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February 18, 2026

RE: UST Compliance Inspection
DEQ UST #975
Traux Corp # 23

Shawrron Searls,

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 February 17, 2026. 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 503-869-0770 or diana.foss@deq.oregon.gov.

Sincerely,

Diana Foss

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UST Facility ID

4096

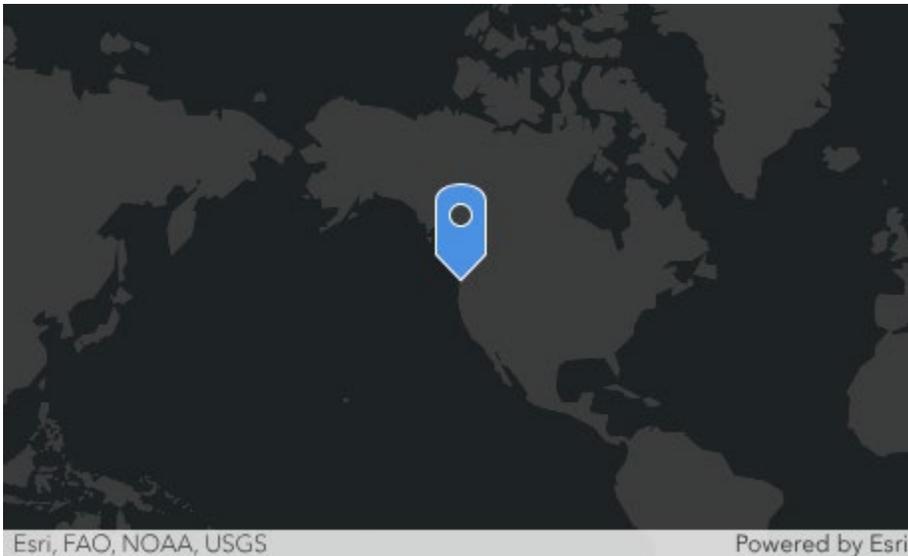
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Type of Inspection

