

Senator David P. Hinkins proposes the following substitute bill:

STORAGE TANKS AMENDMENTS

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

House Sponsor: Keven J. Stratton

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses regulation of storage tanks.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ addresses fees;
- ▶ requires owners or operators of certain aboveground petroleum storage tanks to notify the director of the Division of Environmental Response and Remediation and establish financial assurance;
- ▶ provides for rulemaking;
- ▶ requires notifying the division in certain circumstances;
- ▶ addresses the Environmental Assurance Program and participation in the Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund;
- ▶ repeals outdated language;
- ▶ addresses liability;
- ▶ addresses state owned or leased tanks;
- ▶ imposes restrictions on delivery of petroleum;
- ▶ addresses civil penalties;



- 26 ▶ addresses private right of actions; and
- 27 ▶ makes technical changes.

28 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

29 None

30 **Other Special Clauses:**

31 This bill provides revisor instructions.

32 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

33 AMENDS:

- 34 **19-6-105**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 256
- 35 **19-6-402**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 281
- 36 **19-6-403**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapters 310 and 360
- 37 **19-6-407**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 360
- 38 **19-6-408**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 227
- 39 **19-6-409**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 31
- 40 **19-6-410.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 227
- 41 **19-6-415**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1997, Chapter 172
- 42 **19-6-415.5**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1997, Chapter 172
- 43 **19-6-416**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 360
- 44 **19-6-420**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 227
- 45 **19-6-424.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 360
- 46 **19-6-428**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 360
- 47 **19-8-119**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 227

48 **Utah Code Sections Affected by Revisor Instructions:**

- 49 **19-6-424.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 360

51 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

52 Section 1. Section **19-6-105** is amended to read:

53 **19-6-105. Rules of board.**

54 (1) The board may make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
55 Administrative Rulemaking Act:

- 56 (a) establishing minimum standards for protection of human health and the

57 environment, for the storage, collection, transport, transfer, recovery, treatment, and disposal of
58 solid waste, including requirements for the approval by the director of plans for the
59 construction, extension, operation, and closure of solid waste disposal sites;

60 (b) identifying wastes that are determined to be hazardous, including wastes designated
61 as hazardous under Sec. 3001 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, 42
62 U.S.C., Sec. 6921, et seq.;

63 (c) governing generators and transporters of hazardous wastes and owners and
64 operators of hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities, including requirements
65 for keeping records, monitoring, submitting reports, and using a manifest, without treating
66 high-volume wastes such as cement kiln dust, mining wastes, utility waste, gas and oil drilling
67 muds, and oil production brines in a manner more stringent than they are treated under federal
68 standards;

69 (d) requiring an owner or operator of a treatment, storage, or disposal facility that is
70 subject to a plan approval under Section 19-6-108 or that received waste after July 26, 1982, to
71 take appropriate corrective action or other response measures for releases of hazardous waste
72 or hazardous waste constituents from the facility, including releases beyond the boundaries of
73 the facility;

74 (e) specifying the terms and conditions under which the director shall approve,
75 disapprove, revoke, or review hazardous wastes operation plans;

76 (f) governing public hearings and participation under this part;

77 (g) establishing standards governing underground storage tanks and aboveground
78 petroleum storage tanks, in accordance with Title 19, Chapter 6, Part 4, Underground Storage
79 Tank Act;

80 (h) relating to the collection, transportation, processing, treatment, storage, and
81 disposal of infectious waste in health facilities in accordance with the requirements of Section
82 19-6-106;

83 (i) defining closure plans, modification requests, or both for hazardous waste, as class
84 I, class I with prior director approval, class II, or class III;

85 and

86 (j) prohibiting refuse, offal, garbage, dead animals, decaying vegetable matter, or
87 organic waste substance of any kind to be thrown, or remain upon or in a street, road, ditch,

88 canal, gutter, public place, private premises, vacant lot, watercourse, lake, pond, spring, or
89 well.

90 (2) If any of the following are determined to be hazardous waste and are therefore
91 subjected to the provisions of this part, the board shall, in the case of landfills or surface
92 impoundments that receive the solid wastes, take into account the special characteristics of the
93 wastes, the practical difficulties associated with applying requirements for other wastes to the
94 wastes, and site-specific characteristics, including the climate, geology, hydrology, and soil
95 chemistry at the site, if the modified requirements assure protection of human health and the
96 environment and are no more stringent than federal standards applicable to waste:

97 (a) solid waste from the extraction, beneficiation, or processing of ores and minerals,
98 including phosphate rock and overburden from the mining of uranium;

99 (b) fly ash waste, bottom ash waste, slag waste, and flue gas emission control waste
100 generated primarily from the combustion of coal or other fossil fuels; and

101 (c) cement kiln dust waste.

102 (3) The board shall establish criteria for siting commercial hazardous waste treatment,
103 storage, and disposal facilities, including commercial hazardous waste incinerators. Those
104 criteria shall apply to any facility or incinerator for which plan approval is required under
105 Section [19-6-108](#).

106 Section 2. Section **19-6-402** is amended to read:

107 **19-6-402. Definitions.**

108 As used in this part:

109 (1) "Abatement action" means action taken to limit, reduce, mitigate, or eliminate:

110 (a) a release from ~~[an underground storage tank or]~~ a petroleum storage tank; or

111 (b) the damage caused by that release.

112 (2) "Aboveground petroleum storage tank" means a storage tank that is, by volume [at
113 ~~least 90% above ground~~], less than 10% buried in the ground, including the pipes connected to
114 the storage tank[;] and:

115 (a) (i) has attached underground piping; or

116 (ii) rests directly on the ground;

117 (b) contains regulated substances;

