

## Leaking Underground Storage Tank Scenarios

1. A tribe owns a relatively new facility installed in 2001 and suspects that there may have been a release based on monthly release detection results. Further testing confirms there has been a modest-sized release. The facility is self-insured.
2. The owners of a facility on fee land notice a sheen on a stream that goes through their property. A check of their leak detection records does not indicate a major problem although there is an indication that there may have been some loss of product. There are signs of spillage at the fill pipe and the spill bucket has a crack in it. The facility is covered by the state fund.
3. A tribal member owns a home across the street from a facility and he drills a new water well and discovers what appears to be diesel fuel. Further testing confirms it is diesel fuel and the facility owner refuses to take action as ordered by EPA and the tribe. The facility owner had insurance at the time of the most recent inspection but he cancelled it when his facility started having economic problems.
4. Years later, this same homeowner faces the same situation, except that the facility across the street has been closed for years and the remediation was completed 5 years ago. The homeowner has a 30 year old home heating oil tank. Although the most recent winters have been milder, he has noticed a slight increase each year in the amount of home heating oil he uses. He has homeowner's insurance coverage.
5. An underground storage tank has been empty since the mid-1990s but it has never been legally closed. The owner of the land is also the last person to operate the facility. There are indications that there has been a release based on some nearby excavations. The owner recently filed for bankruptcy. He had insurance coverage for a couple of years in the early 1990s.
6. A release is found at the site of an old facility that has not been operated since 1983. The site is being renovated as part of some new development. The owner from 1983 is deceased. The subsequent owner was his son who recently sold it. It is unknown if the owner had insurance. No state fund existed in 1983 and the current fund does not cover old tanks.