Full Compliance

Location



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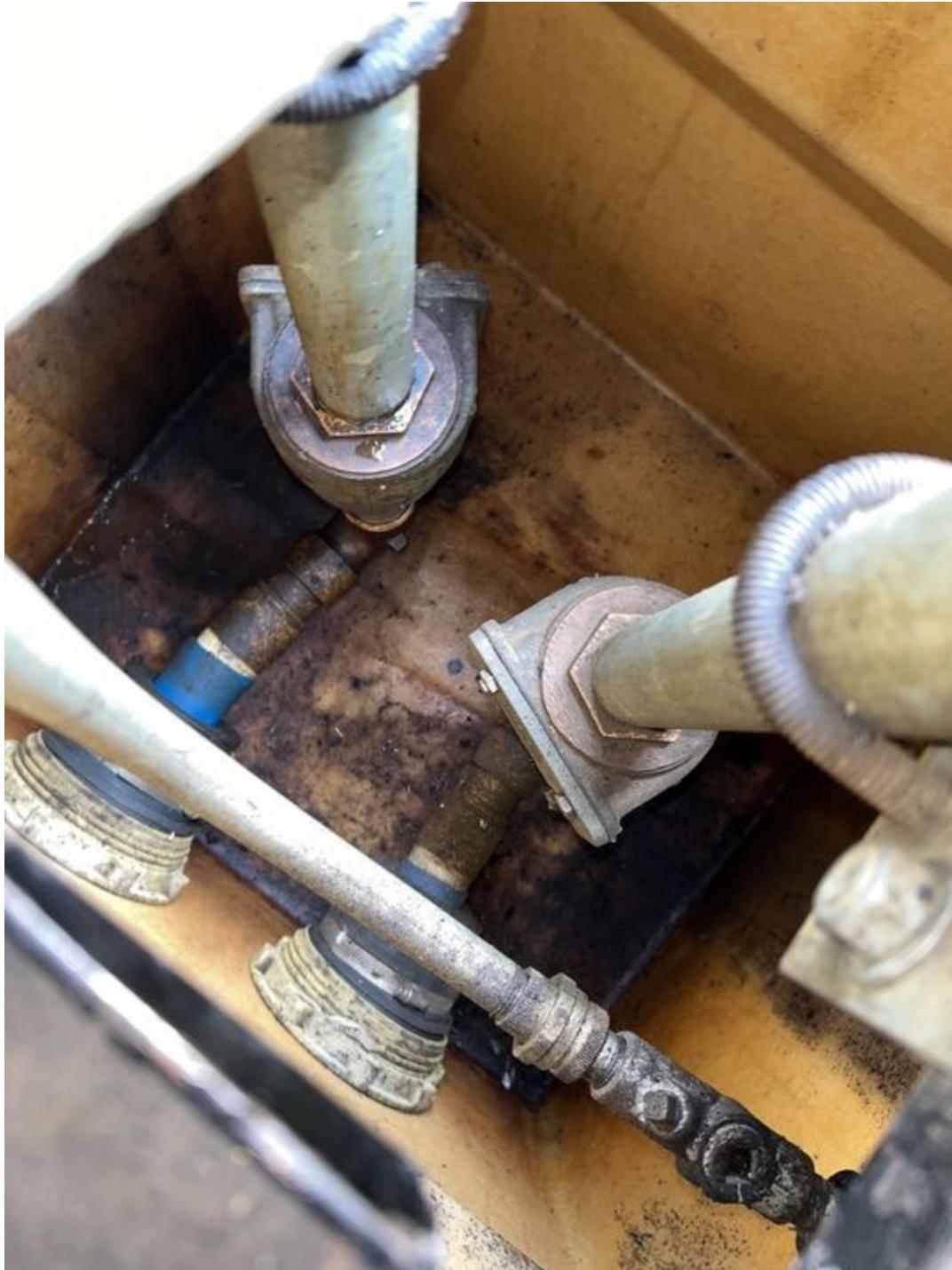
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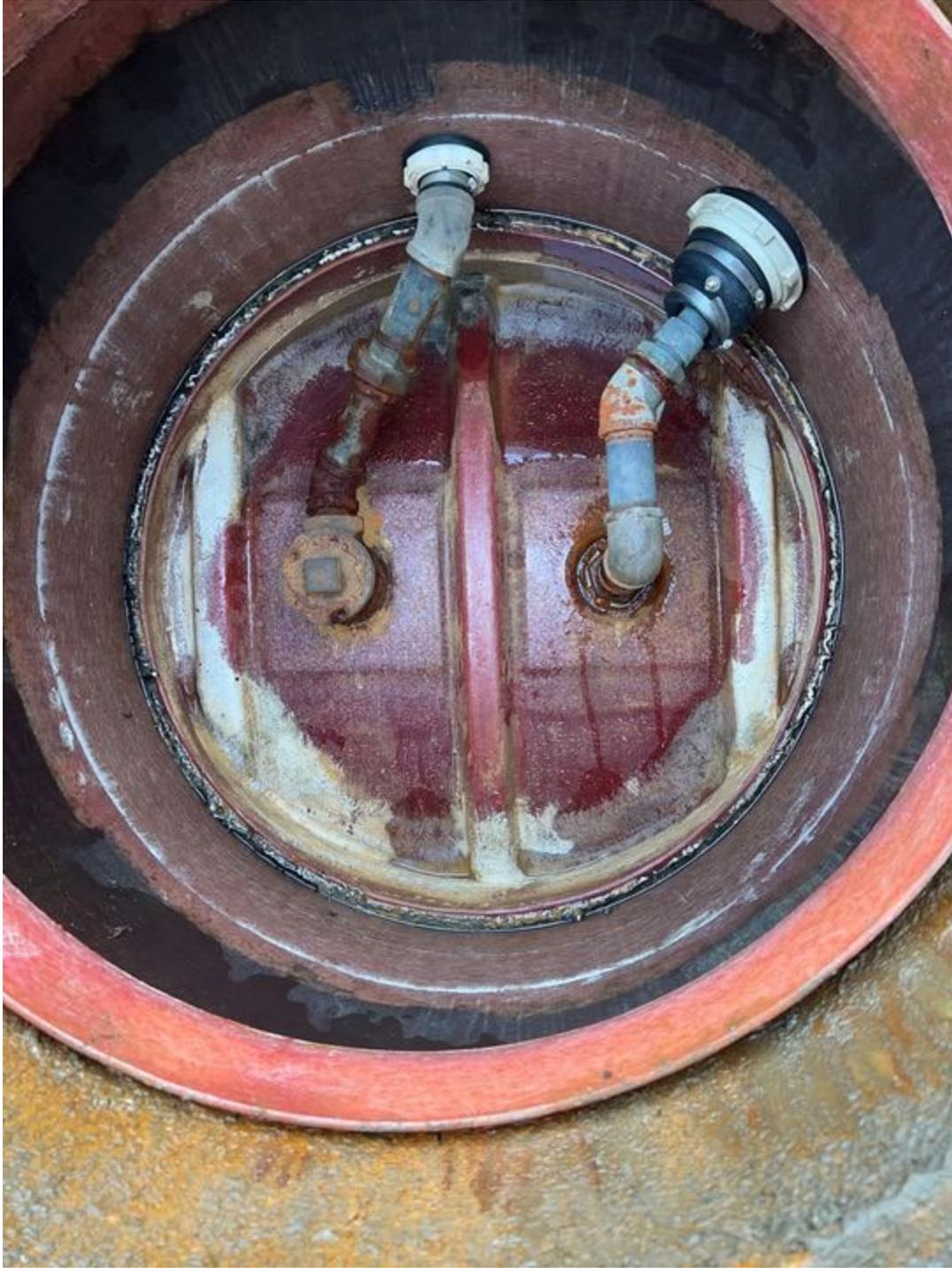
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December 29, 2025

