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## *The UST system test has failed or is in alarm!!! WHAT DO YOU DO?* by Bruce Hagans

### Reporting

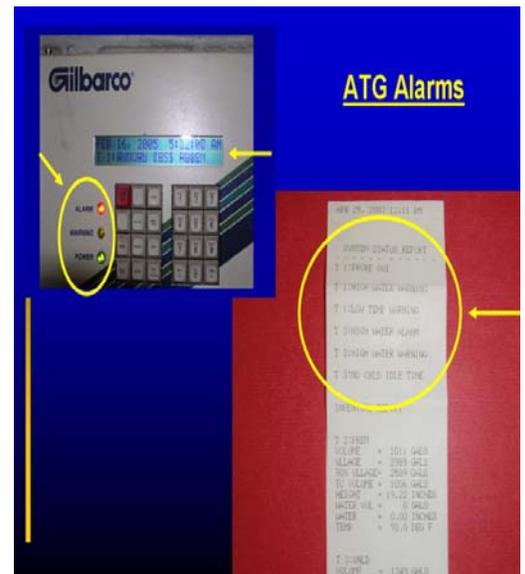
Owners and operators are required to report within 24-hours:

1. When a release to the environment is discovered. A release to the environment is any spilling, leaking, emitting, discharging, escaping, leaching or disposing from an UST into groundwater, surface water or subsurface soils.
2. Any unusual operating conditions of the ATG test or other UST release detection monitoring tests.
3. When UST system release detection indicates a failed test,
4. When other UST monitoring test indicates a release may have occurred.

### Suspect or Release Response

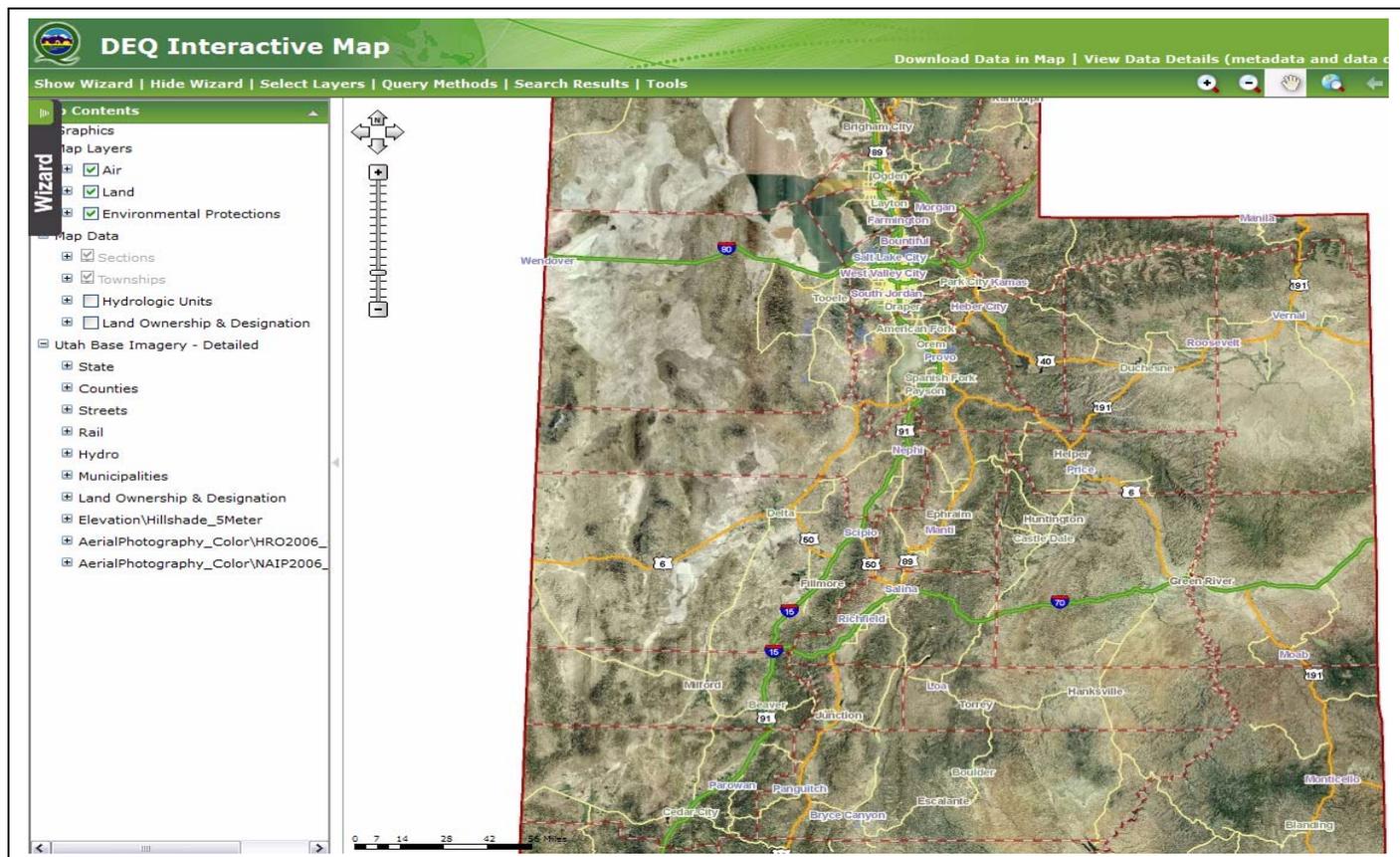
**Within seven days of a suspected release, owners or operators should determine if a release has occurred by:**

