

# EPA Region 8 RCRA Subtitle I, Underground Storage Tank Intern Description

**Position Title:** Underground Storage Tank Summer Intern

**Background:** In the July 15, 2015 Federal Register EPA published the 2015 underground storage tank regulation and the 2015 state program approval regulation. The revisions strengthen the 1988 federal underground storage tank (UST) regulations by increasing emphasis on properly operating and maintaining UST equipment. The revisions will help prevent and detect UST releases, which are a leading source of groundwater contamination. The revisions will also help ensure all USTs in the United States, including those in Indian country, meet the same minimum standards. This is the first major revision to the federal UST regulations since 1988.

The 2015 UST regulation changed certain portions of the 1988 underground storage tank technical regulation in 40 CFR part 280. The changes established federal requirements that are similar to key portions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. In addition, EPA added new operation and maintenance requirements and addressed UST systems deferred in the 1988 UST regulation.

**Position Description:** EPA Region 8 UST program regulates approximately 200 active UST facilities in Indian Country in six states. The UST intern will assist staff in developing and implementing a plan for outreach, notification and explanation of the new requirements to the owners and operators of these UST facilities.

*Specific duties* may include, but are not limited, to the following:

- Evaluate new UST requirements.
- Assemble all current publications/pamphlets that identify new UST requirements
- Participate in the development and implementation of outreach to the regulated community
- Other As Needed

*Desired Skills:*

- Excellent written and verbal communication
- Basic Excel
- Basic Word
- Social Media
- Ability to work independently
- Works well on a team

*Knowledge/Experience* (optional, but a bonus):

- Knowledge of mechanical systems
- Ability to simplify and explain complex situations to a lay person

**Timeline:**

Intern will be on board for a minimum of 2 months, maximum of 3 months (there may be an opportunity to extend for a maximum of 6 months depending on circumstances, but this is not assured).

**Desired hours per week:**

24-40 hours/week (preference will be given to qualified candidates available to work more hours per week).

**Desired start date:** Approximately May 15, 2017

(Please Note: From the time of acceptance, there will be a 2-4 week period prior to first day of work while paperwork is completed.)

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To Apply: By March 31, 2017, send cover letter (indicating position(s) of interest), resume and college transcript to [R8EPIntern@epa.gov](mailto:R8EPIntern@epa.gov).

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