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RE: UST Compliance Inspection
DEQ UST # 4705
Independence Automotive

Marici Reid:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is conducting underground storage tank (UST) inspections throughout Oregon. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your facility, among others, has been selected for inspection. A thorough inspection of your facility will be conducted to determine compliance with state and federal UST requirements. The inspection will include a file review, compliance testing documentation, and a site visit. **The date you receive this letter is the date that the inspection starts.** If you have work done after that date, you will need to have the previous set of records available for evaluation in addition to the most recent records.

If I do not hear from you, the site visit for this inspection for this facility is scheduled for February 7, 2024, starting at approximately 9:00 am. Please note that the inspection will require uninterrupted participation and attendance by you or a knowledgeable assistant. For the site visit part of the inspection, you need to provide access to tank sumps, cathodic protection rectifiers, and you will have to open and stick the tanks to measure the depth of any contents. DEQ will not touch the equipment. If you are unable to assist with equipment access, please have your UST Service Provider there.

To complete this inspection, you will need to have required proof of financial responsibility and proof of A/B operator training available on-site on the day of the inspection or sent to me prior to the inspection at diana.foss@deq.oregon.gov. If the records are not available during the day of the inspection, you will have five (5) business days to provide the records to me electronically, after which time this facility may be subject to enforcement actions.

Our records indicate that the USTs at your facility are in Temporary Closure. During the site visit, DEQ will verify that the tanks are empty as defined by OAR 340-150-0010(32) and the equipment is secure as indicated in OAR-340-0167.

At a minimum the following records are required to complete this inspection:

- Financial responsibility mechanism.
- A/B Operator Training documentation
- Cathodic protection testing (if applicable).
- Tank lining records (if applicable).

As stated previously, DEQ will not touch any equipment, and, if you are unable to assist with equipment access, please have your UST Service Provider there to remove manway or sump lids and be prepared to stick the tanks to show the presence of any liquid.

If violations are found at the time of the inspection without prior notification by you, DEQ is required to initiate enforcement action. For UST violations, enforcement usually begins with a field citation option, which includes paying a monetary fine and conducting corrective actions.

Enforcement may be referred to the Office of Compliance and Enforcement for further review, which may result in civil penalties.

Thank you for your cooperation. I can be reached at 503-869-0770 or diana.foss@deq.oregon.gov to answer any questions you may have and assist you in the preparation for your inspection.

Sincerely,

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