118 (c) has the capacity to hold 351 gallons or more; and

- 119 (d) is not:
- 120 (i) used in agricultural operations, as defined by the board by rule made in accordance
- 121 with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
- 122 (ii) used for heating oil for consumptive use on the premises where stored;
- 123 (iii) related to a petroleum facility under SIC Code 2911 or 5171 of the 1987 Standard
- 124 Industrial Classification Manual of the federal Executive Office of the President, Office of
- 125 Management and Budget;
- 126 (iv) directly related to oil or gas production and gathering operations; or
- 127 (v) used in the fueling of aircraft or ground service equipment at a commercial airport
- 128 that serves passengers or cargo, with commercial airport defined in Section [72-10-102](#).
- 129 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) "Board" means the Waste Management and Radiation Control Board created
- 130 in Section [19-1-106](#).
- 131 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) "Bodily injury" means bodily harm, sickness, disease, or death sustained by a
- 132 person.
- 133 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) "Certificate of compliance" means a certificate issued to a facility by the
- 134 director:
- 135 (a) demonstrating that an owner or operator of a facility containing one or more
- 136 petroleum storage tanks has met the requirements of this part; and
- 137 (b) listing ~~[aH]~~ petroleum storage tanks at the facility, specifying:
- 138 (i) which tanks may receive petroleum; and
- 139 (ii) which tanks have not met the requirements for compliance.
- 140 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) "Certificate of registration" means a certificate issued to a facility by the
- 141 director demonstrating that an owner or operator of a facility containing one or more
- 142 ~~[underground]~~ petroleum storage tanks has:
- 143 (a) registered the tanks; and
- 144 (b) paid the annual ~~[underground storage]~~ tank fee.
- 145 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) (a) "Certified underground storage tank consultant" means a person who:
- 146 (i) for a fee, or in connection with services for which a fee is charged, provides or
- 147 contracts to provide information, opinions, or advice relating to underground storage tank
- 148 release:
- 149 (A) management;

- 150 (B) abatement;
- 151 (C) investigation;
- 152 (D) corrective action; or
- 153 (E) evaluation;
- 154 (ii) has submitted an application to the director;
- 155 (iii) received a written statement of certification from the director; and
- 156 (iv) meets the education and experience standards established by the board under
- 157 Subsection 19-6-403(1)(a)(vii).
- 158 (b) "Certified underground storage tank consultant" does not include:
- 159 (i) (A) an employee of the owner or operator of the underground storage tank; or
- 160 (B) an employee of a business operation that has a business relationship with the owner
- 161 or operator of the underground storage tank, and markets petroleum products or manages
- 162 underground storage tanks; or
- 163 (ii) a person licensed to practice law in this state who offers only legal advice on
- 164 underground storage tank release:
- 165 (A) management;
- 166 (B) abatement;
- 167 (C) investigation;
- 168 (D) corrective action; or
- 169 (E) evaluation.
- 170 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) "Closed" means ~~[an underground]~~ a petroleum storage tank that is no longer in
- 171 use that has been:
- 172 (a) emptied and cleaned to remove ~~[all]~~ the liquids and accumulated sludges; and
- 173 (b) (i) removed ~~[from the ground]~~ along with all underground components; or
- 174 (ii) filled with an inert solid material.
- 175 ~~[(8)]~~ (9) "Corrective action plan" means a plan for correcting a release from a
- 176 petroleum storage tank that includes provisions for any of the following:
- 177 (a) cleanup or removal of the release;
- 178 (b) containment or isolation of the release;
- 179 (c) treatment of the release;
- 180 (d) correction of the cause of the release;

181 (e) monitoring and maintenance of the site of the release;

182 (f) provision of alternative water supplies to a person whose drinking water has

183 become contaminated by the release; or

184 (g) temporary or permanent relocation, whichever is determined by the director to be
185 more cost-effective, of a person whose dwelling has been determined by the director to be no
186 longer habitable due to the release.

187 [~~(9)~~] (10) "Costs" means money expended for:

188 (a) investigation;

189 (b) abatement action;

190 (c) corrective action;

191 (d) judgments, awards, and settlements for bodily injury or property damage to third
192 parties;

193 (e) legal and claims adjusting costs incurred by the state in connection with judgments,
194 awards, or settlements for bodily injury or property damage to third parties; or

195 (f) costs incurred by the state risk manager in determining the actuarial soundness of
196 the fund.

197 [~~(10)~~] (11) "Covered by the fund" means the requirements of Section 19-6-424 have
198 been met.

199 [~~(11)~~] (12) "Director" means the director of the Division of Environmental Response
200 and Remediation.

201 [~~(12)~~] (13) "Division" means the Division of Environmental Response and
202 Remediation, created in Subsection 19-1-105(1)(c).

203 [~~(13)~~] (14) "Dwelling" means a building that is usually occupied by a person lodging
204 there at night.

205 [~~(14)~~] (15) "Enforcement proceedings" means a civil action or the procedures to
206 enforce orders established by Section 19-6-425.

207 [~~(15)~~] (16) "Facility" means [~~all underground~~] the petroleum storage tanks located on a
208 single parcel of property or on any property adjacent or contiguous to that parcel.

209 [~~(16)~~] (17) "Fund" means the Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund created in Section
210 19-6-409.

211 [~~(17)~~] (18) "Operator" means a person in control of or who is responsible on a daily

212 basis for the maintenance of ~~[an underground]~~ a petroleum storage tank that is in use for the
213 storage, use, or dispensing of a regulated substance.

214 ~~[(18)]~~ (19) "Owner" means:

215 (a) in the case of an underground storage tank in use on or after November 8, 1984, a
216 person who owns an underground storage tank used for the storage, use, or dispensing of a
217 regulated substance; ~~[and]~~

218 (b) in the case of an underground storage tank in use before November 8, 1984, but not
219 in use on or after November 8, 1984, a person who owned the tank immediately before the
220 discontinuance of its use for the storage, use, or dispensing of a regulated substance~~[-]; and~~

221 (c) in the case of an aboveground petroleum storage tank, a person who owns the
222 aboveground petroleum storage tank.

223 ~~[(19)]~~ (20) "Petroleum" includes crude oil or a fraction of crude oil that is liquid at:

224 (a) 60 degrees Fahrenheit; and

225 (b) a pressure of 14.7 pounds per square inch absolute.

226 ~~[(20)]~~ (21) "Petroleum storage tank" means a tank that:

227 (a) ~~[(i)]~~ is an underground storage tank;

228 ~~[(ii) is regulated under Subtitle I of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42~~
229 ~~U.S.C. Sec. 6991c, et seq.; and]~~

230 ~~[(iii) contains petroleum; or]~~

231 ~~[(b) the owner or operator voluntarily submits]~~

232 (b) is an aboveground petroleum storage tank; or

233 (c) is a tank containing regulated substances that is voluntarily submitted for

234 participation in the Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund under Section [19-6-415](#).

235 ~~[(21)]~~ (22) "Petroleum Storage Tank Restricted Account" means the account created in
236 Section [19-6-405.5](#).

237 ~~[(22)]~~ (23) "Program" means the Environmental Assurance Program under Section
238 [19-6-410.5](#).

239 ~~[(23)]~~ (24) "Property damage" means physical injury to, destruction of, or loss of use of
240 tangible property.

241 ~~[(24)]~~ (25) (a) "Regulated substance" means petroleum and petroleum-based
242 substances comprised of a complex blend of hydrocarbons derived from crude oil through

243 processes of separation, conversion, upgrading, and finishing.

