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St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners
227 W Jefferson Blvd
South Bend, IN 46601

St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners
Attn: Ryan Rodts
Via email: rrodts@sjcindiana.com

Re: Violation Letter
Granger Garage
14633 Cleveland Rd
Granger, St. Joseph County
UST Facility ID # **10368**

Dear Mr. Rodts:

An inspector from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Underground Storage Tank (UST) Section, conducted an inspection of the site referenced above on March 21, 2023.

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: Violations were discovered and require a submittal.

Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter, documentation demonstrating compliance with each of the requirements listed in the attached Inspection Report and Description of Violations (DOV) must be submitted to IDEM. Failure to submit this documentation may lead to this facility being referred for enforcement.

An enforcement action may include civil penalties of up to \$10,000 per UST. Enforcement actions may also affect the owner's and/or operator's eligibility for reimbursement from the Excess Liability Trust Fund (ELTF). Additionally, IDEM may deem the USTs at this facility ineligible for delivery, deposit or acceptance of regulated substances pursuant to IC 13-23-1-4. Finally, federal and criminal penalties may apply for failure to provide required notification; or submitting false information pursuant to IC 13-23-14-2 and liable under IC 13-30-10.

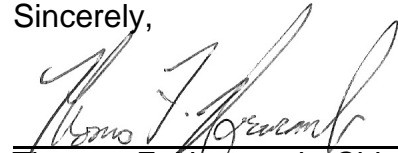
Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please submit the required documents to the UST Section via email at USTCompliance@idem.in.gov. Include in the subject line of the response the UST Facility ID # **10368**.

Inspector: Tristan Voge
Phone: (317) 719-2574

Direct any questions regarding the inspection to:

Compliance Manager: Loic Maniet
Phone: (317) 232-3592

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas F. Newcomb", is written over a horizontal line.

Thomas F. Newcomb, Chief
UST Compliance Section
Office of Land Quality

cc: Loic Maniet
Tristan Voge
UST Facility ID File # 10368

DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATIONS

This inspection or records review revealed that the owner and/or operator of this facility is in violation of Indiana UST Rule 329 IAC 9. 329 Indiana Administrative Code ("IAC") 9 incorporates certain federal underground storage tank requirements found in 40 Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR") Part 280, including those identified below. The Description of Violations (DOV) and corrective measures are as follows:

FACILITY NAME: Granger Garage	UST FACILITY ID: 10368
ADDRESS: 14633 Cleveland Rd, Granger, St. Joseph County	INSPECTION DATE: 03/21/2023

VIOLATIONS NOTED IN THIS INSPECTION

329 IAC 9-2-2(c) – Failure to register/notify with complete information

Citation:

Pursuant to 329 IAC 9-2-2(c), an owner required to submit a notification under this section shall provide:

- (1) a notification for each UST owned;
- (2) complete information required on the form for each UST owned; and
- (3) if applicable, a separate notification form for each separate place of operation at which the USTs are located.

Violation Details:

The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because an updated notification form with current contact information is needed.

Corrective Action:

The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall fill out and submit to IDEM a correct and complete copy of the appropriate state form with required attachments, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this notice.

329 IAC 9-8-11(b) – Failure to demonstrate the ability to pay the deductible amount

Citation:

Pursuant to 329 IAC 9-8-11(b), an owner or operator of:

- (1) twelve (12) or fewer USTs shall demonstrate the ability to pay the applicable deductible amount under IC 13-23-9-1.3; or
- (2) more than twelve (12) USTs shall demonstrate the ability to pay two (2) times the applicable deductible amount under IC 13-23-9-1.3.

Violation Details:

The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because a mechanism of financial responsibility was not provided.

Corrective Action:

The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall submit a copy of the instrument proving they have the coverage required by this rule within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice.

