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Underground Storage Tank Compliance Act of 2002

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Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 27, 2002
Sen. Warner, John [R-VA]	R · VA		Apr 16, 2002
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		May 17, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	May 8, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 16, 2002)

Underground Storage Tank Compliance Act of 2002 - (Sec. 2) Amends the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to distribute to States at least 80 percent of the funds authorized to be appropriated under this Act from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund to pay the reasonable costs incurred under cooperative agreements of: (1) certain corrective actions and compensation programs; (2) directly related administrative expenses; or (3) enforcement of State or local requirements regulating underground storage tanks (USTs). Allows undistributed funds to be used for enforcing UST regulations. Provides for allocation and distribution of such funds to States.

(Sec. 3) Requires the Administrator or a State with an approved program to require compliance inspections of USTs at least once every two years.

(Sec. 4) Directs the Administrator to publish operator training guidelines and States to develop and implement a training strategy consistent with stated requirements.

(Sec. 5) Authorizes the use of funds made available for the petroleum response program to carry out corrective actions with respect to methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) releases.

(Sec. 6) Authorizes the use of funds for inspections, orders, or enforcement by a State in accordance with State authorities under the petroleum response program acting under an approved prevention and compliance program or similar State requirements or by the Administrator. Requires States to submit to the Administrator implementation reports on State- or local-owned USTs. Provides additional funds to States that develop the reports.

Permits the consideration of an owner or operator's violation history when a State or the Administrator enforces compliance.

Authorizes a State or the Administrator to prohibit the delivery of regulated substances (motor fuels) to non-compliant tanks. Provides temporary relief for certain tanks in remote locations.

Requires States and Indian tribes to maintain a current list of regulated USTs.

(Sec. 7) Requires implementation reports by any Federal agency responsible for USTs which list the USTs and describe compliance actions.

(Sec. 8) Requires the Administrator and Indian Tribes to correct UST releases on Indian lands, treating those posing the greatest threat to human health or the environment first.

(Sec. 9) Permits States to establish requirements more stringent than the Federal requirements.

(Sec. 10) Authorizes appropriations for FY 2003 through 2007.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 16, 2002:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Jeffords with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 107-316.
- **Oct 16, 2002:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 732.
- **Jul 25, 2002:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 8, 2002:** Committee on Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Superfund and Waste Management. Hearings held and concluded. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 107-953.
- **Feb 25, 2002:** Subcommittee on Superfund and Waste Management. Hearings held at Pascoag, RI. Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- **Dec 19, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 19, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S13704-13705)
- **Dec 19, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (text of measure as introduced: CR S13705-13707)

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