



Temporary Closure – What's it for?

Oregon DEQ

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My Temporary Closure Journey



TC tanks “Not a big deal”

Oregon's Normal Enforcement

- 370 inspections in FY 2025
- 252 Field Citations
- 36 Referrals to Formal Enforcement
- 35% TCR

 State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality	Program Enforcement No. 2025-FC-9962	This section for DEQ use only
Department of Environmental Quality Underground Storage Tank Program		
Field Citation For UST Violations		
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- Red tag authority in statute, never implemented in rule
- Resources stretched thin
- Field citations limited in statute to \$1,500 penalty
- What to do with facilities with non-functional equipment?



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(3) The permittee may not operate an UST that does not meet the conditions and requirements of the operation certificate and all other applicable rules and statutes.



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Test Result:

Pass



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MISCELLANEOUS	
SYSTEM FAIL O/G	NONE
DELIVERY DELAY	15
HISTORY LENGTH	50
PRINT INTERVAL	1
BUSY SUPPORTED	NO
USER THRESHOLD	0
TANKS	
NUMBER OF TANKS	0
PROBES	
PRODUCTS	
REPORT SCHEDULES	
INVENTORY	
PRODUCT DETAIL	
SCHEDULE	NONE
PRODUCT SUMMARY	
SCHEDULE	NONE
PRODUCT USAGE DETAIL	

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- 57 Facilities so far
- Most corrective actions performed within a week
- Calls to distributors

Testing Information		
1. Containment sump tank ID	Dispenser 1/2	
2. Containment sump material	Plastic	
3. Liquid and debris removed from sump?*	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Y
4. Visual inspection (No cracks, loose parts or separation of the bucket from the fill pipe.)?	☒ Pass ☐ Fail	☐ P
5. Containment sump depth	30"	
6. Height from bottom to top of highest penetration	6"	
7. Starting water level	16"	
8. Test start time	10:00am	
9. Ending water level	16"	
10. Test end time	11:00am	
11. Test period (minimum test time: 1 hour)	1 hour	
12. Water level change	0"	
Test results:		☒ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ P
Pass/fail criteria: Must pass visual inspection. Water le		

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