

MONTANA MESSAGE

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PETRO POLLY... Motivational Thought...

The founder of a highly successful company was asked what it took to succeed. "The same thing it took to get started", he replied, "a sense of urgency about getting things done."

The people who make things move in this world share this same sense of urgency.

No matter how intelligent or able you may be, if you don't have this sense of urgency, *now* is the time to start developing it. The world is full of very competent people who honestly intend to do things tomorrow, or as soon as they can get around to it. Their accomplishments however, seldom match those of the less talented who are blessed with a sense of the importance of *getting started now...*

One of the fine arts of management is the ability to communicate this sense of urgency to the people who work for you without being unpleasant about it. The best method is by showing your personal interest in their projects and their jobs, checking on progress, and being quick to help in any way you can.

CONVENTION!

The annual MPMCSA convention/trade show was held June 7-9 at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort. It was an informative and fun event.

SAGE GROUSE HABITAT PROGRAM

As many of you may be aware, the Montana Legislature passed and implemented Senate Bill 261 last Session to develop a state-managed program to protect the sage grouse of MT. Failing to adopt a state-managed program would mean Federal intervention and oversight with no input from property owners, industry and other affected parties in the State. After two years of grueling negotiations, the committee that was appointed by the Governor completed their work and the Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program was created.

The SGHCP has potential to affect underground tank installations and removals if any DEQ permitting activities take place in sage grouse habitat areas designated in the plan. If so, the plans must be submitted to the SGHCP for evaluation. Note that the DEQ will be changing, and posting to their website, the permit applications to encompass the requirements of the orders and senate bill. All permit applications will have two additional questions regarding sage grouse habitat areas. Prior to submitting a UST permit application, you must first determine if your proposed project is located in general, core or connectivity sage grouse habitat. If the project is within one of the three areas, you will need to submit your project details (and coordinates, if possible) to the Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program. The Program will evaluate the project and issue a letter with requirements, if necessary. Once you have received the letter from the Program, a copy of this letter must be submitted with the permit application to the UST Program. UST Program staff will then implement any requirements laid out in the Sage Grouse Program letter in the permit.

To determine if your project is located within sage grouse habitat, it is suggested that you utilize DEQ's mapping data tool (<http://svc.mt.gov/deq/wmadst/>), first, as it has the capability to search not only by address, but also facility ID and coordinates. If the project is *not* within sage grouse habitat, you may proceed with your UST permit application.

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the newest member to the MPMCSA; Mr. Travis Mashak with Farmers Union Oil Co. in Baker.