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**TO:** Interested Parties

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**SUBJECT:** Energy Policy Act – Summary Information on Underground Storage Tanks

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 amended Subtitle I of the Solid Waste Disposal Act. This law required major changes to federal and state Underground Storage Tank (UST) Programs that aimed at further reducing UST releases to our environment.

One of the provisions, specifically the public record grant guidelines, was established in accordance with Section 1526 of the Energy Policy Act, which requires states to maintain, update, and make available to the public, a record of USTs regulated under Subtitle I. This section requires that a state's public record must include:

- the number, sources, and causes of UST releases;
- the record of compliance by UST in the state with Subtitle I or a state program approved under Section 9004 of Subtitle I; and
- data on the number of UST equipment failures in the state.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency developed the public record guidelines in consultation with state and regional tank offices. The guidelines describe the minimum requirements states must meet in order to comply with the public record provision in the Energy Policy Act. The guidelines include developing and updating the public record, making the public record available, describing the minimum public record content, ensuring data quality, and demonstrating and ensuring compliance with the guidelines.

Attached is a copy of the "Summary Information on Underground Storage Tanks."

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Roxanne Kwan of our Underground Storage Tank Section at (808) 586-4226.

Attachment

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## Summary Information on Underground Storage Tanks (USTs)

### General Information

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Total Number of active UST Facilities: | 669   |
| Total Number of active USTs:           | 1,511 |

Note: Permanently out of use tanks are not included.

### Summary Information for On-Site Inspections

|   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Number of UST Facilities Inspected:                   | 283                           |
| Inspection Period Dates:                              | Oct. 1, 2024 – Sept. 30, 2025 |
| Percent Technical Compliance Rate (Combined Measure): | 87%                           |
| (from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025)          |                               |

Note: Tank, facility, and on-site inspection information are based on tanks regulated under 40 CFR 280 and Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter 11-280.1. Hawaii adopted the 2015 federal UST regulations in July 2018. In July 2021, Hawaii rules were fully implemented, at which time, EPA required the Hawaii UST Program to revise compliance rate calculations. Technical compliance rate is a compliance rate calculation that considers compliance with spill prevention, overfill prevention, corrosion protection and release detection requirements. Previously, EPA required compliance rate calculations that were based on release detection and prevention requirements.

### Summary Information for Releases

|                                   |                               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Number of Confirmed UST Releases: | 14                            |
| Release Reporting Period Dates:   | Oct. 1, 2024 – Sept. 30, 2025 |

## Summary Information for Release Sources and Causes

| Source<br>(of releases) |           |            | Cause |   |          |   |                     |   |           |          |                    |   |          |          |           |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|-------|---|----------|---|---------------------|---|-----------|----------|--------------------|---|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
|                         |           |            | Spill |   | Overfill |   | Phys/Mech<br>Damage |   | Corrosion |          | Install<br>Problem |   | Other    |          | Unknown   |           |
| From                    | #         | %          | #     | % | #        | % | #                   | % | #         | %        | #                  | % | #        | %        | #         | %         |
| Tank                    | 9         | 64         |       |   |          |   |                     |   |           |          |                    |   | 1        | 7        | 8         | 58        |
| Piping                  | 1         | 7          |       |   |          |   |                     |   |           |          |                    |   |          |          | 1         | 7         |
| Dispenser               | 1         | 7          |       |   |          |   |                     |   |           |          |                    |   |          |          | 1         | 7         |
| STP                     |           |            |       |   |          |   |                     |   |           |          |                    |   |          |          |           |           |
| Delivery<br>Problem     |           |            |       |   |          |   |                     |   |           |          |                    |   |          |          |           |           |
| Other                   |           |            |       |   |          |   |                     |   |           |          |                    |   |          |          |           |           |
| Unknown                 | 3         | 22         |       |   |          |   |                     |   | 1         | 7        |                    |   |          |          | 2         | 14        |
| <b>Totals</b>           | <b>14</b> | <b>100</b> |       |   |          |   |                     |   | <b>1</b>  | <b>7</b> |                    |   | <b>1</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>86</b> |

# = number, % = percent of total number

Note: Release, source, and cause information are based on releases from regulated USTs. Source and cause data were collected from reports submitted by the UST owners and operators and their consultants.

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