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RE: UST Compliance Inspection
Olney General Store
DEQ UST #4096

Shawrron Searls:

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, located at 89523 Highway 202, in Astoria, has been selected for inspection. A thorough inspection of your facility will be conducted to determine compliance with state and federal UST requirements. **The date you receive this letter is the date that the inspection starts.** If you have work or testing done at this facility after receiving this letter you must have the previous set of records available for evaluation in addition to the most recent records.

If I do not hear from you, the inspection for this facility is scheduled for February 17, 2026, starting at approximately 2:00 pm. Please note that the inspection will require uninterrupted participation and attendance by you or a knowledgeable assistant. For the inspection you need to provide access to tank sumps, under dispenser areas, cathodic protection rectifiers, and leak monitoring equipment. DEQ will not touch the equipment; if you are unable to assist with equipment access, please have your UST Service Provider there. This inspection may also include review of Stage I Vapor Recovery.

To complete this inspection, you will need to have compliance testing records available on-site on the day of the inspection or sent to me prior to the inspection at diana.foss@deq.oregon.gov.

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

- Leak detector testing results for the past three years
- Annual line tightness tests (3) and/or monthly interstitial monitoring records (12)
- Monthly tank leak detection records (12 months)
- Class A, B, and C training documentation
- Financial responsibility mechanism
- Annual tank gauge / release detection equipment certification (3)
- Spill prevention tests
- Overfill Prevention Equipment tests
- Monthly walkthroughs (12)
- 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. DEQ will need to observe what equipment is in the tank top sumps and under the dispensers. If ball floats are the primary overfill protection device, these will need to be verified during the inspection, please be able to locate and remove the ball floats.

If violations are found at the time of the inspection without prior notification, DEQ is required to initiate enforcement action. For UST violations, enforcement usually begins with a field citation option, which is much like paying a traffic ticket and making corrections.

Some enforcement situations including repeat violations will go through a longer and more formal process including 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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