§ 280.20(c)(1)(i) – Failure to have spill prevention equipment that will prevent release
Citation:
Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.20(c)(1)(i), to prevent spilling and overfilling associated with product transfer to the UST system, owners and operators must use the following spill and overfill prevention equipment: (i) Spill prevention equipment that will prevent release of product to the environment when the transfer hose is detached from the fill pipe (for example, a spill catchment basin).
Violation Details:
<i>The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because both spill buckets were cracked and would not function as designed in the event of a spill or overfill.</i>
Corrective Action:
The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice, contract with a certified contractor to install or replace absent or substandard spill prevention equipment that will prevent the release of product to the environment. The UST owner and/or operator must submit proof that the spill prevention equipment has been installed within forty five (45) days of receipt of this notice.
§ 280.20(c)(1)(ii) – Failure to have overfill prevention equipment installed or installed properly
Citation:
Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.20(c)(1)(ii), to prevent spilling and overfilling associated with product transfer to the UST system, owners and operators must use the following spill and overfill prevention equipment: (ii) Overfill prevention equipment that will: (A) Automatically shut off flow into the tank when the tank is no more than 95 percent full; or (B) Alert the transfer operator when the tank is no more than 90 percent full by restricting the flow into the tank or triggering a high-level alarm; or (C) Restrict flow 30 minutes prior to overfilling, alert the transfer operator with a high level alarm one minute before overfilling, or automatically shut off flow into the tank so that none of the fittings located on top of the tank are exposed to product due to overfilling.
Violation Details:
<i>The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because the site has a history of ball float vent valves but Auto Shutoff devices are currently installed. Those two forms of overfill protections can interfere with each others.</i>

Corrective Action:

The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice, contract with a certified contractor to install or replace absent or substandard overfill prevention equipment that will operate as required. The UST owner and/or operator must submit proof that the overfill prevention equipment has been installed properly to the 90% or 95% fill level as required by the type of equipment within forty five (45) days of receipt of this notice. In the case where an owner has changed the overfill prevention equipment from a flow restrictor (ball float) to an auto-shutoff device, the owner must document the entire flow restrictor has been removed or that the automatic shut off device is installed at 90% or lower.

§ 280.35(a)(1) – Failure to perform periodic testing of spill prevention equipment and containment sumps used for IM

Citation:

Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.35(a)(1), owners and operators of UST systems with spill and overfill prevention equipment and containment sumps used for interstitial monitoring of piping must meet these requirements to ensure the equipment is operating properly and will prevent releases to the environment:

(1) Spill prevention equipment (such as a catchment basin, spill bucket, or other spill containment device) and containment sumps used for interstitial monitoring of piping must prevent releases to the environment.

Violation Details:

The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because a periodic spill prevention equipment test report was not provided.

Corrective Action:

The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice, contract with a certified contractor to inspect, repair and test all spill prevention equipment and containment sumps. Documentation, to include photographs, inspection, repair and testing results, showing the spill prevention equipment and containment sumps are liquid tight must be submitted within forty five (45) days of the receipt of this notice.

§ 280.35(a)(2) – Failure to perform periodic testing of overfill prevention equipment
Citation:
Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.35(a)(2), overfill prevention equipment must be inspected at least once every three years. At a minimum, the inspection must ensure that overfill prevention equipment is set to activate at the correct level specified in § 280.20(c) and will activate when regulated substance reaches that level. Inspections must be conducted in accordance with one of the criteria in paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(A) through (C) of this section.
Violation Details:
<i>The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because a periodic overfill prevention equipment test report was not provided.</i>
Corrective Action:
The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice, contract with a certified contractor to inspect, repair and test all overfill prevention equipment. Documentation, to include photographs, inspection, repair, measurements and testing results, showing the overfill prevention equipment is fully functional and set at the correct level must be submitted within forty five (45) days of the receipt of this notice.

§ 280.40(a)(3)(i) – Failure to perform annual tests of ATG
Citation:
Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.40(a)(3)(i), owners and operators of UST systems must provide a method, or combination of methods, of release detection that beginning on October 13, 2018, is operated and maintained, and electronic and mechanical components are tested for proper operation, in accordance with one of the following: manufacturer's instructions; a code of practice developed by a nationally recognized association or independent testing laboratory; or requirements determined by the implementing agency to be no less protective of human health and the environment than the two options listed in paragraphs (a)(1) and (2) of this section. A test of the proper operation must be performed at least annually and, at a minimum, as applicable to the facility, cover the following components and criteria: (i) Automatic tank gauge and other controllers: test alarm; verify system configuration; test battery backup.
Violation Details:
<i>The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because an annual ATG functionality test report was not provided.</i>

Corrective Action:
The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall have all components of the automatic tank gauge or other controllers tested for proper operation within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice and submit the results within forty five (45) days of receipt of this notice.

