

Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.



UST CATS Program





Introduction

- ❑ Roland T. Chester, Environmental Program Coordinator
- ❑ ASU Environmental Technology Management
- ❑ 1 yr with ITCA UST CATS Program
- ❑ 3 yrs of Hazardous Waste Management
- ❑ National Tanks Committee

ITCA

- ❑ Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.
 - Established ITCA by member Tribes in 1952.
 - Non-profit organization ITCA, Inc. established in 1975 by 20 member Tribes.
 - 60 Programs
 - Environmental Quality Program





UST CATS Team

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- ❑ Elaine H. Wilson, Environmental Quality Programs Director



UST CATS Overview

- ❑ Formerly known as American Indian Underground Storage Tank (AIUST).
- ❑ Underground Storage Tank Compliance Assistance and Training Support (UST CATS) Program.
- ❑ Funded by EPA OUST Program, Washington, DC.
- ❑ In cooperative agreement for 5 Yrs (2009-2014)
- ❑ National Program
- ❑ All Federally Recognized Tribes



UST CATS Mission

- ❑ Promotes the prevention of releases from federally-regulated USTs and the regulatory compliance of UST facilities in Indian Country.



Goals and Objectives

- EPA Tribal Strategy
 - Strengthen Relationships between EPA and Tribes.
 - Information Sharing Among Tribes
 - Operator Training
 - Increase Tribal Inspectors knowledge for oversight
 - Increase Compliance Rates to Protect Human Health and the Environment
 - Increase UST Compliance Awareness



What does the program have to offer?

- ❑ Program offers compliance assistance for UST facilities in Indian Country, training for tribal government personnel, tribal program capacity building, and collaborative opportunities.
- ❑ Travel reimbursements are offered to eligible participants for trainings and meetings (e.g., airfare, lodging, meals, at federal per diem rates).



Program Objectives

- ❑ UST Compliance Training for Owners/Operators
- ❑ UST Compliance Awareness for Tribal Personnel
- ❑ UST Tribal Inspector Trainings
- ❑ Tribal Working Group Meetings
- ❑ Technical Advisory Sub-committee
- ❑ UST CATS Listserv

