

Underground Petroleum Storage Tanks Discovered After June 30, 2005

The Petroleum Tank Release Compensation board release eligibility law pertaining to **found** underground storage tanks was significantly changed on July 1, 2005.

Owner/Operators of found underground storage tanks, to be eligible for assistance from the Petroleum Tank Release Cleanup Fund, **must apply to the department for a closure permit within 30 days of the date upon which the owner first had knowledge of the tank and close the tank in accordance with the requirements of the permit before the permit expires.**

PTRCB Found Tank Checklist

1. [Submit a closure permit application to DEQ/UST section within 30 days of discovery.](#)
2. [Close the tank in accordance with closure requirements and all permit conditions.](#)
3. [If a release is discovered, complete a release eligibility application.](#)

The specific wording of the law can be viewed at: <http://data.opi.state.mt.us/bills/mca/75/11/75-11-308.htm> (b) (iii).

If owners or operators are interested in the eligibility criteria for releases discovered before July 1, 2005 they should contact the [Board staff](#).