Before You Buy a Former UST Facility

If you are interested in purchasing a former UST facility to use the property for a new purpose or to start up a new UST facility at that location, there are several important questions to ask. This may save you future headaches and costly expenses that negatively impact your business and the environment.

Since the facility is no longer in use, the tanks are either identified as <u>Closed</u> (tanks are still in ground but filled with inert materials and cannot be used) or <u>Removed</u> from the ground.

The following is a list of common questions to help in your investment decision. For tanks that are closed in the ground and/or removed from the ground, the following information needs to be researched and gathered:

Is there a Closure Report on file with USTMP? You can request this document by calling the UST program at 404.362.2687.

Is there any Corrective Action going on at the site? Corrective Action would be any activity related to cleaning any petroleum contamination that may have occurred with tank use or closure.

Did you do a Phase II Assessment on the property? If there is no Corrective Action, was a Phase II Assessment performed? Phase II Assessment will indicate if there is contamination on the site. If there is no contamination on site, then no petroleum release has been confirmed.

Is the Corrective Action funded through the GUST Trust Fund or private insurance? GUST Trust Fund is the state operated financial mechanism for facilities. This information can be confirmed by the USTMP.

Who is the Responsible Party? The responsible party is the person held accountable for the petroleum release and the corrective action required. This may or may not be the property owner. This information can be confirmed by the USTMP.

Be Prepared. Be Ready.

If you have questions, please call 404.362.2687



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