

Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund

Division of Environmental Quality,
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Farewell to Wanda Paes

- Wanda successfully managed the Trust Fund for several years
- We wish her the best in her retirement!
- Jacqueline Trotta is now the Trust Fund Administrator

REQUIREMENTS FOR TRUST FUND COVERAGE OF AN ACCIDENTAL RELEASE

- At the time of the discovery of the release the owner or operator must have registered the tanks and paid the annual tank fees
- The Division must have been given timely notice of the release as required by federal regulations (within 24 hours)
- The owner or operator must cooperate fully with the Division in conducting corrective action to address the release
- The owner or operator must have expended \$7,500 in reasonable, allowable, and necessary corrective action costs

Tips for a Timely Reimbursement Application Process

- ❑ Follow Regulation 12;
- ❑ Guidelines for Reimbursement of Corrective Action Costs; and
- ❑ Application Instructions
- ❑ Submit applications within a timely manner of when the corrective actions were performed

Reimbursement Documents Online

Guidelines and Instructions can be found on the DEQ webpage:
<https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/rst/programs/trustfund/>

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Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund

The Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund provides reimbursement to eligible owners or operators of storage tanks for corrective action costs and expenses required to address accidental releases. The fund also compensates third parties for damages caused by accidental releases.

Fund Coverage and Deductibles

The owner or operator is responsible for the first \$25,000 (deductible) of corrective action costs and expenses per occurrence for releases that occurred between Feb. 22, 1989, and Aug. 1, 1997; the first \$15,000 (deductible) for releases that occurred between Aug. 2, 1997, and July 29, 1999; or the first \$7,500 (deductible) for releases that occurred on or after July 30, 1999.

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Trust Fund Forms and Documents

Select the appropriate subject below to find trust fund application forms and documents. Submit required forms.

Guidance Documents

- [Eligibility Checklist](#)
- [Guidelines for Reimbursement of Corrective Action Costs \(2016\)](#)
- [Cost Control Guidelines \(2002\)](#)

Reimbursement Application Forms

- [2016 Application Instructions](#)

Related Links & Documents

- [EPA 40 CFR 280](#)
Technical Standards and Corrective Action Requirements for Owners and Operators of USTs
 - [Subpart H - Financial Responsibility](#)
- [APC&EC Regulation 12](#)
(Regulated Storage Tanks)
- [Applicability of Sales Tax to Environmental Consultants and Contractors](#)
- [Guidance Document for Site Assessment Work Plans](#)
- [Guidance Document for Corrective Action Work Plans](#)

Reimbursement Application Review Process

Each application undergoes :

- Technical Review
- Financial Review
- Trust Fund Advisory Committee Review

DEQ staff, owners or consultants, and Advisory Committee members meet once a month as needed to review and make an approval decision for each application

Common Mistakes that Result in Additional Processing Time

- Missing application pages
- Incorrect data and dates
- Missing data
- Inaccurate mileage
- Lack of mileage route details
- Unallowable items
- Costs exceed approved work plans

Thank You for Your Help!

- With your cooperation, Trust Fund Staff have seen improvement in the quality of the reimbursement applications
- Common mistakes are becoming a thing of the past

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