244 (b) "Regulated substance" includes motor fuels, jet fuels, distillate fuel oils, residual
245 fuel oils, lubricants, petroleum solvents, and used oils.

246 ~~[(25)]~~ (26) (a) "Release" means spilling, leaking, emitting, discharging, escaping,
247 leaching, or disposing a regulated substance from ~~[an underground storage tank or]~~ a petroleum
248 storage tank into ground water, surface water, or subsurface soils.

249 (b) A release of a regulated substance from ~~[an underground storage tank or]~~ a
250 petroleum storage tank is considered a single release from that tank system.

251 ~~[(26)]~~ (27) (a) "Responsible party" means a person who:

252 (i) is the owner or operator of a facility;

253 (ii) owns or has legal or equitable title in a facility or ~~[an underground]~~ a petroleum
254 storage tank;

255 (iii) owned or had legal or equitable title in a facility at the time petroleum was
256 received or contained at the facility;

257 (iv) operated or otherwise controlled activities at a facility at the time petroleum was
258 received or contained at the facility; or

259 (v) is an underground storage tank installation company.

260 (b) "Responsible party" is as defined in Subsections ~~[(26)]~~ (27)(a)(i), (ii), and (iii) does
261 not include:

262 (i) a person who is not an operator and, without participating in the management of a
263 facility and otherwise not engaged in petroleum production, refining, and marketing, holds
264 indicia of ownership:

265 (A) primarily to protect the person's security interest in the facility; or

266 (B) as a fiduciary or custodian under Title 75, Utah Uniform Probate Code, or under an
267 employee benefit plan; or

268 (ii) governmental ownership or control of property by involuntary transfers as provided
269 in CERCLA Section 101(20)(D), 42 U.S.C. Sec. 9601(20)(D).

270 (c) The exemption created by Subsection ~~[(26)]~~ (27)(b)(i)(B) does not apply to actions
271 taken by the state or its officials or agencies under this part.

272 (d) The terms and activities "indicia of ownership," "primarily to protect a security
273 interest," "participation in management," and "security interest" under this part are in

274 accordance with 40 C.F.R. Part 280, Subpart I, as amended, and 42 U.S.C. Sec. 6991b(h)(9).

275 (e) The terms "participate in management" and "indicia of ownership" as defined in 40
276 C.F.R. Part 280, Subpart I, as amended, and 42 U.S.C. Sec. 6991b(h)(9) include and apply to
277 the fiduciaries listed in Subsection ~~[(26)]~~ (27)(b)(i)(B).

278 (28) "Rests directly on the ground" means that at least some portion of a petroleum
279 storage tank situated aboveground is in direct contact with soil.

280 ~~[(27)]~~ (29) "Soil test" means a test, established or approved by board rule, to detect the
281 presence of petroleum in soil.

282 ~~[(28)]~~ (30) "State cleanup appropriation" means money appropriated by the Legislature
283 to the department to fund the investigation, abatement, and corrective action regarding releases
284 not covered by the fund.

285 (31) "Underground piping" means piping that is buried in the ground that is in direct
286 contact with soil and connected to an aboveground petroleum storage tank.

287 ~~[(29)]~~ (32) "Underground storage tank" means a tank regulated under Subtitle I,
288 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 6991c, et seq., including:

- 289 (a) a petroleum storage tank;
290 (b) underground pipes and lines connected to a storage tank;
291 (c) underground ancillary equipment;
292 (d) a containment system; and
293 (e) each compartment of a multi-compartment storage tank.

294 ~~[(30)]~~ (33) "Underground storage tank installation company" means a person, firm,
295 partnership, corporation, governmental entity, association, or other organization that installs
296 underground storage tanks.

297 ~~[(31)]~~ (34) "Underground storage tank installation company permit" means a permit
298 issued to an underground storage tank installation company by the director.

299 ~~[(32)]~~ (35) "Underground storage tank technician" means a person employed by and
300 acting under the direct supervision of a certified underground storage tank consultant to assist
301 in carrying out the functions described in Subsection (6)(a).

302 Section 3. Section **19-6-403** is amended to read:

303 **19-6-403. Powers and duties of board.**

304 The board shall regulate ~~[an underground storage tank or]~~ a petroleum storage tank by:

305 (1) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
306 making rules that:

307 (a) provide for the:

308 (i) certification of an underground storage tank installer, inspector, tester, or remover;
309 (ii) registration of an underground storage tank operator;
310 (iii) registration of an underground storage tank;
311 (iv) administration of the petroleum storage tank program;
312 (v) format of, and required information in, a record kept by an underground storage or
313 petroleum storage tank owner or operator who is participating in the fund;

314 (vi) voluntary participation in the fund for~~[-]~~ a tank containing regulated substances,
315 but excluded from the definition of a petroleum storage tank as provided in Section 19-6-415;
316 ~~[(A) an above ground petroleum storage tank; and]~~
317 ~~[(B) a tank;]~~
318 ~~[(F) exempt from regulation under 40 C.F.R., Part 280, Subpart (B); and]~~
319 ~~[(H) specified in Section 19-6-415; and]~~

320 (vii) certification of an underground storage tank consultant including:
321 (A) a minimum education or experience requirement; and
322 (B) a recognition of the educational requirement of a professional engineer licensed
323 under Title 58, Chapter 22, Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors Licensing
324 Act, as meeting the education requirement for certification; and

325 (viii) compliance with this chapter by an aboveground petroleum storage tank;
326 (b) adopt the requirements for an underground storage tank contained in:
327 (i) the Solid Waste Disposal Act, Subchapter IX, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 6991, et seq., as may
328 be amended in the future; and
329 (ii) an applicable federal requirement authorized by the federal law referenced in
330 Subsection (1)(b)(i); and
331 (c) comply with the requirements of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, Subchapter IX, 42
332 U.S.C. Sec. 6991[e], et seq., as may be amended in the future, for the state's assumption of
333 primacy in the regulation of an underground storage tank; and
334 (2) applying the provisions of this part.

335 Section 4. Section **19-6-407** is amended to read:

336 **19-6-407. Underground storage tank registration -- Change of ownership or**
337 **operation -- Aboveground petroleum storage tank -- Civil penalty.**

338 (1) (a) [~~Each~~] An owner or operator of an underground storage tank shall register the
339 tank with the director if the tank:

340 (i) is in use; or

341 (ii) was closed after January 1, 1974.

342 (b) If a new person assumes ownership or operational responsibilities for an
343 underground storage tank, that person shall inform the [~~executive secretary~~] director of the
344 change within 30 days after the change occurs.

345 (c) Each installer of an underground storage tank shall notify the director of the
346 completed installation within 60 days following the installation of an underground storage tank.

