

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE

To the Federal Agency Environmental Executive:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is now conducting inspections of underground storage tank (UST) systems at various federal facilities throughout the United States. EPA is authorized to conduct these UST system inspections under Section 6991(d) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act. On August 8, 2005, President George W. Bush signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which mandates federal or state inspections by August 8, 2007, of the entire universe of regulated underground storage tanks (including federal ones) that have not been inspected since December 22, 1998.

Given the magnitude of this activity, EPA has hired a contractor, Matrix Environmental and Geotechnical Services, to help the Agency conduct some of these inspections. Accordingly, this contractor, or its authorized subcontractor Eastern Research Group, may visit some of your facilities to conduct an inspection, occasionally accompanied by staff from EPA and/or the state regulatory agency. We appreciate your cooperation with these inspections. We will give a copy of this letter to the appropriate contact(s) at each facility inspected under this contractor assisted effort.

If you have any questions regarding these contractor-assisted UST inspections, please contact **Richard Satterfield** at (202) 564-2456 or <u>satterfield.richard@epa.gov</u> in EPA's Federal Facilities Enforcement Office.

Sincerely,

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