

UST Inspection Report

Ralph's Body Shop and Wrecker Service

Date of Report: October 22, 2024
Inspection Date & Time: September 10, 2024, at 10:35 a.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT)
Weather: Sunny, Windy, 80 degrees Fahrenheit
Facility Owner: Ed and Sandy (Moran) Taylor
Facility Owner Address: P.O. Box 1226
Mission, South Dakota 57555
Facility Address: 321 2nd Street
Mission, South Dakota 57555
EPA Facility ID Number: 4080027
Reason for Inspection: Routine compliance inspection
Inspection Team: [REDACTED] Person, Inspector, EPA UST Program
[REDACTED], Inspector, EPA UST Program
[REDACTED], Rosebud Sioux Tribe UST Coordinator

UST System Description

Ralph's Body Shop and Wrecker Service (Facility) is a privately-owned gas station and convenience store located in Mission, South Dakota. The Facility is currently closed. When in operation, the fuel at this Facility was sold to the public. The EPA's records indicate that the Facility has two steel underground storage tanks (UST) that were installed in July 1989. Tank 1 has a capacity of 10,000 gallons and previously contained unleaded gasoline, and Tank 2 is 6,000 gallons and previously contained diesel. Piping for all tanks was safe suction.

Inspection Narrative

On September 10, 2024, the EPA UST program personnel conducted an inspection at Ralph's Body Shop and Wrecker Service in Mission, South Dakota. The EPA last inspected the Facility on August 4, 2021, and they selected it for routine re-inspection. Ms. Person attempted to contact the owners on several occasions. The Facility phone has been disconnected, and the phone number provided on the door of the Facility was not reachable (see Attachment A).

The inspection team arrived at the Facility at 10:35 a.m. CDT. Prior to arriving, Ms. Person had attempted to reach the Facility owner to confirm the time. No representative was present at the scheduled time. Ms. Person filled out a Notice of Inspection (NOI) (see Attachment B). The EPA inspectors were unable to conduct a full inspection of the UST system or review Facility records while at the site. Photographs of the Facility are in Attachment C.

Tank and Piping Leak Detection

The tanks have not been in use since August 2021, and were emptied by the owner following the last inspection. No release detection is required if the tanks are maintained with less than an inch (or 0.3% by weight) of residual in the tank.

Cathodic Protection

Cathodic protection (CP) is required at the Facility while in temporary closure status. The EPA inspector checked EPA records and noted that passing CP tests were available dated August 24, 2021. This test is required to be performed every three years.

Periodic Testing/Inspection of Spill and Overfill Prevention Equipment

Spill buckets and overfill prevention valves were present; however, they are not required to be tested while the Facility is in temporary closure.

Periodic Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Walkthrough Inspections

Walkthroughs were not provided by the Facility owner and are currently not required as the tanks are in temporary closure and were previously emptied.

Operator Training

A certificate for Class A/B operator training was available in the EPA records.

Financial Responsibility

In South Dakota, financial coverage for regulated UST systems is provided through the South Dakota Petroleum Release Compensation Fund.

Physical Observations

The EPA inspector viewed the spill buckets/fill pipes and used a tank gauging stick to determine fuel levels. Flapper valves were observed in each fill pipe, and spill buckets were clean and dry. The fill pipes were not locked at the time of inspection. The fuel levels in both tanks measured approximately 1 inch, with Tank 1 also containing approximately 1.5 inches of water.

Inspection Conclusions and Recommendations

At the end of the inspection, Ms. Person filled out an inspection checklist (see Attachment D).

Inspection Report Attachments

- A. Record of communication for scheduling the inspection
- B. Notice of Inspection
- C. Photo log
- D. Inspection checklist

Signature

Lead Inspector

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