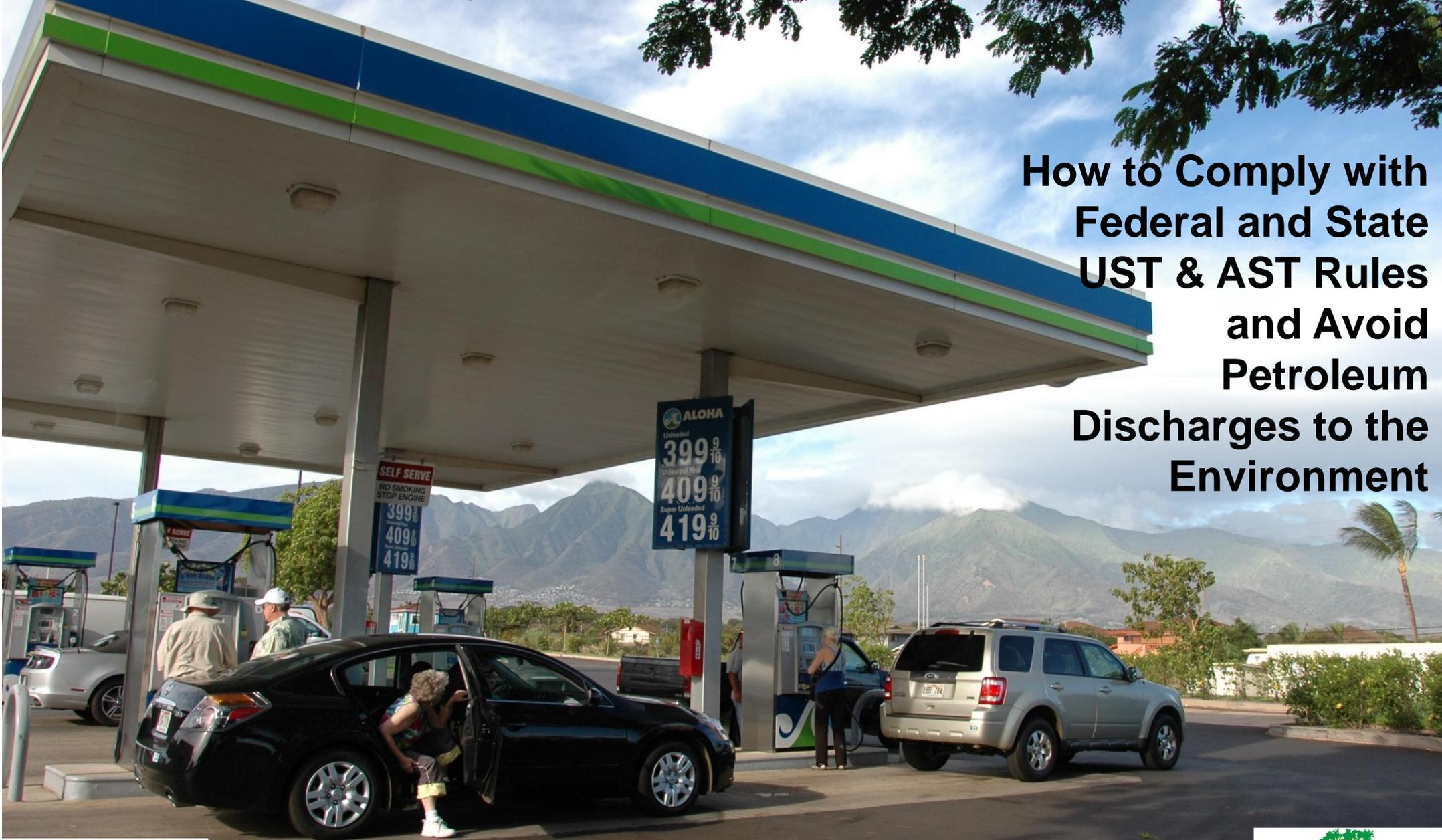


# How to Comply with Federal and State UST & AST Rules and Avoid Petroleum Discharges to the Environment



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**USTs**

**States Regulate Storage Tank Systems**



**Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic**

**USE RELIABLE EQUIPMENT!**

**Underground Storage Tanks**



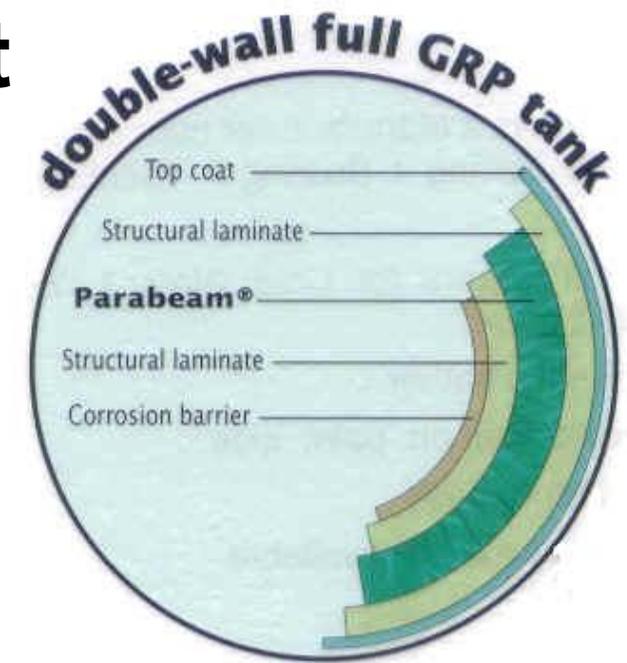
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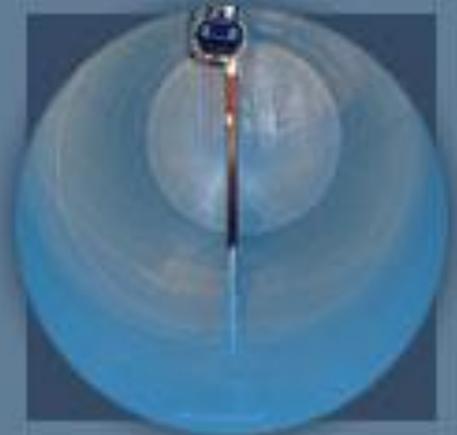


**Cathodically Protected Coated Steel**

# Internal Secondary Containment



**Tank Tech Phoenix Hybrid  
ZCL Phoenix System, Petrofuse**



# Installation





**Damage by  
installers and  
improper backfill**



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# Proper UST Installation - Follow Reference Standards and Manufacturer's Instructions