§ 280.40(a)(3)(ii) – Failure to perform annual tests of probes & sensors
Citation:
Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.40(a)(3)(ii), owners and operators of UST systems must provide a method, or combination of methods, of release detection that beginning on October 13, 2018, is operated and maintained, and electronic and mechanical components are tested for proper operation, in accordance with one of the following: manufacturer's instructions; a code of practice developed by a nationally recognized association or independent testing laboratory; or requirements determined by the implementing agency to be no less protective of human health and the environment than the two options listed in paragraphs (a)(1) and (2) of this section. A test of the proper operation must be performed at least annually and, at a minimum, as applicable to the facility, cover the following components and criteria: (ii) Probes and sensors: inspect for residual buildup; ensure floats move freely; ensure shaft is not damaged; ensure cables are free of kinks and breaks; test alarm operability and communication with controller.
Violation Details:
<i>The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because an annual probes functionality test report was not provided.</i>
Corrective Action:
The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall have all components of the automatic tank gauging probes and sensors tested for proper operation within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice and submit the results within forty five (45) days of receipt of this notice.

§ 280.36(a)(1)(i) – Failure to perform 30 day walkthrough inspections
Citation:
Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.36(a)(1)(i), to properly operate and maintain UST systems, not later than June 28, 2021, owners and operators must conduct a walkthrough inspection every 30 days that, at a minimum, checks spill prevention equipment and release detection equipment (Exception: spill prevention equipment at UST systems receiving deliveries at intervals greater than every 30 days may be checked prior to each delivery).
Violation Details:
<i>The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because 03/2022-03/2023 monthly walkthrough inspections were not provided.</i>

Corrective Action:

The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall, within seven (7) days of receipt of this notice, perform the 30 day walkthrough inspection for all UST systems at the site in accordance with a standard of practice referenced in the rule. Documentation, to include photographs, inspection forms, repair documents, and waste disposal records, showing the walkthrough inspection has been completed must be submitted within forty five (45) days of the receipt of this notice.

§ 280.36(a)(1)(ii) – Failure to perform annual walkthrough inspections

Citation:

Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.36(a)(1)(ii), to properly operate and maintain UST systems, not later than June 28, 2021 owners and operators must conduct a walkthrough inspection annually that, at a minimum, checks containment sumps and hand held release detection equipment.

Violation Details:

The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because an annual walkthrough inspection was not provided.

Corrective Action:

The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall, within seven (7) days of receipt of this notice, perform the annual walkthrough inspection for all UST systems at the site in accordance with a standard of practice referenced in the rule. Documentation, to include photographs, inspection forms, repair documents, and waste disposal records, showing the walkthrough inspection has been completed must be submitted within forty five (45) days of the receipt of this notice.

§ 280.245 – Failure to maintain list of designated operators and/or training records

Citation:

Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.245, owners and operators of underground storage tank systems must maintain a list of designated Class A, Class B, and Class C operators and maintain records verifying that training and retraining, as applicable, have been completed, in accordance with § 280.34.

Violation Details:

The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because A, B and C operator certificates were not provided.

Corrective Action:

The owner or operator of the UST systems at this site shall submit a list of those employees designated to be Class A, Class B and Class C operators. Those so designated must be trained and certification of that training submitted within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice.



UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK INSPECTION REPORT

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

UST FAC ID: **10368**

Inspector's Name:	Tristan Voge
Date:	March 21, 2023
Time In:	11:20
Time Out:	11:50
Inspection Type:	Initial