347 (2) (a) The owner or operator of an aboveground petroleum storage tank shall notify
348 the director of the location of the aboveground petroleum storage tank by no later than:

349 (i) June 30, 2022, if the aboveground petroleum storage tank is installed on or before
350 June 30, 2022;

351 (ii) if the aboveground petroleum storage tank is installed on or after July 1, 2022, 30
352 days after the day on which the aboveground petroleum storage tank is installed;

353 (iii) 30 days before the aboveground petroleum storage tank is closed; or

354 (iv) within 24 hours of the discovery of a reportable release or suspected release, as
355 defined by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
356 Rulemaking Act, from an aboveground petroleum storage tank.

357 (b) When notifying the director under this Subsection (2), an owner of an aboveground
358 petroleum storage tank described in this Subsection (2) shall pay a processing fee established
359 under Section [63J-1-504](#).

360 (c) Before operating an aboveground petroleum storage tank on or after June 30, 2023,
361 the owner or operator of the aboveground petroleum storage tank shall provide financial
362 responsibility by participating in the Environmental Assurance Program or demonstrating
363 coverage through another method approved by the board by rule made in accordance with Title
364 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

365 (d) (i) The director shall certify when an owner or operator of an aboveground
366 petroleum storage tank is in compliance with this Subsection (2).

367 (ii) The board shall make rules providing for the identification, through a tag or other
368 readily identifiable method, of an aboveground petroleum storage tank under Subsection (2)(a)
369 that is not certified by the director as in compliance with this Subsection (2).

370 [~~2~~] (3) The director may issue a notice of agency action assessing a civil penalty in
371 the amount of \$1,000 if an owner, operator, or installer of a petroleum [~~or underground~~]
372 storage tank fails to register the tank or provide notice as required in Subsection (1) or (2).

373 [~~3~~] (4) The penalties collected under authority of this section shall be deposited in the
374 Petroleum Storage Tank Restricted Account created in Section [19-6-405.5](#).

375 Section 5. Section **19-6-408** is amended to read:

376 **19-6-408. Underground storage tank registration fee -- Processing fee for tanks**
377 **not in the program.**

378 (1) The department may assess an annual underground storage tank registration fee
379 against an owner or operator of an underground storage tank that has not been closed. These
380 fees shall be:

381 (a) billed per facility;

382 (b) due on July 1 annually;

383 (c) deposited with the department as dedicated credits;

384 (d) used by the department for the administration of the underground storage tank
385 program outlined in this part; and

386 (e) established under Section [63J-1-504](#).

387 (2) (a) As used in this Subsection (2), "financial assurance mechanism document" may
388 be a single document that covers more than one facility through a single financial assurance
389 mechanism.

390 (b) In addition to the fee under Subsection (1), an owner or operator of an underground
391 storage tank who elects to demonstrate financial assurance through a mechanism other than the
392 Environmental Assurance Program shall pay a processing fee established under Section
393 [63J-1-504](#). An owner or operator of an aboveground petroleum storage tank who elects to
394 demonstrate financial assurance through a mechanism other than the Environmental Assurance
395 Program shall pay a processing fee established under Section [63J-1-504](#).

396 (c) If a combination of financial assurance mechanisms is used to demonstrate financial
397 assurance, the fee under Subsection (2)(b) shall be paid for each document submitted.

398 (3) [~~Any funds~~] Money provided for administration of the underground storage tank
399 program under this section that [~~are~~] is not expended at the end of the fiscal year lapse into the
400 Petroleum Storage Tank Restricted Account created in Section 19-6-405.5.

401 (4) The director shall provide all owners or operators who pay the annual underground
402 storage tank registration fee a certificate of registration.

403 (5) (a) The director may issue a notice of agency action assessing a civil penalty of
404 \$1,000 per facility if an owner or operator of an underground storage tank facility fails to pay
405 the required fee within 60 days after the July 1 due date.

406 (b) The registration fee and late payment penalty accrue interest at 12% per annum.

407 (c) If the registration fee, late payment penalty, and interest accrued under this
408 Subsection (5) are not paid in full within 60 days after the July 1 due date any certificate of
409 compliance issued prior to the July 1 due date lapses. The director may not reissue the
410 certificate of compliance until full payment under this Subsection (5) is made to the
411 department.

412 (d) The director may waive any penalty assessed under this Subsection (5) if no fuel
413 has been dispensed from the tank on or after July 1, 1991.

414 Section 6. Section 19-6-409 is amended to read:

415 **19-6-409. Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund created -- Source of revenues.**

416 (1) (a) There is created a private-purpose trust fund entitled the "Petroleum Storage
417 Tank Trust Fund."

418 (b) The sole sources of revenues for the fund are:

419 (i) petroleum storage tank fees paid under Section 19-6-411;

420 (ii) underground storage tank installation company permit fees paid under Section
421 19-6-411;

422 (iii) the environmental assurance fee and penalties paid under Section 19-6-410.5;

423 (iv) appropriations to the fund;

424 (v) principal and interest received from the repayment of loans made by the director
425 under Subsection (5); and

426 (vi) interest accrued on revenues listed in this Subsection (1)(b).

427 (c) Interest earned on fund money is deposited into the fund.

428 (2) The director may expend money from the fund to pay costs:

- 429 (a) covered by the fund under Section 19-6-419;
- 430 (b) of administering the:
- 431 (i) fund; and
- 432 (ii) environmental assurance program and fee under Section 19-6-410.5;
- 433 (c) incurred by the state for a legal service or claim adjusting service provided in
- 434 connection with a claim, judgment, award, or settlement for bodily injury or property damage
- 435 to a third party;
- 436 (d) incurred by the ~~executive~~ director in determining the actuarial soundness of the
- 437 fund;
- 438 (e) incurred by a third party claiming injury or damages from a release reported on or
- 439 after May 11, 2010, for hiring a certified underground storage tank consultant:
- 440 (i) to review an investigation or corrective action by a responsible party; and
- 441 (ii) in accordance with Subsection (4); and
- 442 ~~[(f) incurred by the department to implement the study described in Subsection~~
- 443 ~~19-6-410.5(8), including a one-time cost of up to \$200,000 for the actuarial study described in~~
- 444 ~~Subsection 19-6-410.5(8)(a)(ii); and]~~
- 445 ~~[(g)]~~ (f) allowed under this part that are not listed under this Subsection (2).
- 446 (3) Costs for the administration of the fund and the environmental assurance fee shall
- 447 be appropriated by the Legislature.
- 448 (4) The director shall:
- 449 (a) in paying costs under Subsection (2)(e):
- 450 (i) determine a reasonable limit on costs paid based on the:
- 451 (A) extent of the release;
- 452 (B) impact of the release; and
- 453 (C) services provided by the certified underground storage tank consultant;
- 454 (ii) pay, per release, costs for one certified underground storage tank consultant agreed
- 455 to by all third parties claiming damages or injury;
- 456 (iii) include costs paid in the coverage limits allowed under Section 19-6-419; and
- 457 (iv) not pay legal costs of third parties;
- 458 (b) review and give careful consideration to reports and recommendations provided by
- 459 a certified underground storage tank consultant hired by a third party; and

460 (c) make reports and recommendations provided under Subsection (4)(b) available on
461 the Division of Environmental Response and Remediation's website.

