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July 2, 2024

US Department of Veterans Affairs
Attn: Charles Applewhite
1700 E 38th Street
Marion, IN 46952

US Department of Veterans Affairs
Attn: Kristin Sparks
Via email: Kristin.Sparks@va.gov
UST Owner City, ST Zip Code

Re: Inspection Summary Letter
VA Medical Center
1700 E 38th Street
Marion - Grant County
UST Facility ID # **6971**

Dear Messrs. Applewhite, Copas and Freimuth and Ms. Sparks:

An inspector from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Underground Storage Tank (UST) Compliance Section, conducted an inspection of the site referenced above on June 21, 2024.

The inspection was conducted pursuant to Indiana Code (IC) 13-14-2-2 to determine compliance with the provisions of IC 13-23 and 329 IAC 9. In accordance with IC 13-14-5, a summary of the inspection is provided below:

Type of Inspection: Initial

Results of Inspection: No violation(s) discovered.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please direct any questions regarding the inspection to:

Inspector: Matthew James
Phone: (317) 750-2491

Sincerely,

Matthew James, Inspector
UST Compliance Section
Office of Land Quality

cc: Jordan Ware, UST Compliance Manager
UST Facility ID File # 6971
VA Medical Center
Attn: Charles Applewhite and John Copas
Via email: charles.applewhite@va.gov
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**UNDERGROUND STORAGE
TANK INSPECTION REPORT**

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

UST FAC ID: **6971**

Inspector's Name:	Matthew James
Date:	June 21, 2024
Time In:	11:45
Time Out:	01:00
Inspection Type:	Initial

FACILITY NAME / LOCATION

FACILITY NAME VA Medical Center		FACILITY ADDRESS (number and street) 1700 E 38th Street			
ADDRESS (line 2)	CITY Marion	STATE IN	ZIP CODE 45953	COUNTY Grant	

UST OWNER

UST Owner Name (If in Individual Capacity) US Department of Veterans Affairs				BUSINESS ID (From the Secretary of State)	
PREFIX Mr.	FIRST NAME Charles	MI	LAST NAME Applewhite	SUFFIX	
TELEPHONE NUMBER (800) 488-3111		EMAIL ADDRESS charles.applewhite@va.gov			

UST OPERATOR

UST Operator Name (If in Individual Capacity) US Department of Veterans Affairs				BUSINESS ID (From the Secretary of State)	
PREFIX Ms.	FIRST NAME Kristin	MI	LAST NAME Sparks	SUFFIX	
TELEPHONE NUMBER		EMAIL ADDRESS Kristin.Sparks@va.gov			

PROPERTY OWNER

UST Property Owner Name (If in Individual Capacity) US Department of Veterans Affairs				BUSINESS ID (From the Secretary of State)	
PREFIX Mr.	FIRST NAME John	MI	LAST NAME Copas	SUFFIX	
TELEPHONE NUMBER		EMAIL ADDRESS john.copas@va.gov			

COMPLIANCE ELEMENTS

All USTs properly registered and up-to-date notification form on file	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	UNK	
O/O is in compliance with reporting & record keeping requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	UNK	
O/O is in compliance with release reporting or investigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	UNK
O/O is in compliance with all UST closure requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	UNK
O/O has met all financial responsibility requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	UNK
40 CFR 280, Subpart A installation requirements (partially excluded) met	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	UNK
40 CFR 280, Subpart B installation and upgrade requirements met	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	UNK	
40 CFR 280, Subpart C spill/overfill control requirements met	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	UNK
40 CFR 280, Subpart C compatibility requirements met	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	UNK
40 CFR 280, Subpart C O&M and testing requirements met	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	UNK	
40 CFR 280, Subpart D release detection requirements met	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	UNK	
40 CFR 280, Subpart J operator training requirements met	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	UNK	

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Site Maintains:

- One (1) 15K DSL W FG DW UST installed 9/1993 (Building 175)
- One (1) 1K DSL E FG DW UST installed 7/1992 (Building 5) : Temp Closed
- One (1) 10K REG FG DW UST installed 6/1796 (Building 55) : Temp Closed
- Piping is FG DW and EU Suction (upgraded in 2019)

RD UST = ATG, INT

RD Piping = N/A

Overfill/Spill = Spill Buckets + Auto Shutoff

ATG Certification = Y (10/23/23)

Overfill Protection Test = Y (12/22/21)

Spill bucket Test = y (12/22/21)

Containment Sumps Test Not Required

Last known CP (Impressed/Galvanic) - N/A

Last known Liner inspection - N/A

Site History:

Site is a VA Hospital. Three (3) USTs were removed in 1992 per closure report (VFC Doc# 22795215). One (1) UST was removed in 1993 per closure NF (VFC Doc# 22815195, pg 6). Three (3) USTs were removed in 1998 per closure report (VFC Doc# 22815239). One (1) UST was removed in 2013 per closure report (VFC Doc# 82883992). Building 55 10K UST was originally installed in 1976 and then upgraded in 1992 (VFC Doc# 22815195, pg 11). Per the 2017 inspection, the inspector noted that two of the regulated tanks at the facility are used for emergency generator fuel storage. A violation letter was sent 11/15/21 and then site has not returned to compliance. In response to the records request dated 3/6/24, Kristin Sparks noted that they are making efforts to rectify and resolve the outstanding violations and that the 1K DSL and 10K REG tanks are planning on removing the two tanks in 2025. At this time, the 10K REG tank is completely empty and the 1K DSL tank is pending treatment prior to transferring to the Grant County Highway Department.

Contact Information

Charles Applewhite, charles.applewhite@va.gov

Kristin Sparks, Kristin.Sparks@va.gov

John Copas, john.copas@va.gov

Austin Freimuth, Austin.Freimuth@va.gov

Documentation provided at the time of the file review:

- Updated Notification Form submitted 5/16/24
- Operator Certificates A, B
- UST RD (ATG) 2/23 - 5/24 : 1K DSL (Building 5) missing 8/23, 10/23, 2/24 invalid results 11/23 & 12/23 / 15K DSL missing 2/24 (Building 175)
- ATG/Probe 10/23/23 (DSL W & DSL E)
- Spill Bucket Test 12/22/21
- Overfill Test 12/22/21
- Monthly Walkthroughs 8/23-2/24 : Per 1/24 walkthrough, construction was going on at building 55
- Annual Walkthrough 12/4/23

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CM Notes:

- The 1K DSL tank is pending treatment prior to transferring to the Grant County Highway Department. They will be conducting monthly UST release detection for the 1K up until the fuel is removed.

Inspector Notes:

- Operator C certificates were obtained on site.
- The photos in the compliance packet show the first two tanks are for generators
- The last tank is the 10K that is not in use. The tank meets temporary closure requirements as it was locked and has no fuel or liquids.

The following are AREAS OF CONCERN found during the inspection that will need to be addressed by the owner and/or operator:

1. A small amount of fluids/debris was found in the sump compartments and should be monitored and cleaned out when needed.