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Utah Update *by John Hill*

DEQ Reports 72% EPA UST Compliance

DEQ reports state compliance with new UST System Testing Requirements is at 72%; last year, we were only 51% compliant. Currently, spill prevention and cathodic protection are both over 90% compliant. Overfill protection has over 80% compliance, with Release Detecting only at 75%, bringing the total number down somewhat. However, DEQ believes compliance is higher and they are just waiting for final reports to be filed by tank owners.

In July, DEQ shared a draft of proposed R311 rule changes with the Underground Storage Tank Taskforce that include a lot of reformatting, rewording, and removing redundancy to comply with the new Federal rules. DEQ hopes to present the final proposed changes to their Board in November or December prior to the sixty-day public comment period.

DEQ has developed a Health & Safety Checklist for tank inspections during the COVID-19 pandemic, and continues to work on an "on-line training and testing program" for consultants, but as of now, extensions are being granted on all certification renewals.

Utah Website Provides Helpful Business Resources

The state website: https://business.utah.gov/coronavirus/ is the go-to location for business and consumer information on dealing with all aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic. You can find information about a new business grant program that was adopted during last month's State Legislative special session.

Utah businesses are also encouraged to participate in the **"Stay Safe to Stay Open"** program, with more information at: https://stayopenutah.com/

And a new resource from the **Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)**, has just gone on-line in an easy-to-use interactive format. The ***CISA Services Catalog*** allows you to quickly and intuitively find the services and tools to avoid disruption to the critical services and products that you provide throughout Utah; find more information here https://www.cisa.gov/publication/cisa-services-catalog

September is We Card Awareness Month

The *We Card* program has participation tools available for retailers to download and promote participation in the We Card program during September Awareness Month. Go to www.wecard.org/awareness for logos, ads for your website, emails or print publications. Use what's most appropriate for you.