



PETROLEUM TANK RELEASE COMPENSATION FUND

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Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Fund

The Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Fund (PTRCF) was established by the 1989 Legislature to financially assist petroleum tank owners/operators for the cost they incur for cleanup in the event of a petroleum release. The fund was established to carry a major share of the cleanup costs for such a release.

Both Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) and Aboveground Storage Tanks (ASTs) are covered by the fund administered by the PTRCF. An owner or operator must annually register all petroleum tanks owned or operated by the registrant. By registering the tanks, the tank owner verifies that the tanks are in compliance with state and federal rules and rules applicable to the tank, including rules relating to financial responsibility, rules relating to infrastructure compatibility, and all rules relating to health and safety. An owner/operator must register all petroleum tanks owned or operated by them and pay an annual registration fee for each UST and AST prior to the discovery of a release.

Underground or aboveground tanks used for storage of propane, heating oil for consumptive use on the premises where stored and an underground farm or residential tank with a capacity of 1100-gallons or less, or an aboveground farm or residential tank of any capacity used for storing motor fuel for noncommercial purposes are exempt from registration with the PTRCF. However, the owner of an exempted underground or aboveground farm or residential tank may, upon application, register the tank and be eligible for reimbursement under NDAC Chapter 23.1-12.

It is mandatory for all owners/operators to register their eligible petroleum tanks with the PTRCF. If there is someone you know with a petroleum tank, please inform them about the PTRCF.

For further details and information about the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Fund, contact the Program Manager at 701-328-5191, or by email at deqptrcf@nd.gov, or by writing to the Program Manager at PTRCF, Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy St., 3rd Floor, Bismarck, ND, 58503.

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