Remember - State  
and Local Permits



# Underground Storage Tank Recommendation...

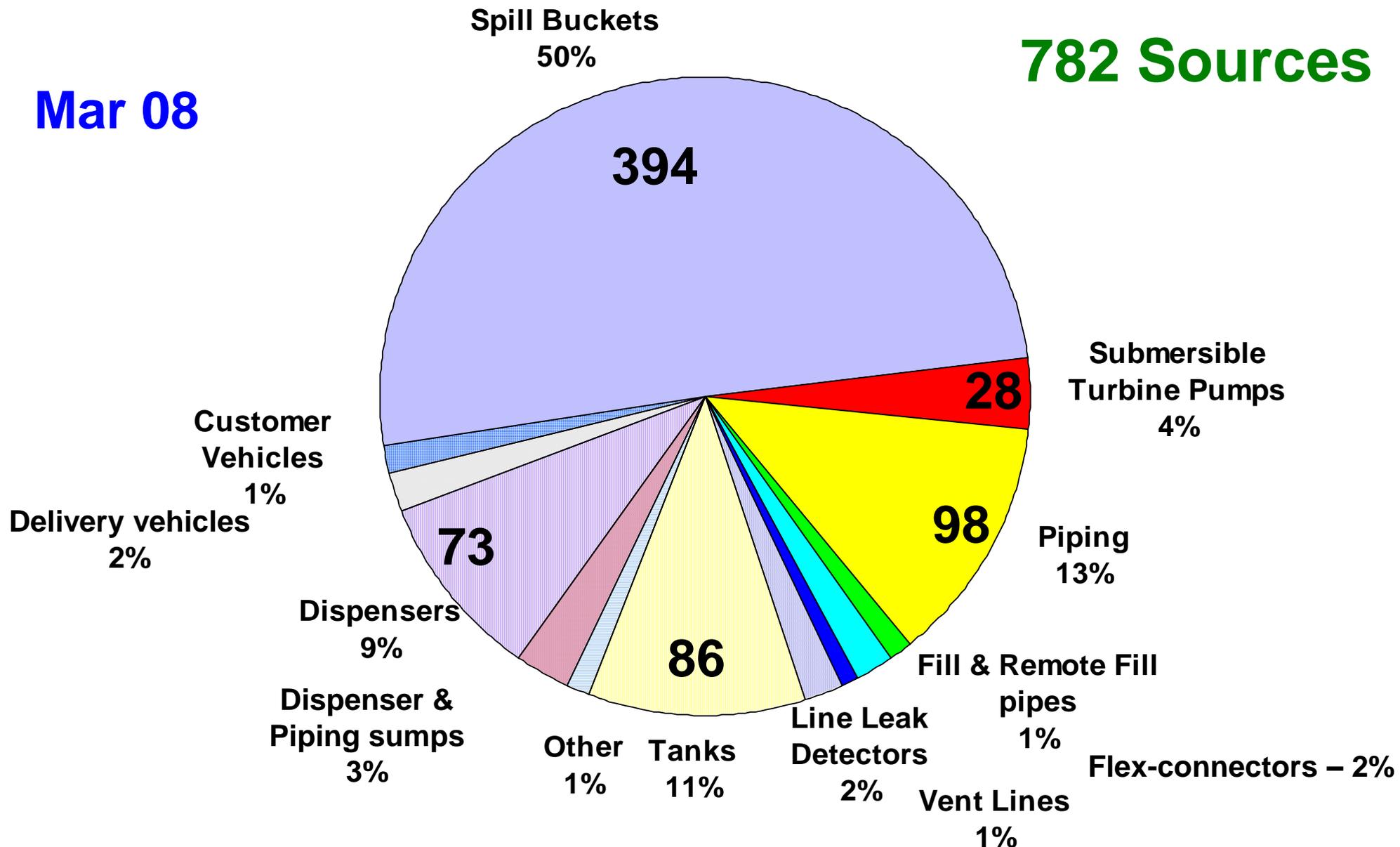


**Florida Leak Autopsy Study Data shows good performance with fiberglass-coated steel and fiberglass tanks**

# UST Leak Sources - Florida Leak Autopsy Study

**Mar 08**

**782 Sources**





**Piping**

**The second  
most frequent  
cause of  
leaks...**



**Semi-rigid**



**Rigid  
Fiberglass**

# Small Diameter Piping with Secondary Containment



**Metallic/Semi-rigid**

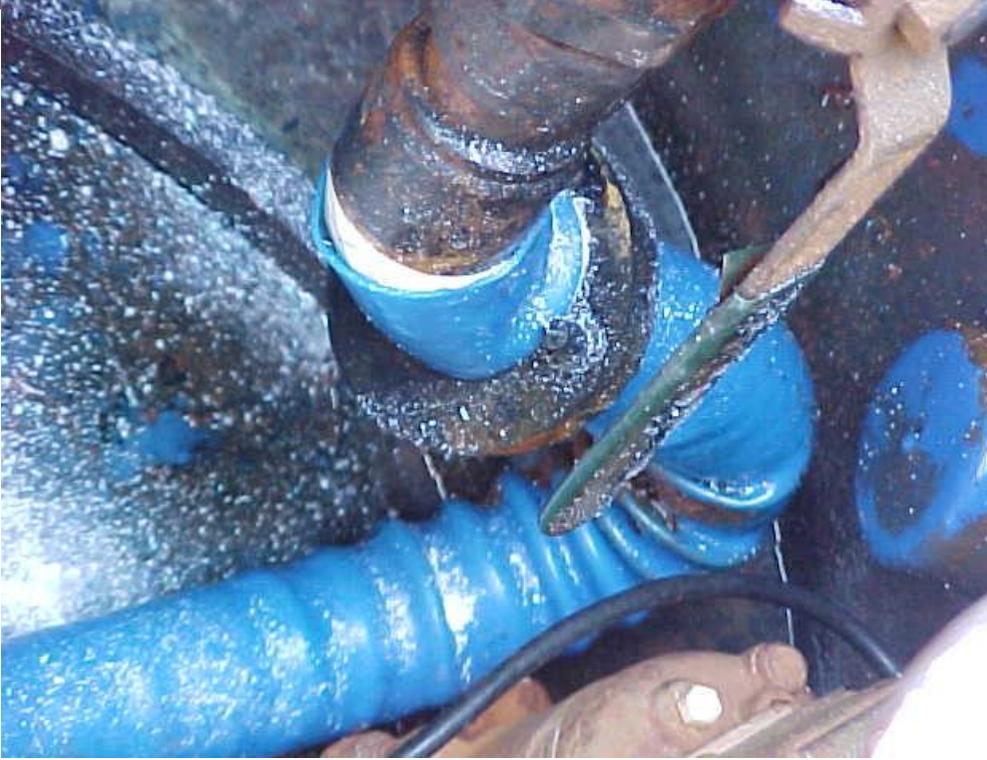


**Flexible  
synthetic**

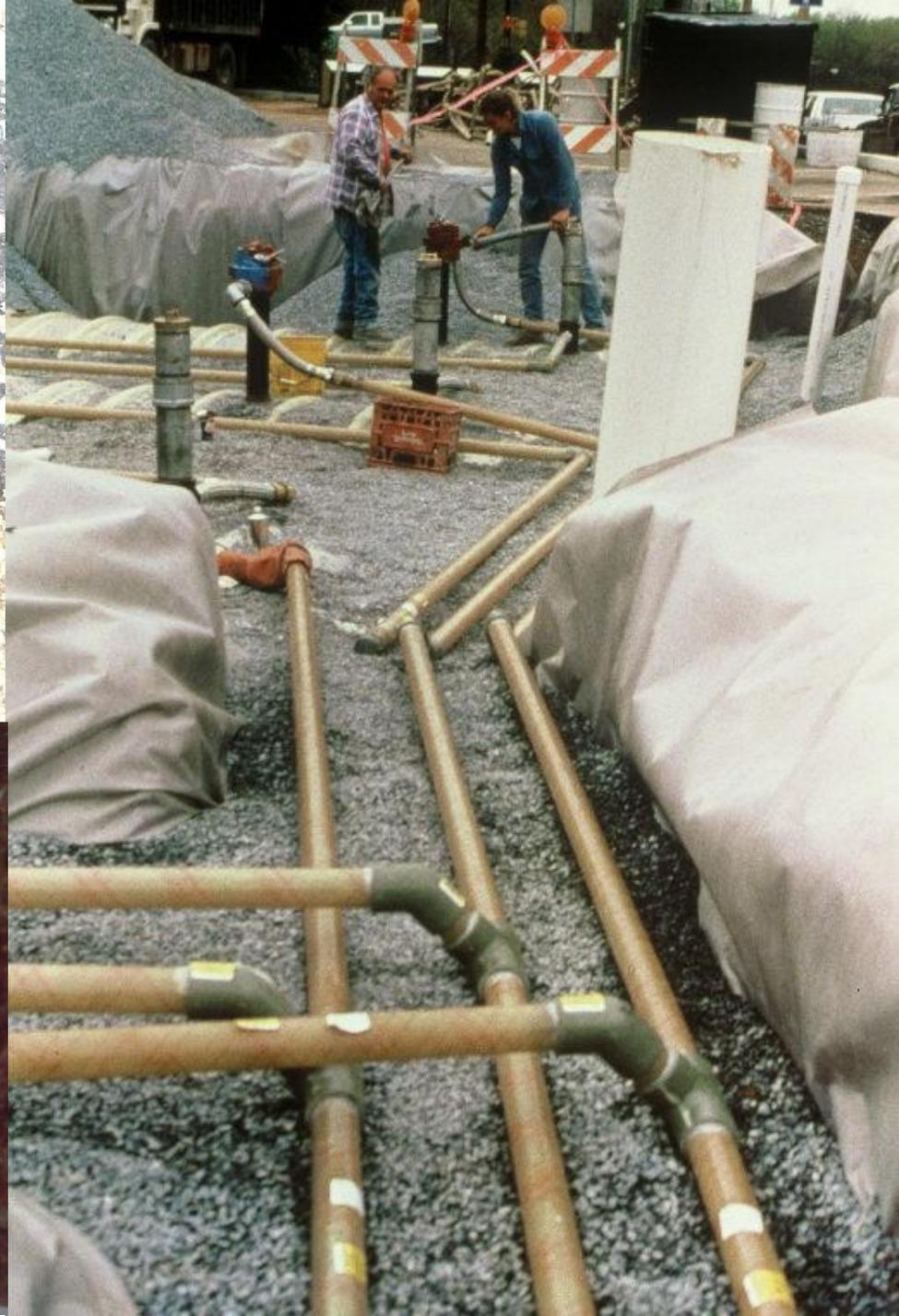


**Installation and pre-operational testing must be in accordance with applicable industry reference standards, manufacturer's instructions, and local, state and federal rules**