1. Justifying any unusual operating condition, alarm or failed UST system monitoring test within 24 hours.
  - a. For a failed ATG or UST monitoring test, an owner should try and obtain a passing test within 24 hours.
2. If an alarm cannot be justified or a passing test cannot be obtained, the owner should immediately have a Utah certified individual to troubleshoot the problem.
  - a. If the monitoring device is defective, the equipment should be repaired immediately and a passing test should be completed and the DERR should be notified of the passing test.
3. If the certified individual cannot obtain a passing ATG test or justify the alarm, the owner should notify the DERR of a suspected release and seek help from the DERR.
4. Have a Utah certified tester perform a tightness test.



# DEQ Interactive Map and EZ Search

by Harold Sandbeck and Michael Pecorelli



The Division of Environmental Response and Remediation (DERR) maintains records for individual sites and projects. The records are managed as outlined in the Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA).

One of the critical missions of the DERR is to provide access to government records as conveniently as possible. The Interactive Map is an internet based tool that was developed in the late 1990s to facilitate access to program site information. The DEQ/DERR Interactive Map was implemented to provide easy access to DEQ program information to the regulated community, public, and DEQ Staff.

The overall concept was to organize the data geographically and to integrate the data across divisions and programs. The interface was designed to allow searches by address, city, site name, DEQ program ID number or by zooming in on a map location of interest. The results are displayed on the map and allow access to site specific details. The search results will return feature information for DERR programs including Brownfields as well as Superfund, Voluntary Cleanup Program, and Underground Storage Tanks, as well as a number of data layers for other Divisions.

As of February 2011, DERR made its program site records available for review via the Interactive Map or using a text driven Easy Records Search front-end tool. The map and Easy Records Search tool is available on the DERR's web page or you can click on the following link to take you directly to the above mentioned tools:

- <http://www.environmentalresponse.utah.gov/research.htm>

# **ACT NOW** ~ DO NOT miss the DEADLINE for the UST Operator Training and Registration Program

To meet the Operator Training requirement of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, each UST facility must have UST facility operators that are trained and registered by January 1, 2012. That's less than six months away. The following link summarizes these requirements. [http://www.undergroundtanks.utah.gov/optraining\\_final.htm](http://www.undergroundtanks.utah.gov/optraining_final.htm)

**Course requirements** ~ Class A and B Operators must complete an approved training course and pass an examination administered by the State of Utah. A list of approved training courses can be found on the UST branch website. <http://www.undergroundtanks.utah.gov/abcourses.htm>

**Testing requirements** ~ All students taking the O/O exam must register with the DERR at least one week prior to taking the exam. This includes exams taken with the A/B Operator Training Courses. With the application, you must submit an application form, a registration fee of \$50, proof of citizenship (notarized) and a copy of your driver's license. For more details concerning testing requirements contact Michelle Horning at 801-536-1428 or refer to the following link. <http://www.undergroundtanks.utah.gov/abtestingreq.htm>



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### Certification Program

Please refer to the DERR web page for certification program requirements, fees, applications and the examination schedules. The web page address is: [http://www.undergroundtanks.utah.gov/cert\\_program.htm](http://www.undergroundtanks.utah.gov/cert_program.htm)

A Citizenship Certification MUST be completed, notarized and submitted with any application with a copy of a photo ID attached (driver's license, passport, or similar).

[http://www.undergroundtanks.utah.gov/docs/062909\\_Citizenship\\_Certification\\_DEQ\[1\].pdf](http://www.undergroundtanks.utah.gov/docs/062909_Citizenship_Certification_DEQ[1].pdf)

#### UST Consultant Certification Program

To remain current you must take and pass the UST Consultant Certification Examination before the expiration date. Certified individuals may apply for renewal not more than six months prior to the expiration date of the certificate. Examinations (initial and renewal) and the renewal course will be administered three times a year. The renewal courses begin at 9:00 a.m. and finish at 1:00 p.m. Exams and courses take place at the DERR office at 195 North 1950 West in Salt Lake City. For more information contact Michelle Horning at (801) 536-4128 or at [mhorning@utah.gov](mailto:mhorning@utah.gov).

**Initial Exam and Renewal Course Schedule:**                      **Thursday, June 23, 2011**                      **Thursday, October 20, 2011**

#### UST Installer and Remover Initial Certification

For information about the installer and remover certification contact David Wilson at 801-536-4138 or at [djwilson@utah.gov](mailto:djwilson@utah.gov).