

Selling Your Facility: Know Your Responsibility

Selling your business is an important decision and closing out your tank registration and information is a vital step to continuing the success of the Underground Storage Tank Management Program (USTMP). Promptly contacting USTMP may save you future headaches if the new owner does not properly transfer ownership. The following is a checklist to help guide the transfer of information.

1. Tank Registration-

Terminate your Ownership/Registration:

Three (3) easy methods to choose from:

1. Contact USTMP at 404.362.2687*
2. Email epd.atr@dnr.ga.gov *
3. GEOS database

<https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/Public/GovEnt/Shared/Pages/Main/Login.aspx>

***Please also provide USTMP the buyer's name, address, and phone number**

If you miss this step, the new owner may not properly contact USTMP to register the tanks, leaving your name as the Responsible Owner. This opens up the possibility that you will be contacted if there are any regulatory or corrective action issues.

Let the new owner know that it is his/her responsibility to Register the tanks and get Operator training.

This will give additional notice to the new owner that it is his or her responsibility to properly register the tanks within 30 days of transfer of ownership. The new owner can use the same methods listed above. Operator training information is available on our website under UST Operator A, B, and C <https://epd.georgia.gov/ust-operator-class-b-and-c-0>

Advise the new owner about properly completing the 7530 Form.

The 7530 form is used to notify USMTP of any changes to ownership, financial responsibility and tank information. It is available on our website for ease of use <https://epd.georgia.gov/about-us/land-protection-branch/underground-storage-tanks>

2. Regulatory Compliance-

Give all regulatory compliance forms to the new owner and/or show him or her where all information required for complying to USTMP GUST Rules : 391-3-15 is located.

This helps ensure that the facility continues to have successful inspections and alleviates possible phone calls from the new owner asking for your assistance.

- Documents for transfer include at least the last three (3) years worth of Compliance Testing and Monthly Monitoring, and proof that GUST Fund participation is current. Also, any and all repair receipts or documentation.**

The following guidance can be used to ensure adequate transfer of records:

Tanks

Tanks installed prior to April 7, 2008- records for the last 3 years for Automatic Tank gauging or Statistical Inventory Reconciliation

Tanks installed after April 7, 2008- records for the monthly interstitial monitoring for the last 3 years

Piping

Piping installed prior to April 7, 2008- Line tightness test annually for the last 3 years and MLLD or ELLD test annually for the last 3 years

Piping installed after April 7, 2008-Monthly Interstitial Monitoring for the last 3 years and MLLD or ELLD annual testing for the last 3 years

Corrosion protection (CP)

Last 2 test of CP system for steel tanks and/or piping

Testing

Release detection- Annual ATG testing for the last 3 years and Annual sensor testing for the last 3 years

Release prevention-Spill bucket every 3 years / Overfill testing every 3 years/ Sump and UDC testing if used for interstitial monitoring every 3 years

Walkthrough-Monthly walkthrough for spill buck, overfill and ATG/ Annual walkthrough for sumps and UDC

Repairs- Provide records of repairs which may include invoices, after repair tests, new installation and replacement information

3. Financial Responsibility-

- Let the new owner know if you are a GUST Trust Fund participant. The new owner can continue the EAF payments to ensure coverage.**

You can provide him or her with either one (1) fuel invoice per quarter from the Jobber showing payment of the GUST fee OR a current Form P filled out and signed by both the Jobber and the Facility owner.

- If you had private insurance and the new owner asks you about the GUST Trust Fund, he or she has one (1) year to participate in the GUST Trust Fund from the purchase date, if the facility has a passing compliance record and site check. The jobber can start collecting the fee after USTMP approval. GUST Participation information can be found on our website at**

<https://epd.georgia.gov/ust-new-and-potential-owners>

Be Prepared. Be Ready.

If you have questions, please call 404.362.2687



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