

Compendium of State Programs Providing Assistance for Closure of Abandoned Underground Storage Tanks

The purpose of this compendium is to identify states with programs in place to help fund closure of abandoned underground storage tanks. In an effort to be consistent with the Summary of State Programs and Data on Abandoned Underground Storage Tanks and Facilities (ASTSWMO, 2017), the definition of abandoned tanks remains substantially the same. The term “abandoned tanks” is used to describe tanks that meet the following conditions:

- a) federally regulated tanks that remain in the ground and have not undergone proper closure;
- b) the presence of contamination around the tanks is unknown; and
- c) there is no person available to perform closure.

The Compendium will include a collection of one-page, program-specific information sheets. ASTSWMO is requesting states develop/provide these information sheets on their letterhead and include contact information for the department that oversees abandoned tanks, should other states have questions or be interested in developing their own programs.

Program-specific information sheets should include the following:

Program Overview:

A general description of the program and its goals. Include information about the agency that oversees abandoned tanks within your state program, how these tanks are identified, closure requirements (if any), and funding available to remove tanks and perform closure activities.

Applicability/Eligibility:

Please include any statutory or regulatory citations defining abandoned tanks within your state’s program. If your state offers a funding mechanism to close these tanks, describe the eligibility requirements for tanks or owners to participate in the program. Provide details regarding what constitutes an eligible tank.

Funding Source(s):

Describe the funding sources available for tank removal and closure activities. How is funding distributed (i.e. grant program, reimbursement program, etc.)? Is there a deductible or copayment amount for which the current owner is responsible? How much has been spent to date?

Additional Measures Following State-Lead/Financed Tank Closure:

Describe what, if any, additional measures may be pursued after tank closure: Are there long-term constraints for the site? If closure assessment revealed contamination, is cleanup assistance also available? What methods of potential cost recovery are used?

For Additional Information:

Indicate contact information and program website address.