# Fiberglass Piping



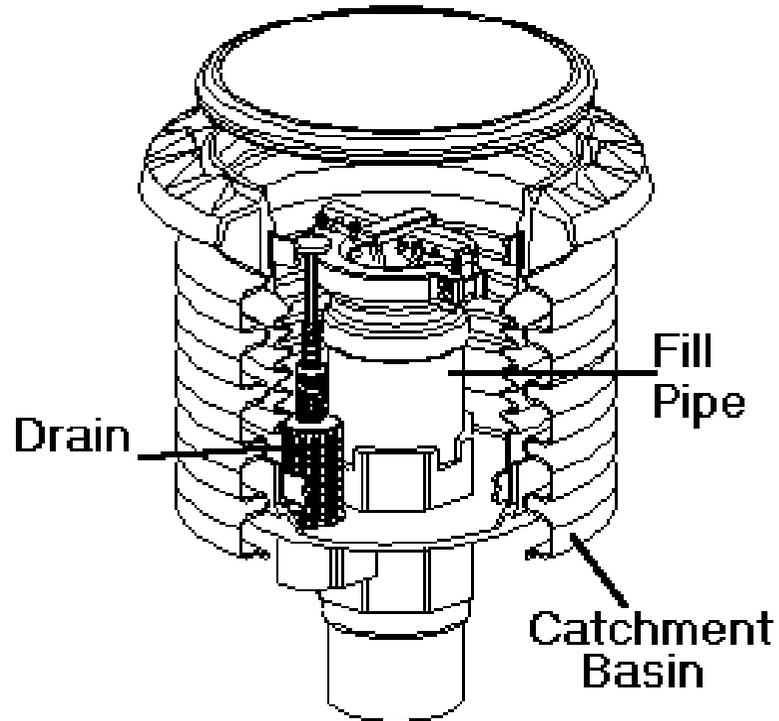
**Problems as well...**

# Double-wall Piping with a Good Performance Record in the Florida Leak Autopsy Study\*

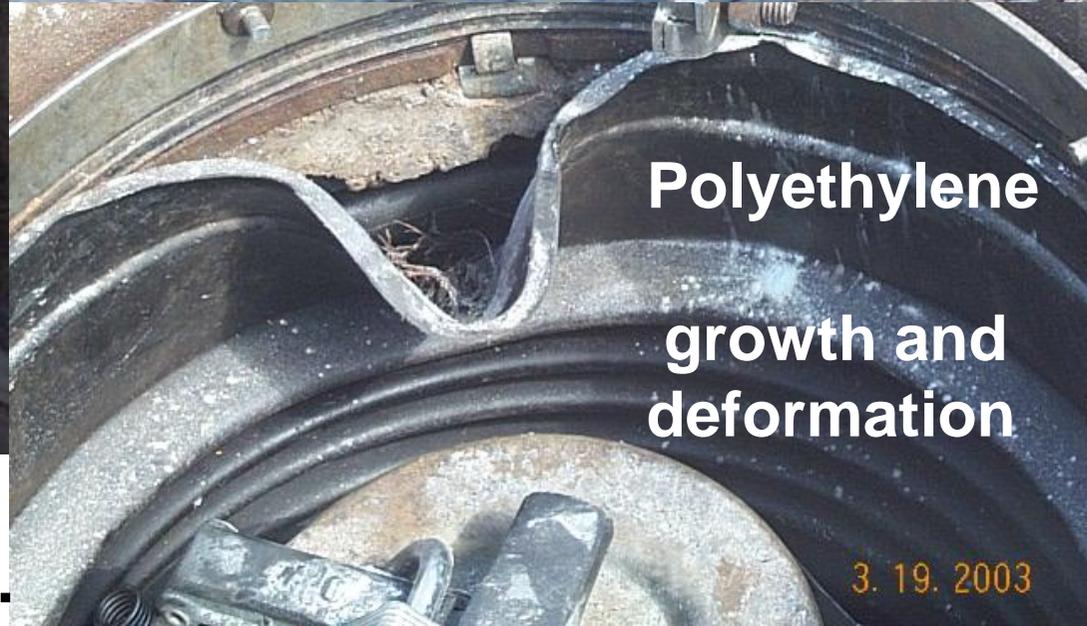


\* Not an endorsement,  
not all inclusive

# Spill Prevention

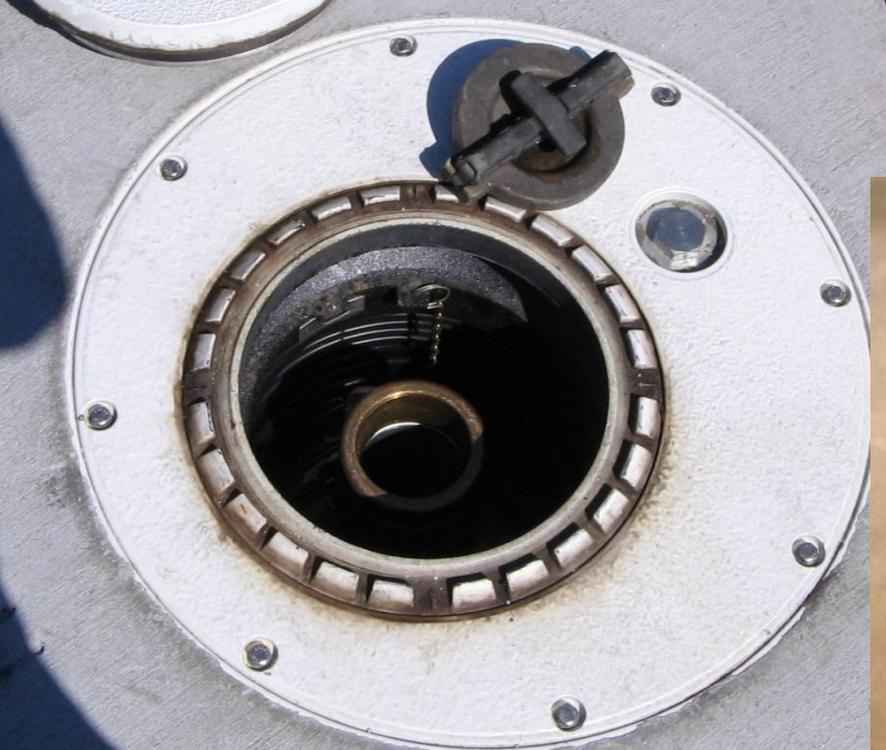
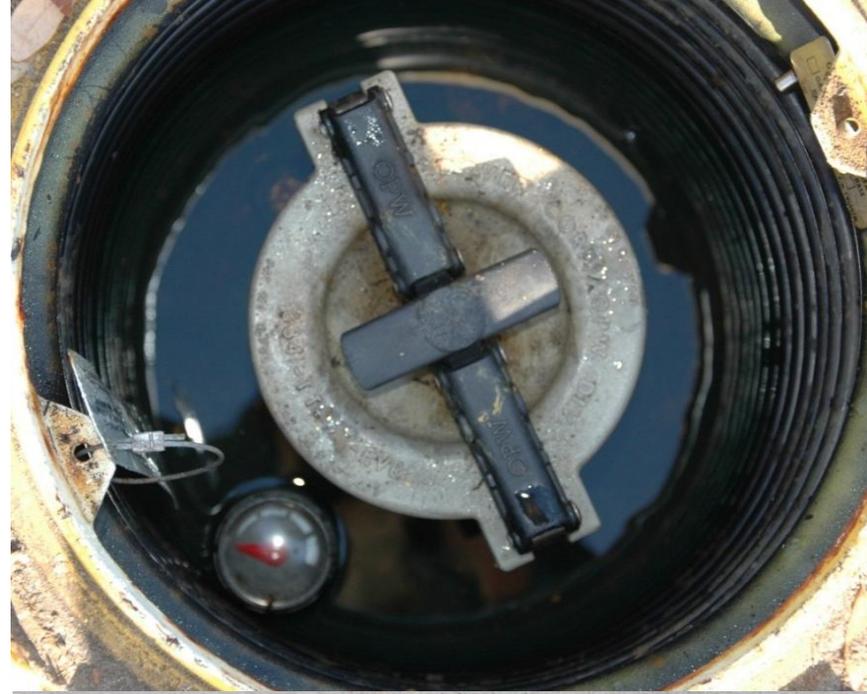