462 (5) The director may loan, in accordance with this section, money available in the fund
463 to a person to be used for:

- 464 (a) upgrading an underground storage tank;
- 465 (b) replacing an underground storage tank; or
- 466 (c) permanently closing an underground storage tank.

467 (6) (a) A person may apply to the director for a loan under Subsection (5)(c) if all tanks
468 owned or operated by that person are in substantial compliance with all state and federal
469 requirements or will be brought into substantial compliance using money from the fund.

470 (b) A person may apply to the director for a loan under Subsection (5)(a) or (b) if:

- 471 (i) the requirements of Subsection (6)(a) are met; and
- 472 (ii) the person participates in the Environmental Assurance Program under Section
473 [19-6-410.5](#).

474 (7) The director shall consider loan applications under Subsection (6) to meet the
475 following objectives:

- 476 (a) support availability of gasoline in rural parts of the state;
- 477 (b) support small businesses; and
- 478 (c) reduce the threat of a petroleum release endangering the environment.

479 (8) (a) A loan made under this section may not be for more than:

- 480 (i) \$300,000 for all tanks at any one facility;
- 481 (ii) \$100,000 per tank; and
- 482 (iii) 80% of the total cost of:
 - 483 (A) upgrading an underground storage tank;
 - 484 (B) replacing an underground storage tank; or
 - 485 (C) permanently closing an underground storage tank.

486 (b) A loan made under this section shall:

- 487 (i) have a fixed annual interest rate of 0%;
- 488 (ii) have a term no longer than 10 years;
- 489 (iii) be made on the condition the loan applicant obtains adequate security for the loan
490 as established by board rule under Subsection (9); and

491 (iv) comply with rules made by the board under Subsection (9).

492 (9) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
493 board shall make rules establishing:

494 (a) form, content, and procedure for a loan application;

495 (b) criteria and procedures for prioritizing a loan application;

496 (c) requirements and procedures for securing a loan;

497 (d) procedures for making a loan;

498 (e) procedures for administering and ensuring repayment of a loan, including late
499 payment penalties;

500 (f) procedures for recovering on a defaulted loan; and

501 (g) the maximum amount of the fund that may be used for loans.

502 (10) A decision by the director to loan money from the fund and otherwise administer
503 the fund is not subject to Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.

504 (11) The Legislature shall appropriate money from the fund to the department for the
505 administration costs associated with making loans under this section.

506 (12) The director may enter into an agreement with a public entity or private
507 organization to perform a task associated with administration of loans made under this section.

508 Section 7. Section **19-6-410.5** is amended to read:

509 **19-6-410.5. Environmental Assurance Program -- Participant fee -- State Tax**
510 **Commission administration, collection, and enforcement of tax.**

511 (1) As used in this section:

512 (a) "Cash balance" means cash plus investments and current accounts receivable minus
513 current accounts payable, excluding the liabilities estimated by the executive director.

514 (b) "Commission" means the State Tax Commission, as defined in Section [59-1-101](#).

515 (2) (a) There is created an Environmental Assurance Program.

516 (b) The program shall provide to a participating owner or operator, upon payment of
517 the fee imposed under Subsection (4), assistance with satisfying the financial responsibility
518 requirements of 40 C.F.R., Part 280, Subpart H, by providing funds from the Petroleum
519 Storage Tank Trust Fund established in Section [19-6-409](#), subject to the terms and conditions
520 of [~~Chapter 6, Part 4, Underground Storage Tank Act~~] this part, and rules implemented under
521 [~~that~~] this part.

522 (3) (a) Subject to Subsection (3)(b), participation in the program is voluntary.

523 (b) An owner or operator seeking to satisfy financial responsibility requirements
524 through the program shall use the program for all petroleum underground storage tanks that the
525 owner or operator owns or operates.

526 (4) (a) There is assessed an environmental assurance fee of 13/20 cent per gallon on the
527 first sale or use of petroleum products in the state.

528 (b) The environmental assurance fee and any other revenue collected under this section
529 shall be deposited in the Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund created in Section 19-6-409 and
530 used solely for the purposes listed in Section 19-6-409.

531 (5) (a) The commission shall administer, collect, and enforce the fee imposed under
532 this section according to the same procedures used in the administration, collection, and
533 enforcement of the state sales and use tax under:

534 (i) Title 59, Chapter 1, General Taxation Policies; and

535 (ii) Title 59, Chapter 12, Part 1, Tax Collection.

536 (b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
537 commission shall make rules to establish:

538 (i) the method of payment of the environmental assurance fee;

539 (ii) the procedure for reimbursement or exemption of an owner or operator that does
540 not participate in the program, including an owner or operator of an above ground storage tank;
541 and

542 (iii) the procedure for confirming with the department that an owner or operator
543 qualifies for reimbursement or exemption under Subsection (5)(b)(ii).

544 (c) The commission may retain an amount not to exceed 2.5% of fees collected under
545 this section for the cost to the commission of rendering its services.

546 (d) By January 1, 2015, for underground storage tanks, and by July 1, 2026, for
547 aboveground petroleum storage tanks, the division shall, by rule, create:

548 (i) a model for assessing the risk profile of each facility participating in the program,
549 for purposes of qualifying for a rebate of a portion of the environmental assurance fee
550 described in Subsection (4) collected from an owner or operator that participates in the
551 program; and

552 (ii) a rebate schedule listing the amount of the environmental assurance fee that an

553 owner or operator participating in the program may qualify for based on risk profiles
554 determined by the model developed under Subsection (5)(d)(i).

555 (e) The rebate described in Subsection (5)(d):

556 (i) may not exceed 40% of the actual fee collected from an owner or operator of a
557 low-risk underground storage tank as defined in the risk-based model developed under
558 Subsection (5)(d);

559 (ii) is administered on a per facility basis;

560 (iii) is based on the facility's risk profile at the end of the prior calendar year;

561 (iv) is only applicable to an environmental assurance fee collected after December 30,
562 2014, for underground storage tanks, and June 30, 2026, for aboveground petroleum storage
563 tanks; and

564 (v) shall be claimed in the form of a refund from the commission.

