

UST Inspection Report

Park Café & Grocery

Date of Report: August 28, 2023

Inspection Date & Time: July 18, 2023, at 12:53 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT)

Weather: Sunny, ~ 65 degrees Fahrenheit

Facility Owner: [REDACTED]

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Facility Phone: [REDACTED]

Facility Representative: [REDACTED]

EPA Facility ID Number: 2010040

Reason for Inspection: Routine compliance inspection

Inspector(s): Marta Grabowski, EPA
Roberta Person, EPA

UST System Description

The Park Café & Grocery (Facility) is a privately-owned gas station and convenience store located on the Blackfeet Reservation in St. Mary, Montana. The fuel at this Facility is sold to the public. The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Facility records indicate that the Facility has three fiberglass reinforced plastic (FRP) underground storage tanks (UST). Tank 1 is 12,000 gallons and stores unleaded gasoline, Tank 2 is 6,000 gallons and stores premium gasoline, and Tank 3 is 2,000 gallons and stores diesel fuel. Facility piping is pressurized FRP.

Inspection Narrative

On July 18, 2023, the EPA UST program personnel conducted an inspection at Park Café & Grocery in St. Mary, Montana. The EPA last inspected the Facility on November 4, 2020, and they selected it for routine re-inspection. Ms. Grabowski spoke with the Facility operator on July 6, 2023, to schedule the inspection. She also sent a follow-up email to the Facility operator (see Attachment A).

The EPA inspection team arrived at the Facility at 12:53 p.m. MDT. They were met by the Facility operator. Ms. Grabowski introduced herself and presented her inspector credentials. Ms. Grabowski filled out a Notice of Inspection (NOI) (see Attachment B) and she requested the operator's signature. Ms. Grabowski explained that the NOI serves as documentation of consent for the EPA to conduct an

inspection. In addition, she said that she would provide the NOI to the Facility at the end of the inspection. EPA inspectors conducted a physical inspection of the UST system as well as a review of Facility records. The EPA inspectors took photographs of UST system components and records during the inspection (see Attachment C). Copies of operation and maintenance records provided by the Facility at the time of inspection are in Attachment D.

Tank Leak Detection

Tank leak detection is conducted by a Veeder Root TLS350 automatic tank gauge (ATG). The Facility operator provided printouts from the ATG console showing passing Continuous Statistical Leak Detection (CSLD) results for all three tanks in August 2022, September 2022, and May-July 2023. The Facility is in seasonal closure every year from October to April. All three tanks were emptied by September 20, 2022, according to Facility documentation. Annual functionality testing for the automatic tank gauge (ATG) was conducted and passed on May 2, 2023.

Piping Leak Detection

Piping leak detection is achieved by mechanical automatic line leak detectors (MLLD) and annual line tightness testing. The MLLDs passed annual functionality testing on May 2, 2023, and all lines passed annual line tightness testing on May 2, 2023.

Cathodic Protection

Cathodic Protection (CP) is not required because the tanks and piping are constructed with a non-corrosive material.

Periodic Testing/Inspection of Spill and Overfill Prevention Equipment

According to the Facility operator, the spill buckets were replaced in June 2023. Passing hydrostatic testing records dated June 2, 2023, were provided at the time of inspection. Facility records indicate that overfill prevention devices (ball float valves) were tested and passed on May 3, 2022.

Periodic Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Walkthrough Inspections

Records of monthly walkthrough inspections for active months (August-September and May-July) were provided at the time of EPA's inspection. The Facility operator conducted an annual walkthrough inspection on May 4, 2023.

Operator Training

Class B operator training certification and a list of Class C operators was maintained onsite. Class A operator certification for the Facility can be accessed through Montana Department of Environmental Quality.

Financial Responsibility

Park Café & Grocery uses the Montana petroleum tank release cleanup fund as its financial responsibility mechanism. The Facility operator provided a copy of the Montana operating permit (exp. May 2026) and a certificate of financial responsibility.

Physical Observations

The inspection team viewed the spill buckets/fill pipes, two of the earthen submersible turbine pump (STP) sumps, two of the earthen dispenser sumps, and the ATG console. All spill buckets were clean and dry, and ball float valve access was noted for each tank. MLLDs were present in the two STP sumps that EPA viewed. The ATG console showed “all functions normal.”

Inspection Conclusions and Recommendations

Prior to departing the Facility, Ms. Grabowski stated that a full inspection report would be forthcoming, which includes the inspection checklist (see Attachment E). Ms. Grabowski provided the Facility operator with the NOI form and retained a carbon copy for recordkeeping.

Inspection Report Attachments

- A. Record of communication for scheduling the inspection
- B. Notice of Inspection
- C. Photo log
- D. Facility O&M Documents
- E. Inspection checklist

Signature

Lead Inspector

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