

UST Inspection Report

Former Azure Store

Date of Report: July 7, 2025

Inspection Date & Time: June 10, 2025, at 8:15 a.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT)

Facility Owner: [REDACTED] Thompson

Facility Address: 3693 BIA Rd #10 Belcourt, North Dakota 58316

Facility Phone: [REDACTED]

EPA Facility ID Number: 3050005

Reason for Inspection: Routine compliance inspection

Inspection Team: [REDACTED] Person, Inspector, EPA UST Program

UST System Description

The Former Azure Store (Facility) is a former gas station located on Turtle Mountain Reservation. The Facility is currently in temporary closure. The Environmental Protection Agency's Facility records indicate that the Facility has two 1,000-gallon, cathodically protected steel underground storage tanks (USTs) installed in 1998. Records indicate that the piping is safe suction and constructed of fiberglass reinforced plastic (FRP).

Inspection Narrative

On June 10, 2025, the EPA conducted an inspection at Former Azure Store in Belcourt, North Dakota. The EPA last inspected the Facility on May 16, 2023, and it was selected for routine re-inspection. The EPA inspector attempted to speak with the owner and sent an email on May 16, 2025, to schedule the inspection and provide inspection details (see Attachment A).

The EPA inspector arrived at the Facility at 8:15 a.m. CDT and was met by the Facility owner. The EPA inspector introduced herself and presented inspector credentials. The Facility owner consented to the inspection. The EPA inspector conducted a physical inspection of the UST system as well as a review of Facility records. Photographs of UST system components taken during the inspection are in Attachment C.

Tank Leak Detection

Tank leak detection is not being conducted. The owner was informed that the USTs should be monitored weekly, using the manual tank gauging method for release detection, or be emptied.

Piping Leak Detection

The system piping is safe-suction, therefore piping leak detection is not required.

Cathodic Protection

According to EPA records, both tanks are single-walled STI-P3 tanks with FRP piping. The last galvanic cathodic protection system evaluation was performed on July 29, 2021, and should have been re-tested by August 2024.

Periodic Testing/Inspection of Spill and Overfill Prevention Equipment

Triennial testing records of spill buckets and overfill prevention devices (flapper valves) are not required while the system is in temporary closure.

Periodic Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Walkthrough Inspections

Records of monthly and annual walkthrough inspections for the last twelve months were not provided at the time of inspection.

Operator Training

No record of operator designation or training was available at the time of inspection.

Financial Responsibility

The Facility uses the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Fund (fund) for financial responsibility coverage. The EPA observed a certificate of registration for the fund onsite.

Physical Observations

The EPA inspector viewed the spill buckets and fill ports. The spill buckets were clean and the fill ports securely locked. The EPA inspector measured liquid levels in each UST. The west tank had approximately 12 inches of liquid, which is equivalent to 140 gallons. The east tank had approximately two (2) inches of liquid, which is equivalent to 14 gallons. The EPA inspector explained how manual tank gauging could be performed. The owner indicated that he intended to remove the fuel.

Inspection Conclusions and Recommendations

At the end of the inspection, Ms. Person filled out an Onsite Deficiency Identification Form (see Attachment B). Ms. Person explained that two of three deficiencies listed were part of an offer for Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) that was previously sent to the owner via certified mail. The owner indicated that he had a copy of the ESA but had not yet reviewed the requirements. Prior to departing the Facility, Ms. Person stated that a full inspection report would be forthcoming, which includes the inspection checklist (see Attachment C).

Inspection Report Attachments

- A. Record of communication for scheduling the inspection
- B. Onsite Deficiency Identification Form
- C. Inspection Checklist and Photo Log

Signature

Lead Inspector



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