Typical Gas Stations

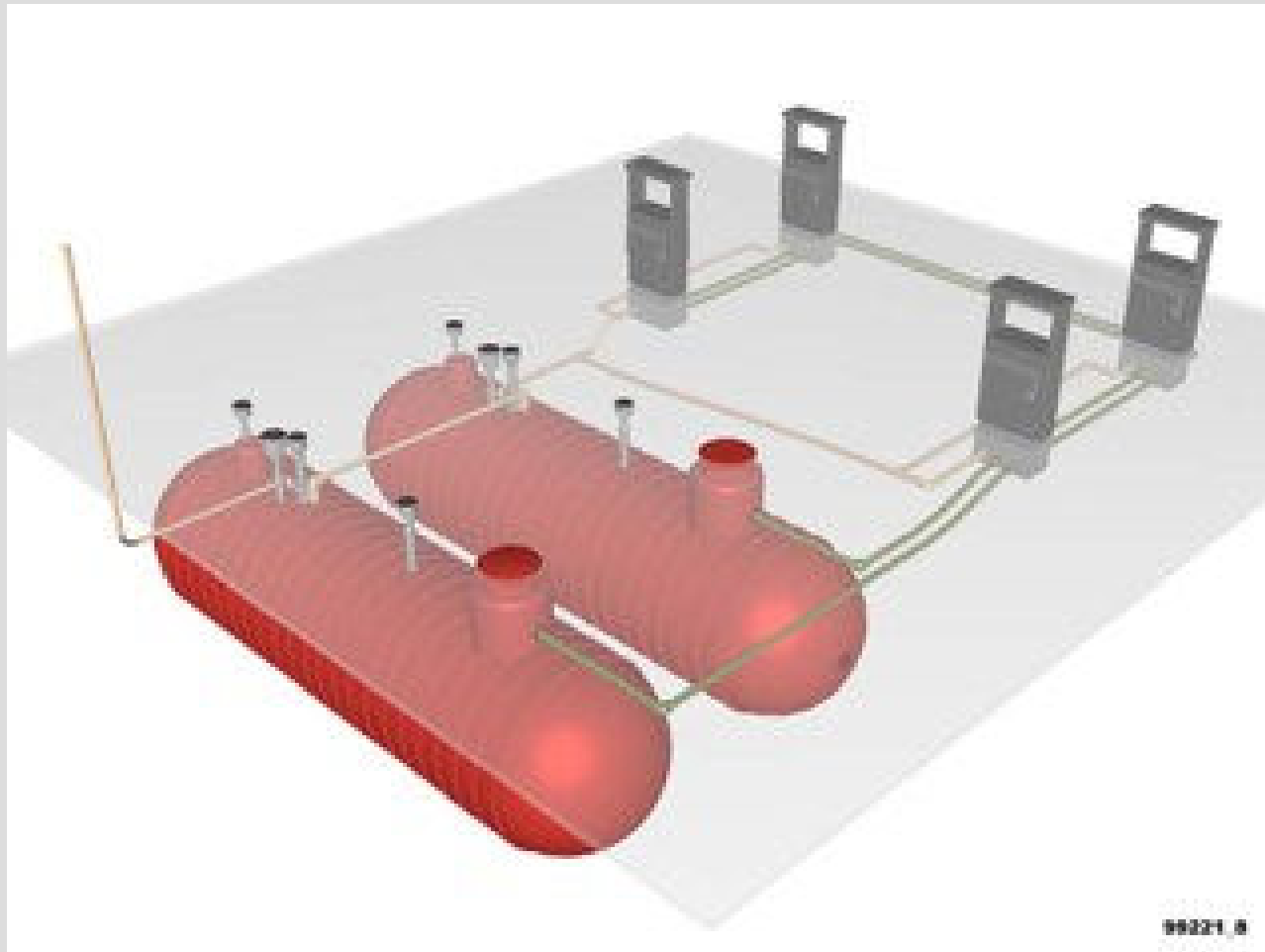


Pablo, Montana



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UST System





UST Compliance Training for Owners/Operators

- ❑ Audience: Owners/Operators of UST Facilities
- ❑ Length: 1 Day (8 hours)
- ❑ Topics: Federal Requirements, Financial Responsibility, Reporting and Recordkeeping, Operations & Maintenance, Compliance Issues, and Onsite Walk-through Demonstration.

UST Compliance Training for Owners/Operators



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe



White Mountain Apache Tribe



Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes



Morongo Band of Mission Indians



(Other Tribes: Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Washoe Tribe, and Fort Peck...)

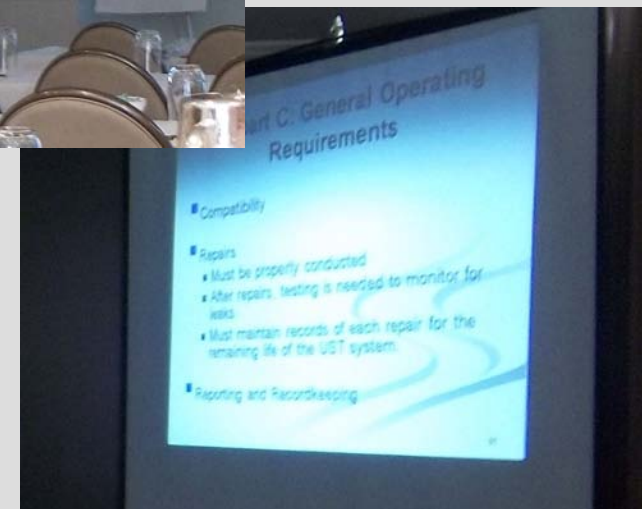




UST Compliance Awareness Training for Tribal Personnel

- ❑ Audience: Environmental Managers, Tribal Council, Economic Development, Fire Departments, First Responders, etc.
- ❑ Length: ½ day (4 hours)
- ❑ Topic: Define UST, History of UST, Federal Requirements, UST Ownership, UST System, Dangers to the Public, Who Handles UST Compliance, and Emergency Plans.

UST Compliance Awareness Training for Tribal Personnel



Tribal Lands and Environment: A National Forum in
San Diego, California on August 26, 2010



UST Inspector Trainings

- ❑ Audience: Tribal UST Inspectors and Tribal Representatives
- ❑ Length: 3 days (24 hours)
 - ❑ In class training and on-site visit
- ❑ Type of Training:
 - Module I – UST Installation Training
 - Module II – UST Operations and Maintenance Training
 - Module III – UST Decommissioning and Removal Training

Module I – UST Installation Training



- ❑ San Antonio, Texas – March 16-18, 2010
- ❑ Xerxes Corp.

Module II – UST Operations and Maintenance Training



- ❑ Tempe, Arizona – December 1-3, 2009
- ❑ On-Auk-Mor Facility, Scottsdale, AZ

Module III – Decommissioning and Removal



- ❑ TBA - Fall 2010
- ❑ Potential BIA Location: Phoenix, AZ
- ❑ Taking Suggestions

Tribal UST Working Group Meeting



- ❑ Portland, Oregon – June 24, 2010
- ❑ Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel



Technical Advisory Sub-committee

- Tribal UST Inspectors and Representatives
 - Provide Technical Updates
 - Examination Development
 - O/O Training Development
 - Instructor Participation
 - New Training Development (e.g., train-the-trainer, advance training)



Training Request and Participation

- ❑ UST Program Questionnaire Form
- ❑ Training Request Form
- ❑ Training Coordination Responsibilities Guidelines
- ❑ Training Announcement
- ❑ Listserv – ITCA UST CATS Yahoo Groups
 - http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/ITCA_UST_CATS/

UST Compliance Trainings is a line of defense to protecting our drinking water.





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