

Underground Heating Oil Tank Cleanup Reimbursement Grant Program

The Department of Environmental Protection announces the reimbursement program for tank owners who have underground storage tanks with a capacity of 3,000 gallons or less used for storing heating oil for consumption on the premises where stored, to assist with costs of taking corrective action in response to a release. The release must have occurred on or after January 30, 1998.

Typical eligible corrective action costs include excavating, emptying, cleaning, removing, transporting and disposing of a leaking storage tank; excavating contaminated soil; transporting and disposing of wastes; and restoring disturbed or contaminated areas by backfilling, grading and revegetating. Costs associated with the removal of non-leaking storage tanks and releases from storage tanks located in underground areas such as basements or cellars are not eligible for reimbursement.

The reimbursement is limited to the actual costs of corrective action or \$4,000, whichever is less. However, a \$1,000 deductible, must be paid first by the tank owner. The reimbursement and deductible apply on a per tank basis. All reimbursements are funded through the Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund and up to \$500,000 per year may be available. Legislation signed by the Governor on June 30, 2007 extends the funding provision for this program to June 30, 2012.

Reimbursement Application Forms

- [Application Form 2510-FM-BWM0249](#) is available in pdf or word.
- **Note** - Grant payment information will be reported to the IRS and may be subject to taxes.
- **IMPORTANT! - IRS Form W-9**, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification, **MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE APPLICATION**. The form is available at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw-9.pdf (pdf) and instructions are available at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/iw-9.pdf (pdf).

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