# Problems!



**Spill buckets are the most frequent source of discharges...**

# Double Wall Spill Buckets



# Spill Prevention Systems –recent innovations...

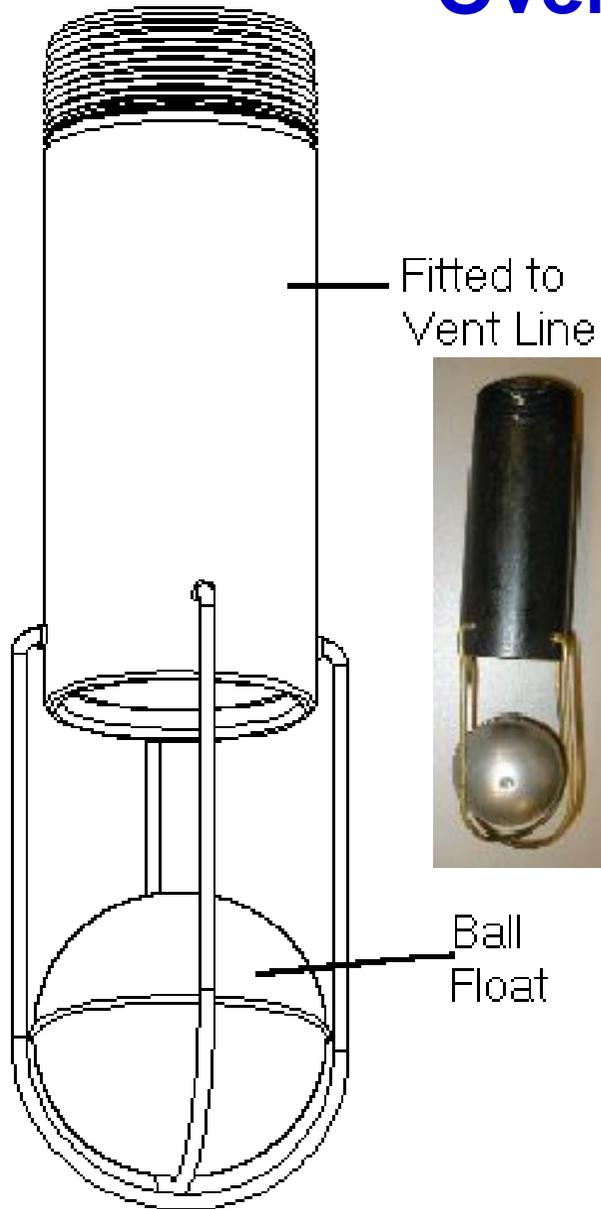
Some systems do not require the owner to break concrete for replacement. These are all double-wall systems, but double-wall systems are not required.



