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SUBJECT: Report on Leaking Underground Storage Tank Closure Report Statistics

In accordance with Section 21334 of Part 213, Leaking Underground Storage Tanks, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, attached is the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's (EGLE) report on Leaking Underground Storage Tank Closure Report Statistics for fiscal year 2020.

If you need further information, please contact Mike Neller, Director, Remediation and Redevelopment Division, at 517-512-5859; or you may contact me at 517-284-6708.

Attachment

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Leaking Underground Storage Tank Closure Report Statistics

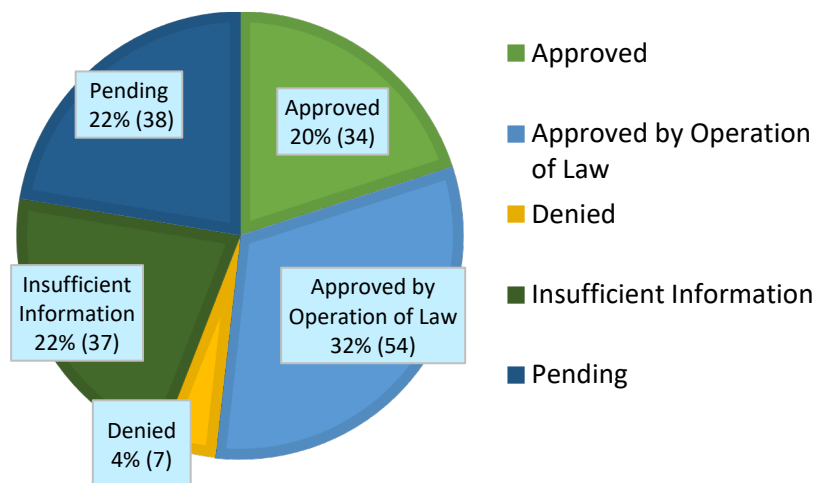
Report Period: Fiscal Year 2020

A Closure Report documents that corrective actions have been completed where contamination was released to the environment. It details that contaminants at the site have been remediated and/or the risks are controlled by land or resource use restrictions and the owner/operator has achieved a regulatory endpoint. In fiscal year (FY) 2020 there were 165 releases closed; 128 by the owner/operator and 37 by the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) State-funded actions. There is a cumulative total of 15,564 leaking underground storage tank (LUST) releases closed (the cumulative total includes approximately 829 releases closed by EGLE’s State-funded actions). Risks to safe drinking water and clean air have been reduced or eliminated through the LUST Program closures.

A total of LUST Closure Reports available for audit in FY 2020: 123 Closure Reports received in FY 2020, and 47 Closure Reports received prior to FY 2020 that were pending review at the beginning of FY 2020. Note that prior to FY 2019, this report only included statistics for Closure Reports received during the fiscal year.

A total of 88 approvals occurred; this includes 32 approved after audit, 2 approved with conditions after audit, and 54 approved by operation of law without audit under Part 213, Leaking Underground Storage Tanks, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA).

FY 2020 LUST CLOSURE REPORT STATISTICS



There were 7 LUST Closure Reports denied by EGLE due to failure to meet the statutory requirements for closure, and 37 Closure Reports had insufficient information in the report for EGLE to make a regulatory decision. A total of 38 Closure Reports are pending decisions.

There were no contested case hearings held pursuant to Section 21332 of Part 213.

There were also no issues needing resolution by the Response Activity Review Panel pursuant to Section 20114e of Part 201, Environmental Remediation, of the NREPA.

This report is provided in accordance with Section 21334 of Part 213.

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