

State of Oregon

Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

To: Peter Donahower
Manager, Northwest Region Petroleum Cleanup

Date: January 9, 2025

From: Debra Goldberg
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Subject: Justification for Administrative Closure

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is administratively closing the leaking underground storage tank (LUST) project known as "Elbert Hill Sr. Living Trust" (LUST No. 26-24-0634).

In August 2024, a release was reported with the Oregon DEQ regarding a leaking above ground oil storage tank (AST) in the crawlspace of 1234 NE Highland Street in Portland, Oregon. LUST No. 26-24-0634 was created, and a letter was sent to the homeowner on September 12, 2024, stating the requirements for cleanup.

Because an AST is the source of the release and not an underground storage tank, DEQ concludes that LUST No. 26-24-0634 should be administratively closed. DEQ has opened Cleanup File No. 6713 to address the release under DEQ's Cleanup Program.