

# The 2002 Tank Registration Process

The 2002 registration process will be a joint endeavor of the Board and the Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations (BUSTR). Most typical UST owners will be exempted from registering and paying fees to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC).

Tank owners or operators may now meet state and federal UST system registration requirements for the Board and BUSTR by **fully** completing this multi-agency form and submitting it to BUSTR.

Last year BUSTR mailed forms to over 9,300 facilities. However, only 8,000 forms were returned and many of those were incomplete. BUSTR has already sent registration forms again this year with the information that was supplied last year already pre-printed on the form. Owners must verify the pre-printed information and supply any missing information. An emphasis will be placed on collecting technical information such as the method of release detection being used, etc.

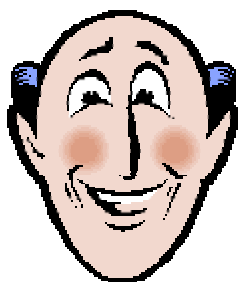
This year any form that is not fully completed will be rejected by BUSTR and will be returned to the owner for completion.

Since the Board will be making determinations regarding your rights to a Certificate of Coverage based upon the information submitted to BUSTR, it is highly recommended that the **fully completed** form be returned to BUSTR promptly with the correct number of tanks for each facility. **Any missing information could lead to a delay or even a denial of Fund Coverage.**

SERC will be mailing an inventory reporting update and decision tree for owners/operators to use in determining whether to file an inventory report with them. After receiving the information, if you are still unsure if your facility(s) meets the new exemption, you should contact SERC at 614-644-2260.

Registration with BUSTR and the Board is the law. This simplified registration can only be accomplished with the cooperation of each individual tank owner. If owners fail to complete and return the new registration form to BUSTR, each agency will again be required to ask for the information needed for their registration process. Please complete the form fully and submit it to BUSTR within the time allotted. It should make it simpler for all of us. Please call BUSTR (614-752-7938) with any questions.

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## And the Good News Is!

The Board voted unanimously at its January meeting to maintain fees and the deductible amounts at their current levels for the upcoming 2002 program year. The per tank fee for the 2002 program year will remain at \$450 for the standard deductible of \$55,000 and \$600 for the reduced deductible of \$11,000.

However claim submittals continue to remain at a high level and tank fees are directly related to corrective action costs. If costs for corrective action are not cost effectively managed, tank fees are adversely affected for all tank owners, not just those performing cleanups. Tank fees and deductibles must be evaluated again next year.