harm to human health or the environment). Instead, the Ecology inspector will offer help in the form of a compliance schedule. This will help you make operation and maintenance improvements and help you in meeting compliance with the UST regulations. (Failure to meet the deadlines of the compliance schedule could result in future enforcement actions.)

During the TA inspection, Ecology will review records and equipment for compliance. It will include a review of release detection and all required testing records, Business License with tank endorsements, and proof of pollution liability insurance as well as inspection of the dispensers, fill pipes, spill buckets, and turbines, if equipped. Ecology will also verify you have a facility compliance tag.

I’d like to make an appointment. Where do I call?

IF YOUR TANK SYSTEM IS LOCATED IN...	PLEASE CALL
<i>Island, King, Kitsap, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish or Whatcom County</i>	(425) 649-7000
<i>Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Skamania, Thurston, or Wahkiakum County</i>	(360) 407-6300
<i>Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan or Yakima County</i>	(509) 575-2490
<i>Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla or Whitman County</i>	(509) 329-3400
<i>All federal sites located in Western Washington</i>	(360) 407-7270

The Technical Assistance Program is a win-win situation.

By contacting Ecology before a regular compliance inspection is scheduled, you can receive free technical assistance and help identifying problems early on. It’s also a great time to ask questions in a stress-free setting.

THIS PROGRAM DOES NOT APPLY TO HOME HEATING OIL TANKS OR FARM OR RESIDENTIAL TANKS OF 1,100 GALLONS OR LESS USED FOR NON-COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

Special accommodations:

If you need this document in a format for the visually impaired, call the Toxics Cleanup Program at (360) 407-7170. Persons with hearing loss, call 711 for Washington Relay Service. Persons with a speech disability, call 877-833-6341.