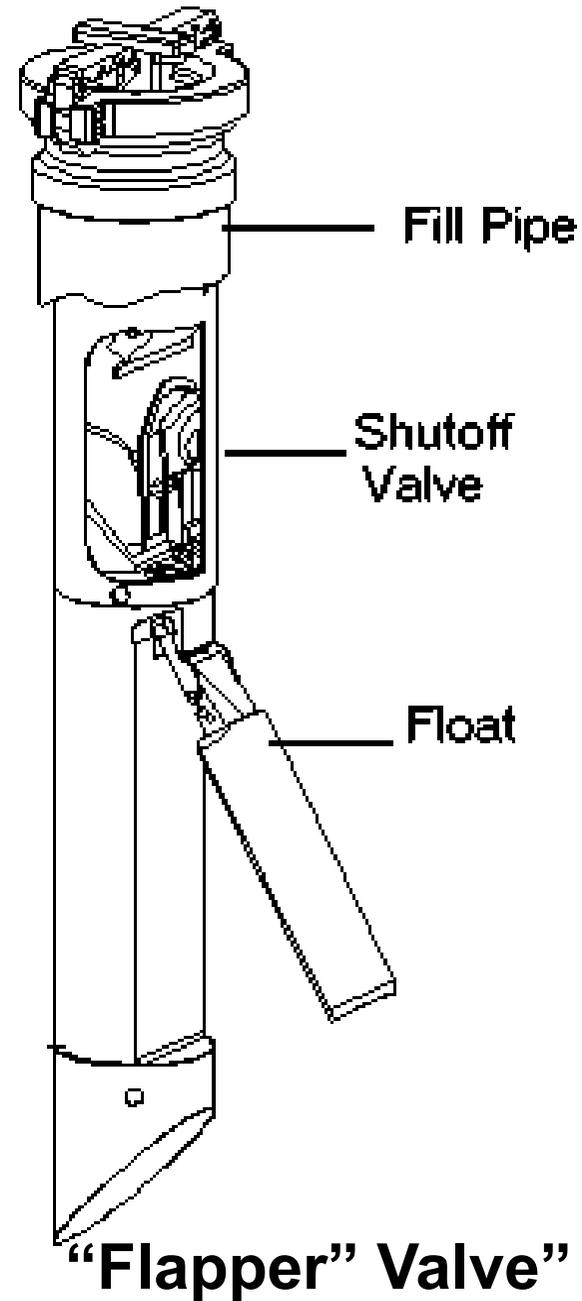


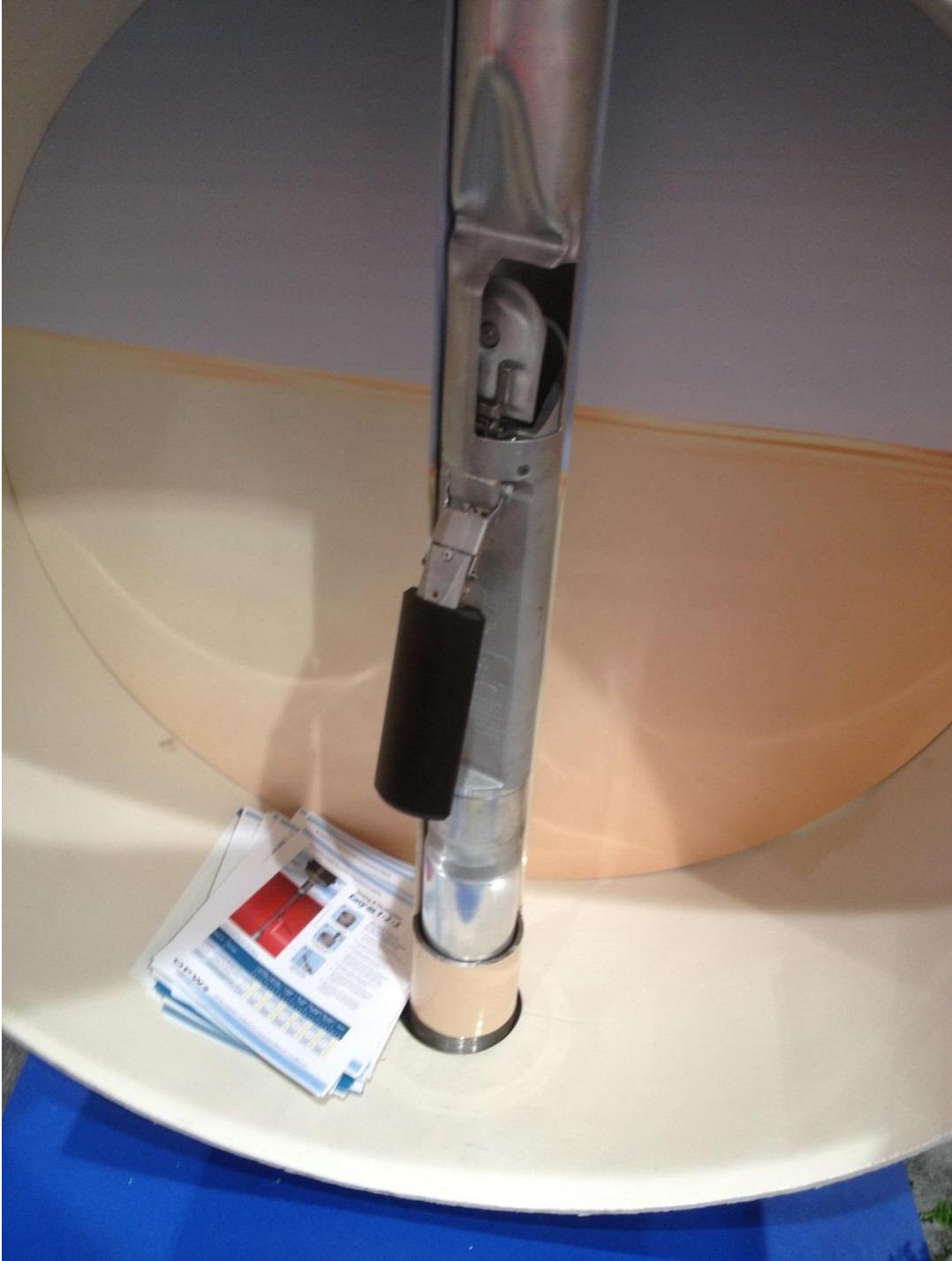
# Overfill Prevention

# Overfill Prevention Devices



**Ball Float Valve**







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# Problems!