565 (f) The refund described in Subsection (5)(e)(v) may be claimed on a monthly basis.

566 (6) (a) The person responsible for payment of the fee under this section shall, by the
567 last day of the month following the month in which the sale occurs:

568 (i) complete and submit the form prescribed by the commission; and

569 (ii) pay the fee to the commission.

570 (b) (i) The penalties and interest for failure to file the form or to pay the environmental
571 assurance fee are the same as the penalties and interest under Sections [59-1-401](#) and [59-1-402](#).

572 (ii) The commission shall deposit penalties and interest collected under this section in
573 the Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund.

574 (c) The commission shall report to the department a person who is delinquent in
575 payment of the fee under this section.

576 (7) (a) (i) If the cash balance of the Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund on June 30 of
577 any year exceeds [~~\$30,000,000~~] \$50,000,000, the assessment of the environmental assurance
578 fee as provided in Subsection (4) is reduced to 1/4 cent per gallon beginning November 1.

579 (ii) The reduction under this Subsection (7)(a) remains in effect until modified by the
580 Legislature in a general or special session.

581 (b) The commission shall determine the cash balance of the fund each year as of June
582 30.

583 (c) Before September 1 of each year, the department shall provide the commission with

584 the accounts payable of the fund as of June 30.

585 ~~[(8) The department shall:]~~

586 ~~[(a) (i) study the adverse selection of participants in the program and the actuarial~~
587 ~~deficit of the fund;]~~

588 ~~[(ii) obtain an actuarial study and related consultation that provides the necessary~~
589 ~~calculations to minimize adverse selection in the program and the actuarial deficit of the fund;]~~

590 ~~[(iii) develop a risk characterization profile for participants in the program and~~
591 ~~recommend a fee schedule based on fair market rates;]~~

592 ~~[(iv) develop a strategy to reduce the negative equity balance of the fund and, based on~~
593 ~~the fee schedule described in Subsection (8)(a)(iii), a corresponding time schedule showing an~~
594 ~~actuarial reduction in the negative equity balance of the fund; and]~~

595 ~~[(v) identify and study other adverse impacts to the program and the fund; and]~~

596 ~~[(b) based on the information obtained and developed under Subsection (8)(a), prepare~~
597 ~~a recommendation to implement a strategy to minimize adverse selection of participants in the~~
598 ~~program and eliminate or reduce the actuarial deficit of the fund.]~~

599 ~~[(9) The department shall report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and~~
600 ~~Environment Interim Committee before December 31, 2013, regarding:]~~

601 ~~[(a) the information obtained and developed under Subsection (8)(a); and]~~

602 ~~[(b) the recommendation prepared under Subsection (8)(b).]~~

603 Section 8. Section **19-6-415** is amended to read:

604 **19-6-415. Participation of excluded or exempt tanks.**

605 (1) An underground storage tank exempt from regulation under 40 C.F.R., Part 280,
606 Subpart A, may become eligible for payments from the Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund if
607 ~~[it]~~ the underground storage tank:

608 (a) (i) is a farm or residential tank with a capacity of 1,100 gallons or less and is used
609 for storing motor fuel for noncommercial purposes;

610 (ii) is used for storing heating oil for consumptive use on the premises where stored; or

611 (iii) is used for any oxygenate blending component for motor fuels;

612 (b) complies with the requirements of Section [19-6-412](#);

613 (c) meets other requirements established by rules made under Section [19-6-403](#); and

614 (d) pays registration and tank fees and environmental assurance fees, equivalent to

615 those fees outlined in Sections [19-6-408](#), [19-6-410.5](#), and [19-6-411](#).

616 (2) An [~~above ground petroleum storage tank~~] aboveground petroleum storage tank
617 excluded from the definition of aboveground petroleum storage tank under Subsection
618 [19-6-402\(2\)](#), may become eligible for payments from the Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund if
619 the owner or operator:

620 (a) pays those fees that are equivalent to the registration and tank fees and
621 environmental assurance fees under Sections [19-6-408](#), [19-6-410.5](#), and [19-6-411](#);

622 (b) complies with the requirements of Section [19-6-412](#); and

623 (c) meets other requirements established by rules made under Section [19-6-403](#).

624 Section 9. Section **19-6-415.5** is amended to read:

625 **19-6-415.5. State owned or leased tanks to participate in program.**

626 Any underground storage tank or aboveground petroleum storage tank owned or leased
627 by the state [~~of Utah~~] and subject to the financial assurance requirements established by
628 division rule shall participate in the program.

629 Section 10. Section **19-6-416** is amended to read:

630 **19-6-416. Restrictions on delivery of petroleum -- Civil penalty.**

631 (1) (a) [~~After July 1, 1991, a~~] A person may not deliver petroleum to, place petroleum
632 in, or accept petroleum for placement in a petroleum storage tank that is not identified in
633 compliance with Subsection [19-6-411\(7\)](#).

634 (b) Beginning July 1, 2023, a person may not deliver petroleum to, place petroleum in,
635 or accept petroleum for placement in an aboveground petroleum storage tank that is not in
636 compliance with Subsection [19-6-407\(2\)](#).

637 (2) [~~Any~~] A person who delivers or accepts delivery of petroleum to a petroleum
638 storage tank or places petroleum, including waste petroleum substances, in an underground
639 storage tank or aboveground petroleum storage tank in violation of Subsection (1) is subject to
640 a civil penalty of not more than \$500 for each occurrence.

641 (3) The director shall issue a notice of agency action assessing a civil penalty of not
642 more than \$500 against any person who delivers or accepts delivery of petroleum to a
643 petroleum storage tank or places petroleum, including waste petroleum substances, in violation
644 of Subsection (1) in a petroleum storage tank [~~or underground storage tank~~].

645 (4) A civil penalty may not be assessed under this section against any person who in

646 good faith delivers or places petroleum in a petroleum storage tank [~~or underground storage~~
647 ~~tank~~] that is identified in compliance with Subsection 19-6-411(7) or 19-6-407(2) and rules
648 made under [~~that~~] the relevant subsection, whether or not the tank is in actual compliance with
649 the other requirements of Section 19-6-411 or 19-6-407.

650 Section 11. Section 19-6-420 is amended to read:

651 **19-6-420. Releases -- Abatement actions -- Corrective actions.**

652 (1) If the director determines that a release from a petroleum storage tank has occurred,
653 the director shall:

654 (a) identify and name as many of the responsible parties as reasonably possible; and

655 (b) determine which responsible parties, if any, are covered by the fund regarding the
656 release in question.

