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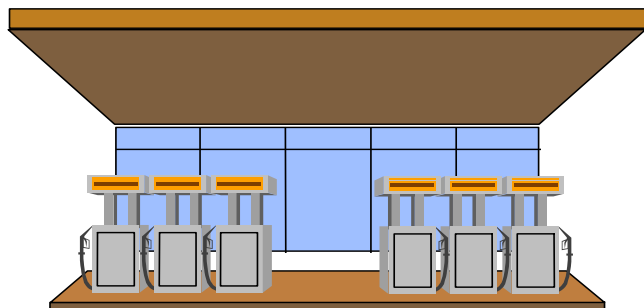
News from the Petroleum UST Release Compensation Board

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\$500 PROPERTY TRANSFER FEE AS OF JUNE 30, 2006



*Purchasers Will Be
Responsible For A
\$500 Transfer Fee
And Any Past Tank
Fees Owed For The
Site*

Beginning June 30, 2006, if you purchase a facility with petroleum underground storage tanks, you will be subject to a \$500 property transfer fee for each facility purchased. In addition, if outstanding fees exist for the USTs located at the newly purchased facility, you can also be held responsible for them.

Property transfers have increased significantly over the past several years and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments or Evaluations are often a requirement of such transfers. These site evaluations help the potential purchaser ensure that the facility is in compliance with the requirements of the Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations (BUSTR) and that a release has not occurred at the facility. However, these exploratory site evaluations are one of the major sources of identifying new releases and consequently they increase the number of Fund eligibility requests and potential liability to the Fund. In addition, administrative costs associated with transferring a Certificate of Coverage mirror those incurred with the initial review and issuance. To help with these costs, the Board adopted new rules (3737-1-04(E)(2) and 3737-1-04(F) of the Administrative Code) that assess a \$500 per facility transfer fee to the purchaser.

The new rules also require that all outstanding fees and penalties for the USTs located at the facility be paid before a Certificate can be issued. This means that to receive a Certificate with the Fund, you as the purchaser of the facility will be required to remit fees and penalties incurred by the previous owner. Because of this, we strongly recommend that if you are considering purchasing a UST facility, you contact the Board before the initial purchase discussions. We will assist you with determining the amount, if any, of outstanding fees and penalties.

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