**Frayed hoses**



**UDC sensors disabled**



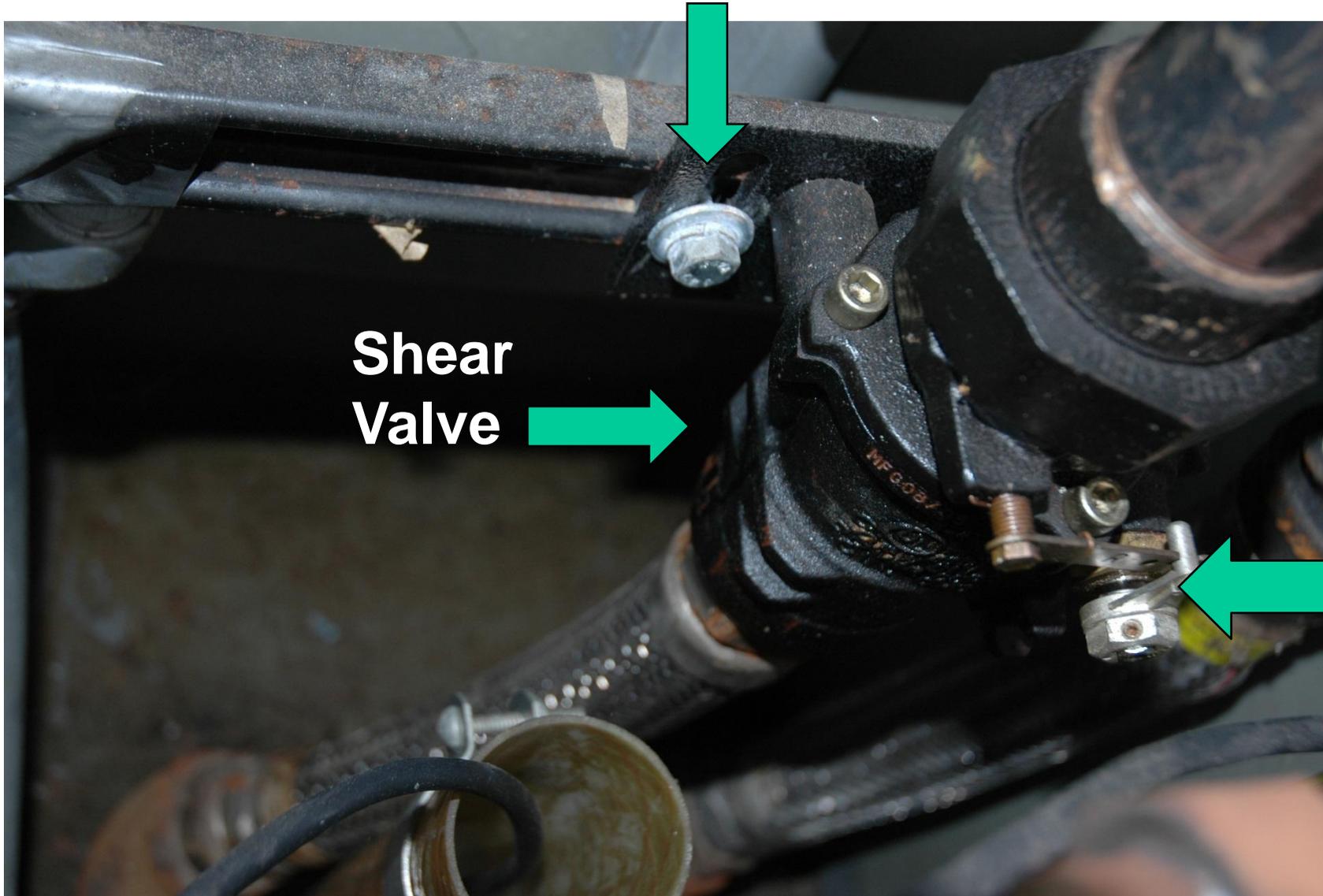
**Shear Valves non-functional**

**Make sure the shear valve is properly anchored**

**Shear  
(or Impact)  
Valves...**

**Shear  
Valve**

**Make  
sure  
this  
pin is  
slotted  
within  
this  
notch**



**Safety Hazards...Black Widow Spiders!**  
**Wearing Gloves is recommended before reaching  
within Dispenser Sumps**

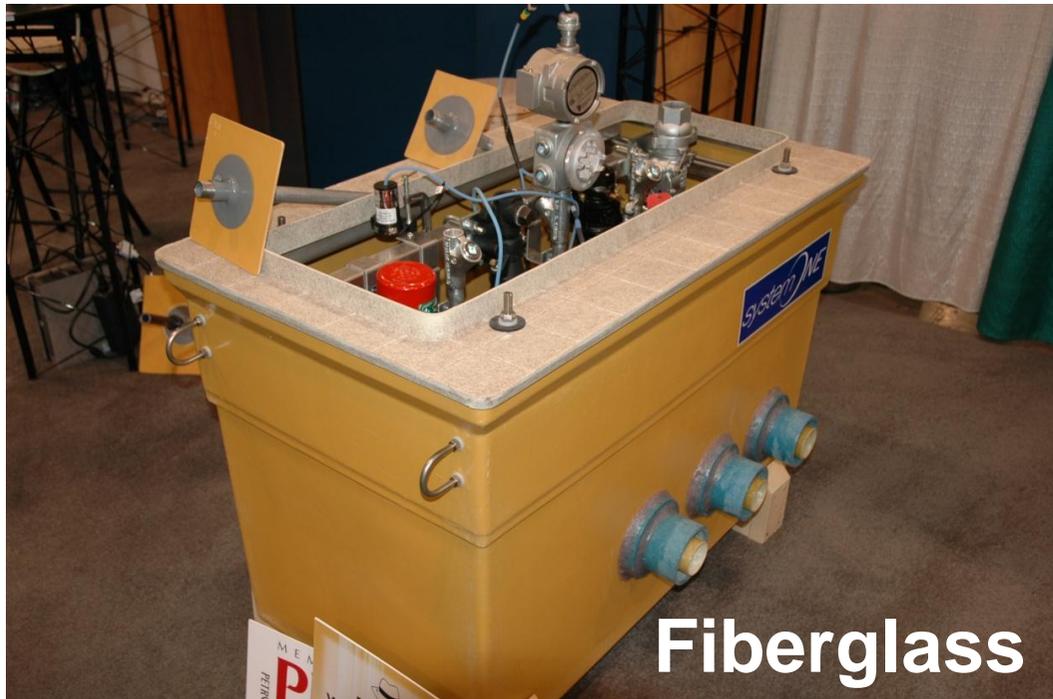


# Under Dispenser Containment, UDC Sumps, or Dispenser Liners

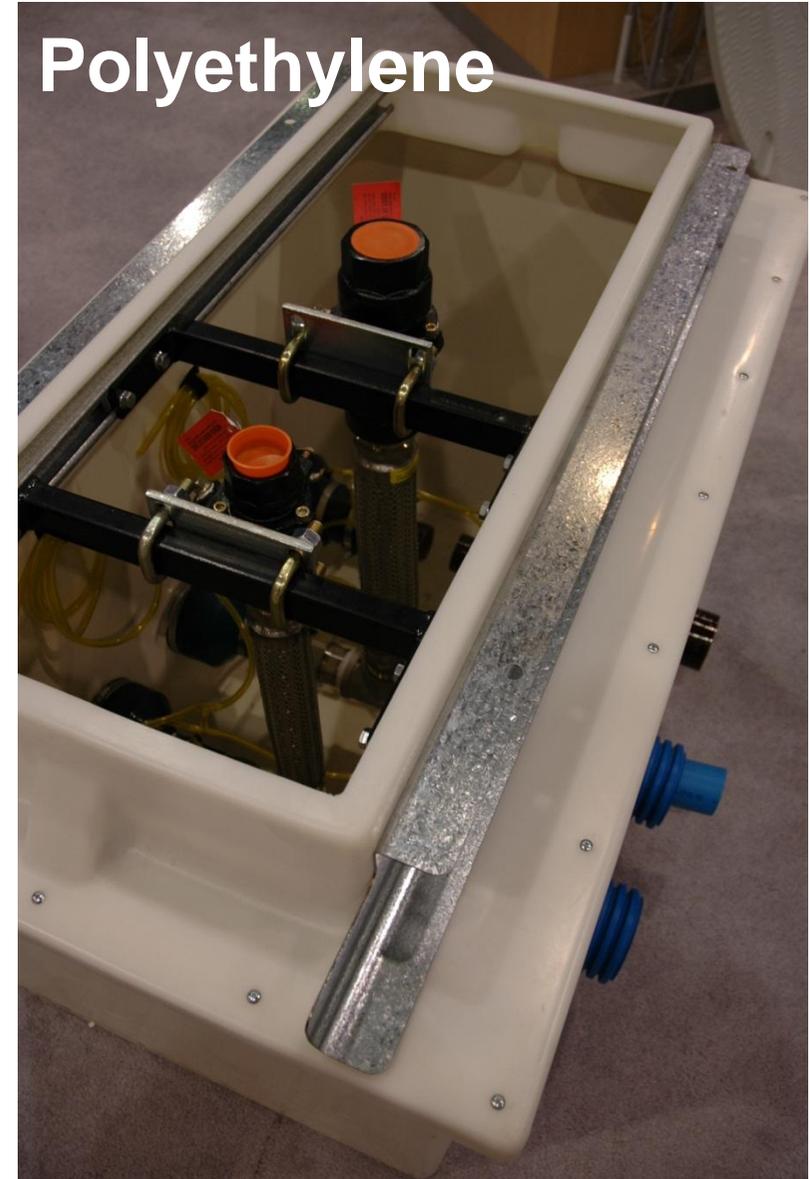
Two main types...

