



## TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ABOVEGROUND TANKS NEED TO BE REGISTERED IN WEST VIRGINIA

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has recommended that tank owners promptly register their aboveground storage tanks. Recently, Frequently Asked Questions were made available by DEP, at the following URL:

<http://www.dep.wv.gov/WWE/abovegroundstoragetanks/Pages/FAQ.aspx>.

The deadline to have aboveground storage tanks registered is October 1, 2014.

The electronic AST registration form is now available.

*Following a tank release which impacted the river and resulted in closing off water supplies in Charleston, it became clear that an aboveground storage tank was not properly operated and maintained. All aboveground tanks will need to be registered and there will be new regulations in West Virginia. The Tank contents were released into the river used for water supply, so there has been increased focus on aboveground storage tank regulation.*

*RT has in depth experience in all of the key issues which are arising in Virginia, because Pennsylvania has had more detailed regulations and rules regarding storage tanks, ever since the Ashland oil spill which happened in 1988. During that event, a tank released four million gallons of oil as a result of a brittle fracture problem, and the oil spill was so large, that a pool of oil went down the Ohio River, then the Mississippi River, and large cities had to close their water intakes as the floating oil passed by, all the way down to New Orleans.*

*Gary Brown, President of RT, has testified as an expert in cases regarding storage tank releases, and he is available to consult with tank owners and operators in West Virginia, as to what the future will likely hold regarding their facilities. He has been involved in the upgrading of secondary containment systems and preparation of Contingency Plans, at more than one hundred sites in the Northeastern United States.*

***DEP is requiring tank owners to prepare Spill Prevention Response plans so as to keep their tanks in service. RT is already submitting proposals to tank owners for this important work.***

*You can reach Gary at 800-725-0593, extension 234, or on his cell phone at 610-804-8657, or by email at [gbrown@rtenv.com](mailto:gbrown@rtenv.com). Now is the time to plan for the future, so that upgrading of any needed containment systems and compliance schedules in Contingency Plans are reasonable and do not result in business disruption.*



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