



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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Dear Federal Agency Environmental Executive:

On August 8, 2005, President Bush signed H.R. 6, the Domenici-Barton Energy Policy Act of 2005. Title 15, Subtitle B, of the Act are amendments to Subtitle I of the Solid Waste Disposal Act addressing the regulation of underground storage tanks (USTs), entitled, "UST Compliance Act of 2005 (USTCA of 2005¹)". The major provisions of Subtitle B include: (Sec..1523) - Inspection of underground storage tanks; (Sec..1524) - Operator training; (Sec..1525) - Remediation from oxygenated fuel additives; (Sec..1526) - Release prevention, compliance, and enforcement; (Sec..1527) - Delivery prohibition and (Sec..1528) - Federal facilities. These documents can be found at www.fedcenter.gov or *FedCenter*, the federal facility environmental stewardship and compliance assistance center.

You may have already learned about these new requirements from reading the USTCA of 2005 or EPA's presentation at the Environmental Council of States (ECOS) Federal Facilities forum on September 7, 2005, which was distributed by *FedCenter* on September 28, 2005². Section 1528 of the Act requires all departments and federal agencies, that own, operate or manage one or more federally regulated USTs to report the compliance status of their USTs to EPA and Congress by August 8, 2006. In order to begin discussions and coordination on how best to meet this reporting requirement, we are planning to host a meeting in early November. We will provide the specific date, time and meeting location shortly.

To facilitate this effort, we request that you identify one representative per department or agency with whom we may coordinate. Please submit this name to Melanie Garvey in EPA's Federal Facilities Enforcement Office at (202) 564-2579 - garvey.melanie@epa.gov. We look forward to assisting you with your reporting requirements and to receiving your status reports in 2006. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Melanie or Steven McNeely, OUST at (703) 603-7164 - mcneely.steven@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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¹ (URL) = http://www.fedcenter.gov/_kd/go.cfm?destination=ShowItem&Item_ID=2969

² (USTCA at ECOS) = http://www.fedcenter.gov/Documents/index.cfm?id=2970&pge_id=1606