



Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board

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Underground Petroleum Storage Tanks discovered After June 30, 2005

The Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board (PTRCB) release eligibility law pertaining to underground storage tanks, discovered by an owner, was significantly changed on July 1, 2005.

Owners/Operators who discover an underground storage tank **must apply to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a closure permit within 30 days of the date upon which the owner first had knowledge of the tank. They must also close the tank in accordance with the requirements of the permit, before the permit expires, to be eligible for assistance from the PTRCB.**

Steps Required for Discovered Tanks:

1. Submit a [Closure Permit Application](#) to DEQ/UST section within 30 days of discovery.
2. Close the tank in accordance with closure requirements and all permit conditions.
3. Report suspected releases to DEQ using the information on their [Petroleum Releases](#) web page.
4. If you want to apply for financial assistance from the PTRCB, complete a Release Eligibility Application ([Form 1-R](#)).

Review the Montana Code Annotated (MCA) §[75-11-308\(1\)\(b\)\(iii\)](#) pertaining to the discovery of an underground storage tank.

If owners or operators are interested in the eligibility criteria for releases discovered before July 1, 2005 they should contact the [Board staff](#).