

UST Inspection Report

Lodge Grass School

Date of Report: September 3, 2025

Inspection Date & Time: July 22, 2025, at 1:52 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT)

Weather: Sunny, ~85 degrees Fahrenheit

Facility Owner: Lodge Grass Public Schools

Facility Owner Address: 124 N. George Street
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Facility Representative: [REDACTED]

EPA Facility ID Number: 2020049

Reason for Inspection: Routine compliance inspection

Inspection Team: Marta Grabowski, Inspector, EPA UST Program
Roberta Person, Inspector, EPA UST Program

UST System Description

The Lodge Grass School (Facility) has a Privately-owned underground storage tank (UST) and is located on the Crow Reservation in Lodge Grass, Montana. The UST has been in temporary closure since 2019. The Environmental Protection Agency's Facility records indicate the Facility has one fiberglass reinforced plastic (FRP) UST with a capacity of 8,000 gallons and FRP piping. The UST was installed in June 1982.

Inspection Narrative

On July 22, 2025, the EPA UST program personnel conducted an inspection at Lodge Grass School in Lodge Grass, Montana. The EPA last inspected the Facility on June 28, 2022, and they selected it for routine re-inspection. On July 17, 2025, a BIA circuit rider, partnering with EPA, left an in-person message at the school office to announce the inspection date and time (see Attachment A). Due to last-minute schedule changes, EPA ended up contacting the school and conducting the inspection several days earlier than planned.

The EPA inspection team arrived at the Facility at 1:52 p.m. MDT, and Ms. Grabowski presented inspector credentials to the Facility representative. Ms. Grabowski proceeded to conduct 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 B. Copies of operation and maintenance records are in Attachment C.

Tank and Piping Leak Detection

The UST was emptied and put in temporary closure in 2019, so no release detection is required as long as the UST remains empty.

Cathodic Protection

Cathodic protection (CP) is not required at the Facility. The portion of tanks and piping that are in contact with soil are constructed from non-corrodible materials.

Periodic Testing/Inspection of Spill and Overfill Prevention Equipment

Testing/inspection of the spill bucket and overfill prevention equipment is not required as long as the UST is in temporary closure.

Periodic Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Walkthrough Inspections

Walkthrough inspections are not required as long as the UST is in temporary closure.

Operator Training

██████████ is the designated Class A/B operator at the Facility indicated by training certificates available onsite.

Financial Responsibility

EPA records include a Montana DEQ non-operating permit for the UST with an expiration date of March 15, 2027. A certificate of financial responsibility was not available onsite at the time of inspection.

Physical Observations

The EPA inspector viewed the spill bucket/fill pipe, the dispenser, and the ATG console. The ATG console was not connected as the facility is not active. The spill bucket contained a small amount of water. The tank was gauged during the inspection and indicated less than one inch of fuel residue.

Inspection Conclusions and Recommendations

Prior to departing the Facility, Ms. Grabowski stated that a full inspection report would be sent, which includes the inspection checklist (see Attachment D).

Inspection Report Attachments

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

Signature

Lead Inspector

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