657 (2) Regardless of whether the petroleum storage tank generating the release is covered
658 by the fund:

659 (a) the director may order the owner or operator to take abatement, or investigative or
660 corrective action, including the submission of a corrective action plan; and

661 (b) if the owner or operator fails to comply with the action ordered by the director
662 under Subsection (2)(a), the director may take one or more of the following actions:

663 (i) subject to the conditions in this part, use money from the fund, if the tank involved
664 is covered by the fund, state cleanup appropriation, or the Petroleum Storage Tank Cleanup
665 Fund created under Section 19-6-405.7 to perform investigative, abatement, or corrective
666 action;

667 (ii) commence an enforcement proceeding;

668 (iii) enter into agreements or issue orders as allowed by Section 19-6-424.5;

669 (iv) recover costs from responsible parties equal to their proportionate share of liability
670 as determined by Section 19-6-424.5; or

671 (v) where the owner or operator is the responsible party, revoke the responsible party's
672 certificate of compliance, as described in Section 19-6-414.

673 (3) (a) Subject to the limitations established in Section 19-6-419, the director shall
674 provide money from the fund for abatement action for a release generated by a tank covered by
675 the fund if:

676 (i) the owner or operator takes the abatement action ordered by the director; and

677 (ii) the director approves the abatement action.

678 (b) If a release presents the possibility of imminent and substantial danger to the public
679 health or the environment, the owner or operator may take immediate abatement action and
680 petition the director for reimbursement from the fund for the costs of the abatement action. If
681 the owner or operator can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the director that the abatement
682 action was reasonable and timely in light of circumstances, the director shall reimburse the
683 petitioner for costs associated with immediate abatement action, subject to the limitations
684 established in Section 19-6-419.

685 (c) The owner or operator shall notify the director within 24 hours of the abatement
686 action taken.

687 (4) (a) If the director determines corrective action is necessary, the director shall order
688 the owner or operator to submit a corrective action plan to address the release.

689 (b) If the owner or operator submits a corrective action plan, the director shall review
690 the corrective action plan and approve or disapprove the plan.

691 (c) In reviewing the corrective action plan, the director shall consider the following:

692 (i) the threat to public health;

693 (ii) the threat to the environment; and

694 (iii) the cost-effectiveness of alternative corrective actions.

695 (5) If the director approves the corrective action plan or develops the director's own
696 corrective action plan, the director shall:

697 (a) approve the estimated cost of implementing the corrective action plan;

698 (b) order the owner or operator to implement the corrective action plan;

699 (c) (i) if the release is covered by the fund, determine the amount of fund money to be
700 allocated to an owner or operator to implement a corrective action plan; and

701 (ii) subject to the limitations established in Section 19-6-419, provide money from the
702 fund to the owner or operator to implement the corrective action plan.

703 (6) (a) The director may not distribute any money from the fund for corrective action
704 until the owner or operator obtains the director's approval of the corrective action plan.

705 (b) An owner or operator who begins corrective action without first obtaining approval
706 from the director and who is covered by the fund may be reimbursed for the costs of the
707 corrective action, subject to the limitations established in Section 19-6-419, if:

708 (i) the owner or operator submits the corrective action plan to the director within seven
709 days after beginning corrective action; and

710 (ii) the director approves the corrective action plan.

711 (7) If the director disapproves the plan, the director shall solicit a new corrective action
712 plan from the owner or operator.

713 (8) If the director disapproves the second corrective action plan, or if the owner or
714 operator fails to submit a second plan within a reasonable time, the director may:

715 (a) develop an alternative corrective action plan; and

716 (b) act as authorized under Subsections (2) and (5).

717 (9) (a) When notified that the corrective action plan has been implemented, the director
718 shall inspect the location of the release to determine whether or not the corrective action has
719 been properly performed and completed.

720 (b) If the director determines the corrective action has not been properly performed or
721 completed, the director may issue an order requiring the owner or operator to complete the
722 corrective action within the time specified in the order.

723 (10) (a) For releases not covered by the fund, the director may recover from the
724 responsible party expenses incurred by the division for managing and overseeing the
725 abatement, and investigation or corrective action of the release. These expenses shall be:

726 (i) billed quarterly per release;

727 (ii) due within 30 days of billing;

728 (iii) deposited with the division as dedicated credits;

729 (iv) used by the division for the administration of the underground storage tank
730 program outlined in this part; and

731 (v) billed per hourly rates as established under Section [63J-1-504](#).

732 (b) If the responsible party fails to pay expenses under Subsection 10(a), the director
733 may:

734 (i) revoke the responsible party's certificate of compliance, as described in Section
735 [19-6-414](#), if the responsible party is also the owner or operator; and

736 (ii) pursue an action to collect expenses in Subsection 10(a), including the costs of
737 collection.

738 Section 12. Section [19-6-424.5](#) is amended to read:

739 **19-6-424.5. Apportionment of liability -- Liability agreements -- Legal remedies --**
740 **Amounts recovered.**

741 (1) After providing notice and opportunity for comment to responsible parties
742 identified and named under Section 19-6-420, the director may:

743 (a) issue written orders determining responsible parties;

744 (b) issue written orders apportioning liability among responsible parties; and

745 (c) take action, including legal action or issuing written orders, to recover costs from
746 responsible parties, including costs of any investigation, abatement, and corrective action
747 performed under this part.

748 (2) (a) In any apportionment of liability, whether made by the director or made in any
749 administrative proceeding or judicial action, the following standards apply:

750 (i) liability shall be apportioned among responsible parties in proportion to their
751 respective contributions to the release; and

752 (ii) the apportionment of liability shall be based on equitable factors, including the
753 quantity, mobility, persistence, and toxicity of regulated substances contributed by a
754 responsible party, and the comparative behavior of a responsible party in contributing to the
755 release, relative to other responsible parties.

756 (b) (i) The burden of proving proportionate contribution shall be borne by each
757 responsible party.

758 (ii) If a responsible party does not prove the responsible party's proportionate
759 contribution, the court or the director shall apportion liability to the party based on available
760 evidence and the standards of Subsection (2)(a).

761 (c) The court, the board, or the director may not impose joint and several liability.

762 (d) Each responsible party is strictly liable for his share of costs.

763 (3) The failure of the director to name all responsible parties is not a defense to an
764 action under this section.

765 (4) The director may enter into an agreement with any responsible party regarding that
766 party's proportionate share of liability or any action to be taken by that party.