Fiberglass or Polyethylene

Both have been manufactured with significant improvements in the past several years – stronger, and with better penetration fittings



Fiberglass



Polyethylene



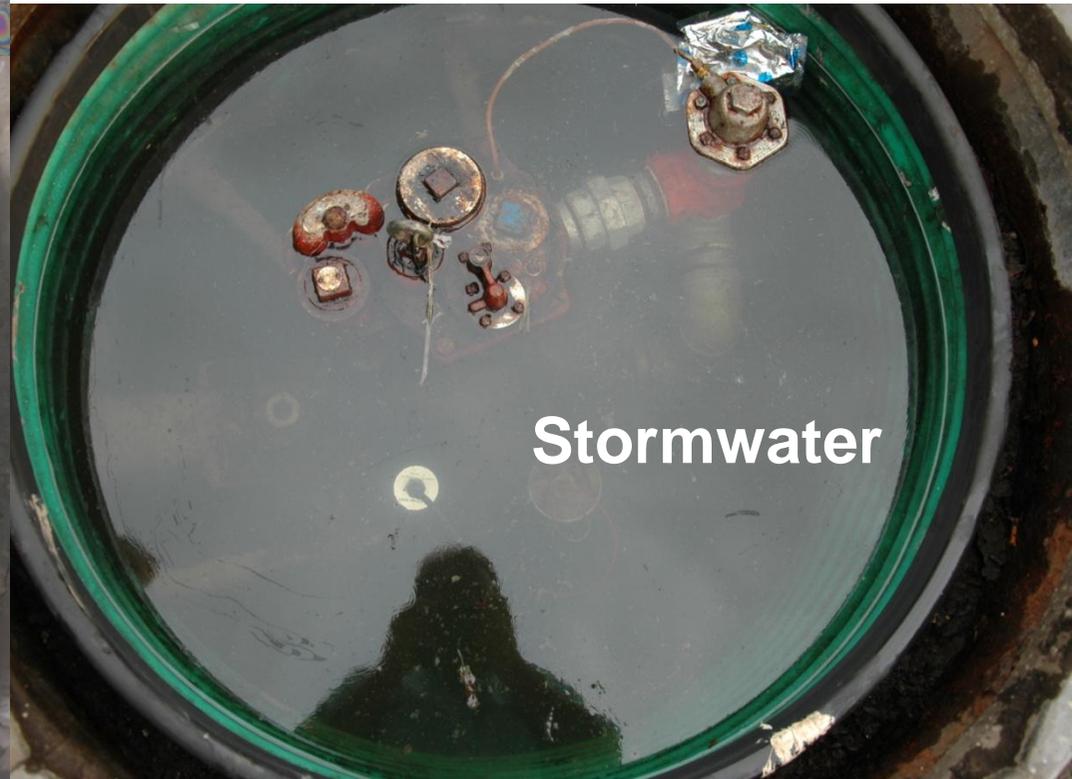
**Sheen**

# **Piping Sumps**

**The most frequently cited violation by State UST Inspectors – water and fuel in sumps**



**Petroleum-Contaminated Water**



**Stormwater**

# Piping Sumps – The Way they Ought to Look...

**Dry, clean, good sump-wall penetrations, no soil build-up between sump wall collars, no rust, sensors properly positioned, gaskets in good condition.**





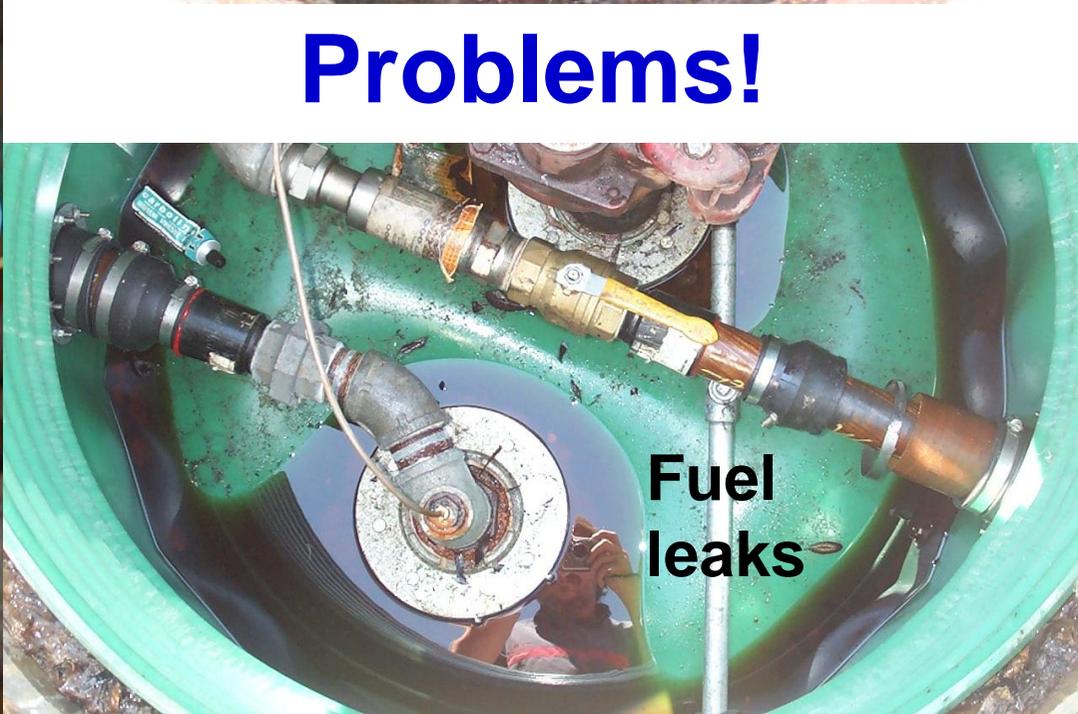
**Broken  
sump  
covers**



**Cracks & Deformation**



**Excessive  
Rust**



**Problems!**

**Fuel  
leaks**

**More Problems...** Dirt level build-up between the manway collar and the piping sump collar prevents proper sealing of the sump access cover

Also note the cracked concrete tank pad that has settled and allows ponding and easier ingress of stormwater



