



Division of
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Tennessee Tank Talk



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Welcome!

Welcome to the 14th edition of *Tennessee Tank Talk*.

On this holiday week, the Division of Underground Storage Tanks gives thanks to all our tank owners, operators, vendors, and contractors – our regulated community – for your continued compliance efforts that helps ensure Tennessee remains a great place to live, work and play. We also thank all our hard-working staff and TDEC support who works with you to achieve our common goals. In addition, all our efforts help keep Tennessee a place where employers chose to locate, for example Ford Motor Company's recent West Tennessee future production plant announcement. While we may not all be at the same place as we were before 2020, we can all find something to be grateful about.

Being grateful not only has benefit for others but also for ourselves. Psychology Today (April 3, 2015) lists 7 scientifically proven benefits of gratitude. These include better relationships, improved physical and psychological health, reduced aggression, better sleep, improved self-esteem, and mental strength. Harvard Health (August 14, 2021) says that giving thanks can even make you happier. So, let's all take a moment this week to give thanks knowing that even a small gesture can make a better tomorrow and ease whatever challenges that lay ahead of us.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew A. Bond'.

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Director

We Want Your Feedback!

This Division of Underground Storage Tanks invites you to participate in our survey. We value your input about your experience with the recent implementation of our new rules. At the end of the survey, there is space for additional comments or suggestions.

CLICK HERE FOR THE SURVEY

UST Virtual Tank School

Tank School is a training opportunity originally developed and taught in-person; however, in 2020, Tank School moved to a virtual setting. TN Tank School is designed to help increase the tank owners and/or operators understanding of regulatory compliance with the underground storage tank rules, preparation for future compliance inspections and any upcoming new regulatory requirements. The class covers UST systems equipment, operations, testing requirements, recordkeeping and reporting requirements and specific topics to the TN UST Program. Attending the class can be voluntary, or a requirement to address operational compliance enforcement action. All attendees who complete the entire class receive a Certificate of Attendance. Any attendee who scores a 70 or higher on the class final exam will be awarded a UST Class A and Class B Operator certificate.

The virtual class includes: A pre-test emailed to the attendee to be completed and submitted prior to the day of class, a full day presentation (in class discussions and questions are encouraged) and a final Post-Test given after the presentation.

If you are interested in completing Virtual Tank School, contact Nigel Luther at nigel.luther@tn.gov or Mitzie Berry at mitzie.berry@tn.gov.

Requirements for Tank School

- Access to a computer with a reliable internet connection (1.0 Mbps (download) and 1.5 Mbps (upload) is recommended)
- Access to a reliable audio source (I.E. cell phone, computer speakers, headset, etc.)
- Valid email address
- Ability to complete an online pre-test prior to class and an online post-test after the class presentation
- Ability to attend and actively participate during the entire class session (Approximately six (6) hours)

2022 Virtual Tank School Class Schedule

January 12; February 9; March 9; April 13;

May 11; June 8; July 13; August 10; September 14;

October 12; November 9; December 14

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Field Office Spotlight

Knoxville



Counties Served: Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Claiborne, Cocke, Grainger, Hamblen, Jefferson, Knox, Loudon, Monroe, Morgan, Roane, Scott, Sevier, Union

Field Office Manager: [Holly Marlowe](#) (865) 320-6168

Field Office Inspectors: Kyle Beverly, Todd Bixler, Justin Evans, Jessica Hussey,

Environmental Consultants: Doug Cantrell, Rick Huchison, Chris Lewis, David Stone

Enforcement: Jessica DeHope

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New Rules Resources

[UST- New Rules Web Page](#)

[Current Tennessee UST Rules](#)

[2018 Federal Rule Change Quick Reference Guide](#)

[Tank Owner Quick Reference Guide](#)

Additional Resources

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