767 (5) The director and a responsible party may not enter into an agreement under this part
768 unless all responsible parties named and identified under Subsection 19-6-420(1)(a):

769 (a) have been notified in writing by either the director or the responsible party of the

770 proposed agreement; and

771 (b) have been given an opportunity to comment on the proposed agreement prior to the
772 parties' entering into the agreement.

773 (6) (a) Any party who incurs costs under this part in excess of ~~[his]~~ the party's liability
774 may seek contribution from any other party who is or may be liable under this part for the
775 excess costs in the district court. The recovery of costs in this Subsection (6) is not conditioned
776 on the initiation or issuance by the director of any action or order allocating liability in
777 accordance with the director's discretionary authority to do so under Subsection (1).

778 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the amendment to this Subsection (6) by this
779 bill apply retroactively because the amendment only clarifies the Legislature's original intent to
780 grant a private cause of action to any party to allow that party to seek contribution that is not
781 dependent upon any action taken by the director.

782 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) In resolving claims made under Subsection (6)(a), the court shall allocate costs
783 using the standards in Subsection (2).

784 (7) (a) A party who has resolved his liability under this part is not liable for claims for
785 contribution regarding matters addressed in the agreement or order.

786 (b) (i) An agreement or order determining liability under this part does not discharge
787 any of the liability of responsible parties who are not parties to the agreement or order, unless
788 the terms of the agreement or order expressly provide otherwise.

789 (ii) An agreement or order determining liability made under this subsection reduces the
790 potential liability of other responsible parties by the amount of the agreement or order.

791 (8) (a) If the director obtains less than complete relief from a party who has resolved
792 his liability under this section, the director may bring an action against any party who has not
793 resolved his liability as determined in an order.

794 (b) In apportioning liability, the standards of Subsection (2) apply.

795 (c) A party who resolved his liability for some or all of the costs under this part may
796 seek contribution from any person who is not a party to the agreement or order.

797 (9) (a) An agreement or order determining liability under this part may provide that the
798 director will pay for costs of actions that the parties have agreed to perform, but which the
799 director has agreed to finance, under the terms of the agreement or order.

800 (b) If the director makes payments from the fund or state cleanup appropriation, he

801 may recover the amount paid using the authority of Section 19-6-420 and this section or any
802 other applicable authority.

803 (c) Any amounts recovered under this section shall be deposited ~~[in]~~ into the Petroleum
804 Storage Tank Cleanup Fund created under Section 19-6-405.7.

805 Section 13. Section **19-6-428** is amended to read:

806 **19-6-428. Eligibility for participation in the fund.**

807 (1) Subject to the requirements of Section 19-6-410.5, ~~[all owners and operators of]~~ an
808 owner or operator of an existing petroleum storage [tanks that were] tank that is covered by the
809 fund on May 5, 1997, may elect to continue to participate in the program by meeting the
810 requirements of this part, including paying the tank fees and environmental assurance fee as
811 provided in Sections 19-6-410.5 and 19-6-411.

812 (2) ~~[Any new petroleum storage tanks that were]~~ A new petroleum storage tank that is
813 installed after May 5, 1997, or [tanks] a tank eligible under Section 19-6-415, may elect to
814 participate in the program by complying with the requirements of this part.

815 (3) (a) ~~[All owners and operators of petroleum storage tanks who elect]~~ An owner or
816 operator of a petroleum storage tank who elects to not participate in the program, including by
817 the use of an alternative financial assurance mechanism, shall, in order to subsequently
818 participate in the program:

819 (i) perform a tank tightness test;

820 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), ~~(c), or (d)~~, perform a site check, including
821 soil and, when applicable, groundwater samples, to demonstrate that no release of petroleum
822 exists or that there has been adequate remediation of releases as required by board rules;

823 (iii) provide the required tests and samples to the director; and

824 (iv) comply with the requirements of this part.

825 (b) A site check under Subsection (3)(a)(ii) is not required if the director determines,
826 with reasonable cause, that soil and groundwater samples are unnecessary to establish that no
827 petroleum has been released.

828 (c) For an aboveground petroleum storage tank, a site check under Subsection (3)(a)(ii)
829 is not required to participate in the program except that if the aboveground petroleum storage
830 tank does not conduct a site check:

831 (i) historic contamination, as defined by rule made in accordance with Title 63G,

832 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act:

833 (A) subject to the other provisions of this Subsection (3)(c), is covered only if the
834 historic contamination is discovered more than five years after the day the owner or operator
835 elects to participate in the program;

836 (B) is 20% covered beginning on the five-year date; and

837 (C) is covered at increasing amounts of 20% each year after the five-year date until at
838 the 10-year date historic contamination is covered at 100%; and

839 (ii) new releases, as defined by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3,
840 Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, are covered at 100% beginning on the day the
841 aboveground petroleum storage tank participates in the program.

842 (d) For an underground storage tank that previously elected not to participate in the
843 program, a site check under Subsection (3)(a)(ii) is not required to begin participating in the
844 program, except that if the underground storage tank does not conduct a site check:

845 (i) historic contamination, as defined by rule made in accordance with Title 63G,
846 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act:

847 (A) subject to the other provisions of this Subsection (3)(d), is covered only if the
848 historic contamination is discovered more than five years after the day the owner or operator
849 elects to participate in the program;

850 (B) is 20% covered beginning on the five-year date; and

851 (C) is covered at increasing amounts of 20% each year after the five-year date until at
852 the 10-year date historic contamination is covered at 100%; and

853 (ii) new releases, as defined by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3,
854 Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, are covered at 100% beginning on the day the
855 underground storage tank participates in the program.

856 (4) The director shall review the tests and samples provided under Subsection
857 (3)(a)(iii) to determine:

858 (a) whether or not any release of the petroleum has occurred; or

859 (b) if the remediation is adequate.

860 Section 14. Section **19-8-119** is amended to read:

861 **19-8-119. Apportionment or contribution.**

862 (1) Any party who incurs costs under a voluntary agreement entered into under this part

863 in excess of ~~[his]~~ the party's liability may seek contribution in an action in district court from
864 any other party who is or may be liable under Subsection 19-6-302(21) or 19-6-402~~[(26)]~~(27)
865 for the excess costs after providing written notice to any other party that the party bringing the
866 action has entered into a voluntary agreement and will incur costs.

867 (2) In resolving claims made under Subsection (1), the court shall allocate costs using
868 the standards in Subsection 19-6-310(2).

869 Section 15. **Revisor instructions.**

870 The Legislature intends that the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, in
871 preparing the Utah Code database for publication, replace the reference in Subsection
872 19-6-424.5(6)(b) from "this bill" to the bill's designated chapter number in the Laws of Utah.