# Memorandum

**To:** Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board

**From:** Chief William Hills, BUSTR

**Re:** **BUSTR Report**

**Date:** February 12, 2014

**PERSONNEL –** Two temporary service employees have been assigned to BUSTR for the remainder of the fiscal year to assist with scanning and indexing of completed files.

**ADMINISTRATION –** The BUSTR Revolving Loan Fund Program administrative rule (OAC 1301:7-9-20) that enables Political Subdivisions to address the removal of Underground Storage Tanks has an effective date of February 1, 2014. BUSTR is working with Commerce Fiscal on the application form, screening criteria and loan agreement used for this program. The application process is to begin in the spring of 2014 with the funds to be distributed after July 1, 2014.

BUSTR was awarded $98,000 in additional FY14 LUST grant dollars to be used for performing responsible party searches at petroleum UST release properties. Five vendors have accepted the counter offer made by Commerce Fiscal. Packages containing the BUSTR public records for each responsible party search are to be distributed to the vendors on February 12, 2014.

**TRAINING AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT –** BUSTR has scheduled through the Ohio Fire Academy an UST installer course for February 10-14, 2014 and an UST inspector course for March 3-7, 2014. For individuals meeting the prerequisites, this training is offered to those that are interested in becoming BUSTR program certified installers and inspectors. This also includes those that are part of a fire department that has delegation of authority from the State Fire Marshal to perform UST inspections.

The State Fire Marshal/BUSTR has agreed to sponsor the U.S. EPA Region 5 (consisting of six states) “Underground Storage Tank Installer” seminar. The training is scheduled for March 25-26, 2014 at the State Fire Academy. BUSTR staff will have the opportunity to participate in these training sessions and seminar.

**TRAINING TO STAKEHOLDERS** – None scheduled at this time.

**ACTIVITY –**

**OTTER Database Upgrade Project**

OTTER went live with on August 5, 2013. Ventech and IT Commerce continue to correct minor issues as part of the contract.

**Click Scheduling**

The "Click Scheduling" process also went live on August 5, 2013. There have only been a few minor issues that are being handled in-house.

**STATISTICS and/or COMMENTS**

**Release Prevention**

**UST Operation Compliance Inspections**

The current 3 year inspection cycle ends June 30, 2016.

For the week ending **February 8, 2014**

**79** new inspections were performed for a total of **2,127** inspections.

**Corrective Action**

**No Further Action Letters (NFA)**

The current grant cycle ends September 30, 2014.

For the week ending **February 8, 2014**

**5** NFA's were generated, for a total of **211** NFA's

To - date target projection of total NFA's is **218**

| Statistic | Count as of 2/10/2014 |
|---|---|
| Number of Registered Tanks | 22,007 |
| Number of Owners of Registered Facilities | 3,733 |
| Number of Registered Facilities | 7,515 |
| Number of Active Releases | 2,532 |
| Number of Active Closures | 1,119 |
| Number of Program No Further Actions | 27,894 |