

Oklahoma Department of Transportation

Handling of Underground Storage Tanks Construction Control Directive No. **19960521**

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Scope: To establish the procedure for properly disposing of an underground storage tank discovered on a project.

When an underground storage tank (UST) is encountered in the way of a construction project, there are several issues to consider in order to see to the proper removal of the tank.

The tank may be active or abandoned, on public property or private property. The responsibility for removing the tank may be ODOT's, a Local government agency or a private owner.

If the tank is leaking, the tank may be in one location while leaking fuel or chemicals across property lines into another area of responsibility.

When a tank is discovered on an active construction project, contact the Construction Division and supply the following information:

- a. Location of tank (Project Number, Station Number, etc.)
- b. Name of contract person (Resident Engineer, Inspector)
- c. Name of owner of tank (if known)

The Construction Division will file a notice with the Maintenance Division. An environmental inspector will visit the site to determine the proper action to take. If it is determined that the removal is the responsibility of the Department, all costs associated with the tank removal will be processed by the Maintenance Division.

When a tank is discovered during the design process, contact the Maintenance Division directly.



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