

INSTRUCTIONS

On the reverse side is an Underground Storage Tank (UST) Field Citation Form (Form) for expedited settlement. If you, the Owner or Operator, wish to settle this case using this Form, you must do the following:

1. Correct the violation(s) cited in Part I of the Form ("Part I");
2. Pay the total penalty amount listed in Part I in accordance with the directions provided below;
3. Sign the Settlement Agreement in Part II of the Form ("Part II") (or in the case when an Owner or Operator is a corporate entity, have an authorized representative sign it); and
4. Return the Field Citation Form along with documentation of compliance and payment information (sufficient for EPA to track payment) to EPA at the following address (within the 30-day time limit specified below):

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and

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This settlement process is optional. You are not required to submit this Form to EPA. If you do not submit this Form, EPA will conclude that you are not interested in pursuing an expedited settlement. EPA will then consider other actions to resolve these violations including the possibility of formal administrative or judicial enforcement.

Whether you submit the Form or not, you are by law required to correct any noncompliance and comply with all applicable UST requirements.

EPA will not approve the Settlement Agreement if there is an alteration of any of the information in the Form or if the payment submitted is less than the full amount of settlement.

Timeline: The Form must be postmarked no later than thirty (30) days after the date of the inspection. In the event the Form is sent to you via registered or certified mail, the timeline begins on the date of receipt of that mail. If EPA does not receive the Form within thirty (30) days, EPA will conclude that you do not wish to pursue expedited settlement. EPA will then consider taking other actions to resolve these violations including pursuing formal administrative or judicial enforcement. (Note: All time periods and deadlines in the Form, including these Instructions, are in calendar days. If a deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or federal holiday, EPA will consider the deadline to fall on the next business day.)

Requesting An Extension: EPA may grant, at its discretion, an extension of thirty (30) days if you can demonstrate that it is not feasible for you to come into compliance within the initial 30-day time period. You must request that extension in writing before the initial 30-day time period expires. That written request must explain why compliance within 30 days is not feasible and it must contain a schedule for when you will come into compliance (which must not extend beyond the 30-day extension period).

Requesting that EPA Modify or Withdraw the Form: If you can document that you were in compliance with the regulations cited in Part I at the time of the inspection, you must submit that documentation to EPA within fifteen (15) calendar days of your receipt of the Form. EPA will review the documentation and may choose to not pursue enforcement or may withdraw some or all of the violations and reissue a modified Form to the Owner/Operator (via certified or registered mail) for any violations that are not withdrawn.

Payment: Payment can be made by using any method, or combination of appropriate methods, as provided on the EPA website <https://www.epa.gov/financial/makepayment>. For additional instructions see <https://www.epa.gov/financial/additional-instructions-making-paymentsepa>.

Settlement Agreement Certification: By signing the Settlement Agreement in Part II, you are certifying under penalty of law that you have corrected the violations, submitted true and accurate documentation of compliance, and have paid the penalty. Failure to meet those conditions means you will remain liable for the original violations with the possibility of being liable for additional violations for noncompliance with the Compliance Order and for making a false representation to the U.S. Government.

EPA Review: Once EPA has received the Form, EPA will review it and the documentation of compliance, and verify that payment was made. If EPA decides to settle the case using this Field Citation, EPA will sign and approve the Settlement Agreement and the Compliance Order and send a copy of the completed Form to you. Once EPA has signed the Compliance Order and Settlement Agreement, you and EPA are bound by their terms. EPA reserves the right not to pursue settlement under the Field Citation and instead pursue formal enforcement. In that event, you will be promptly reimbursed for the amount you paid into the U.S. Treasury when submitting the Field Citation.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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