FACILITY NAME / LOCATION					
FACILITY NAME Granger Garage			FACILITY ADDRESS (number and street) 14633 Cleveland Rd		
ADDRESS (line 2)		CITY Granger	STATE IN	ZIP CODE 46530	COUNTY St Joseph
UST OWNER					
UST Owner Name (If in Individual Capacity) St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners				BUSINESS ID (From the Secretary of State)	
PREFIX Mr	FIRST NAME Ryan	MI	LAST NAME Rodts		SUFFIX
TELEPHONE NUMBER (574) 235-7800		EMAIL ADDRESS rrodts@sjcindiana.com			
UST OPERATOR					
UST Operator Name (If in Individual Capacity) St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners				BUSINESS ID (From the Secretary of State)	
PREFIX	FIRST NAME	MI	LAST NAME		SUFFIX
TELEPHONE NUMBER (574) 235-7800		EMAIL ADDRESS rrodts@sjcindiana.com			
PROPERTY OWNER					
UST Property Owner Name (If in Individual Capacity) St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners				BUSINESS ID (From the Secretary of State)	
PREFIX	FIRST NAME	MI	LAST NAME		SUFFIX
TELEPHONE NUMBER (574) 235-7800		EMAIL ADDRESS rrodts@sjcindiana.com			
COMPLIANCE ELEMENTS					
All USTs properly registered and up-to-date notification form on file			<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> UNK
Updated Notification Form is needed					
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
O/O is in compliance with all UST closure requirements			<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
O/O has met all financial responsibility requirements			<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
A mechanism of financial responsibility was not provided.					
40 CFR 280, Subpart A installation requirements (partially excluded) met			<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
40 CFR 280, Subpart B installation and upgrade requirements met			<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> UNK
Both spill buckets were cracked					
40 CFR 280, Subpart C spill/overfill control requirements met			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Ball Float Vs Auto Shutoff					
40 CFR 280, Subpart C compatibility requirements met			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
40 CFR 280, Subpart C O&M and testing requirements met			<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> UNK
Periodic spill/overfill, 03/2022-03/2023 monthly/annual walkthrough inspections weren't provided					
40 CFR 280, Subpart D release detection requirements met			<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> UNK
An annual ATG and probes functionality test report was not provided.					
40 CFR 280, Subpart J operator training requirements met			<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> UNK
A, B and C operator certificates were not provided.					

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Site Maintains:

- Two (2) Plasteel DW USTs installed in March 1992
- One (1) 10K REG GSL
- One (1) 10K DSL

Section Chief Note: The normal operational lifespan of a UST before failing is 25 to 30 years old. The USTs at this site are now 31 years old, likely out of warranty and the owner should already be planning on removing or replacing them soon.

- Piping is FG SW and EU Suction

RD UST = ATG

RD Piping = N/A

Overfill/Spill = Spill Buckets + Auto Shutoff (consistent) + Ball Float (earlier NF)

ATG Certification = N

Overfill Protection Test = N

Spill bucket Test = N

Containment Sumps Test (not required) = N

Site History:

Site is a county facility with fueling capability. Two (2) USTs were removed in 1992 (no Closure NF but part of Closure Report in ISC completed in 1992).

Contact Information

Charles Porter cporter@sjcindiana.com

Mmeeks@sjcindiana.com

Documentation not provided at the time of the file review:

- (NF 7/30/2020, Approval 2/28/2022 - Tank data ok if Auto)
- Certificate of Financial Responsibility
- Operator Certificates
- Release Detection Records USTs (CSLD)
- ATG/Probes test
- Spill bucket test
- Overfill test
- Monthly inspection
- Annual inspection

Inspection Notes

- Twelve (12) months of release detection records for the UST RD records were collected from the ATG on site.
- Inspector talked to Mr. Ryan Rodts over the phone during the inspection. Mr. Rodts indicated that Charles Porter is no longer the point of contact. He will be taking over as the point of contact.

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

- The UNL dispenser UDC contained fluid that should be cleaned out and monitored as needed. The source of the fluid should be determined and remediated as needed.

The following are VIOLATIONS discovered during the inspection that will need to be corrected within 30 days of receipt of this inspection report to avoid further action and achieve compliance with the state underground storage tank program:

1. A mechanism of financial responsibility was not provided.
2. Both spill buckets were cracked and would not function as designed in the event of a spill or overfill.
3. Site has a history of ball floats but Auto Shutoff devices are currently installed
4. A periodic spill prevention equipment test report was not provided.
5. A periodic overfill prevention equipment test report was not provided.
6. An annual ATG functionality test report was not provided.
7. An annual probes functionality test report was not provided.
8. 03/2022-03/2023 monthly walkthrough inspections were not provided.
9. An annual walkthrough inspection was not provided.
10. A, B and C operator certificates were not provided.

The following are RECORDS to be submitted to the inspector within 30 days of receipt of this inspection report to avoid further action and achieve compliance with the state underground storage tank program (update accordingly):

- An updated Notification Form with updated contact information is needed
- A mechanism of financial responsibility
- Documentation of properly installed spill buckets
- Documentation of Ball Float removal or Auto Shutoff adjustment
- A periodic spill prevention equipment test report
- A periodic overfill prevention equipment test report
- An annual ATG functionality test report
- An annual probes functionality test report
- 03/2022-03/2023 monthly walkthrough inspections
- An annual walkthrough inspection
- A, B and C operator certificates