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11/24/25

RE: UST Compliance Inspection
DEQ UST # 4431
Truax Corp # 32

Attention Tom Lathrop

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) finalized the underground storage tank (UST) full compliance inspection that was conducted at the facility listed above on November 20, 2025. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the results of this inspection. Based on the records available and site conditions, the DEQ inspector did not observe any violations with applicable State of Oregon UST rules on this day.

During an inspection, DEQ attempts to conduct a thorough review of the UST system. Nonetheless, you, as the permittee and owner, remain responsible for complying with all applicable UST rules. Therefore, if a violation is observed during a subsequent inspection, the facility will be cited for this violation and may be subject to civil penalties.

The DEQ appreciates your efforts to operate and maintain your UST system in compliance with Oregon environmental law. This facility is subject to future inspections. Please remember to conduct service and maintenance inspections and periodic testing at the required intervals and to implement and/or maintain adequate record keeping. Some general recommendations for maintaining UST compliance are listed below.

- Monitor tanks and piping for leaks and keep twelve months of monthly and or daily records as necessary for your specific systems. **Notify the DEQ any leak test results indicating the possibility of a release (i.e., test failure) within 24 hours as a suspected release (OAR 340-150-0500) and immediately begin investigation under OAR 340-150-0510.**
- Maintain financial responsibility coverage for pollution liability.
- Keep spill prevention devices emptied and clean – particularly just before fuel deliveries.
- Schedule and complete UST system corrosion protection testing on the required 3 year schedule, if necessary.
- Monitor fuel delivery records for signs of overfilling to capacity and make corrections to defective overfill prevention equipment or improper delivery procedures as necessary.

- Be aware of any suspected release condition and keep an alarm log to record any such conditions. Suspected release conditions include failed tank or piping leak tests, fuel or liquid sensor alarms, fuel is found in secondary containments or when liquid of any kind (dry or vacuum systems) is found in a tank interstitial space. Such conditions must be reported to the DEQ within 24 hours and an investigation into the cause must be conducted.
- Contact your service provider for assistance with testing and alarm investigation.
- Contact your service provider and begin an investigation if you suspect fuel loss, equipment is malfunctioning, leak detectors are triggering, or product lines are losing prime.
- Report a confirmed release to the DEQ within 24 hours of confirming product loss into the subsurface in any amount.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this matter at the DEQ Northwest office at 503-360-4408 or blakely.gilbert@deq.oregon.gov.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Blake Gilbert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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