# Sump Sensor Circumvention





## **Sump-wall penetrations and Torn Boots**

**These problems affect the integrity of the STP sump and could lead to a release. Repairs are required**



# Line Leak Detectors – Examples of Different Types



**Red Jacket Diaphragm**



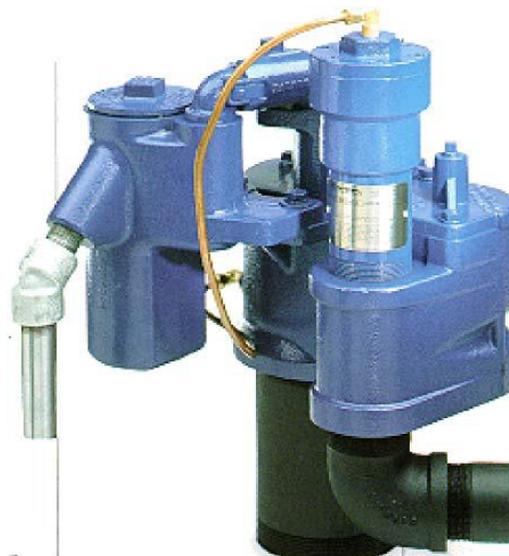
**Veeder Root PLLD**



**Red Jacket MLLD**



**Vaporless MLLD**



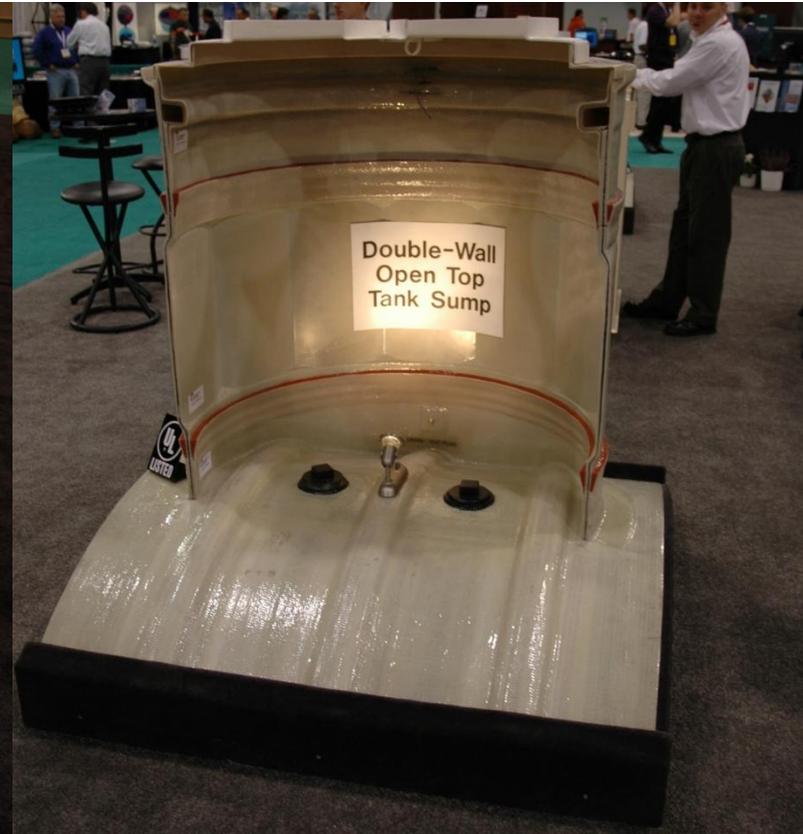
**FE Petro MLLD**



**ELLD**

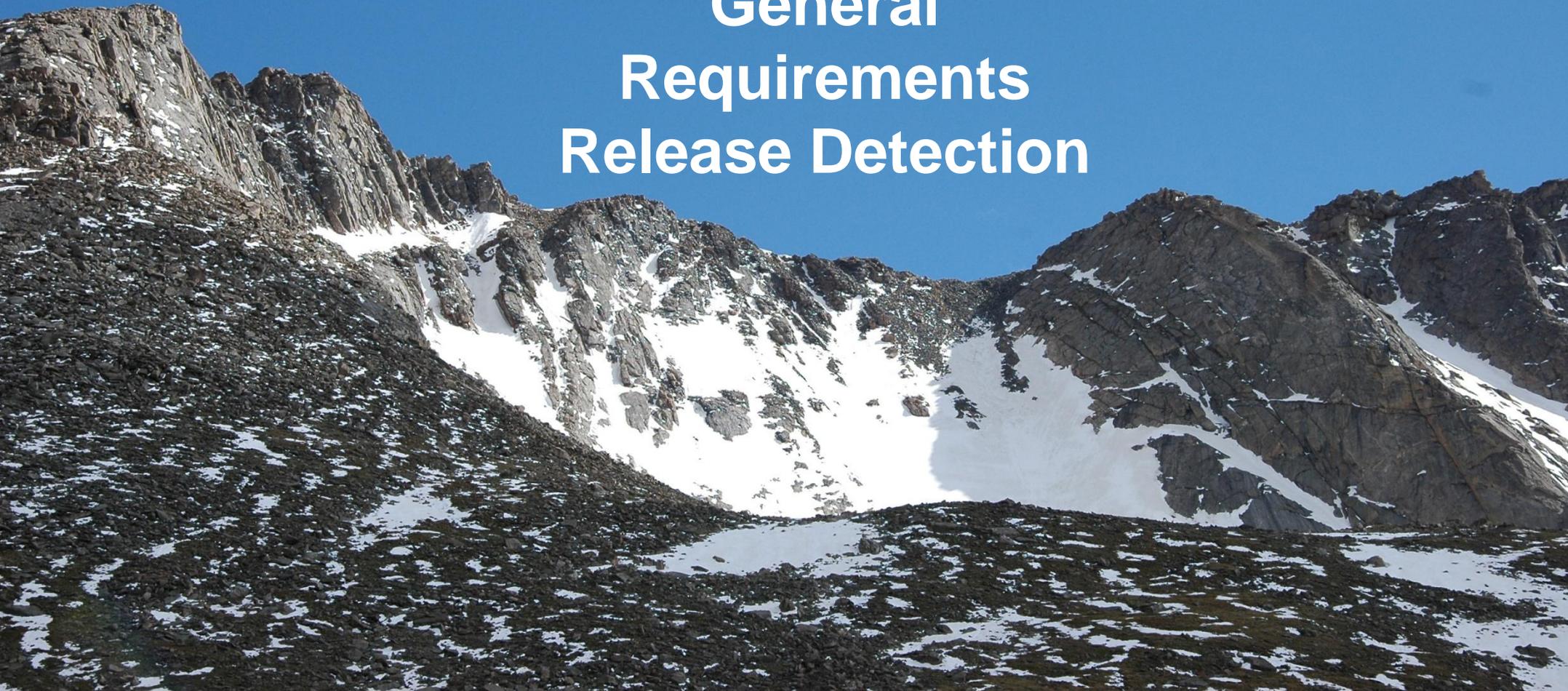
# Submersible Turbine Pump Piping Sumps...

Same as for Dispensers: Fiberglass or Polyethylene  
Both have been manufactured with significant improvements in the past several years – stronger, and with better penetration fittings



- You have a choice of methods for single and double-wall systems
- Release detection must be performed monthly
- Anything that can be visually inspected should be visually inspected
- Secondary containment systems must have interstitial monitoring
- You must keep records of your findings

## General Requirements Release Detection



# Performance Standards for Release Detection Methods

- General. Methods of release detection shall:
  - Be capable of detecting a leak of 0.2 gallons per hour or 150 gallons within 30 days with a probability of detection of 0.95, and a probability of false alarm of 0.05, with the exception of tightness testing, visual inspections, groundwater or vapor monitoring; and manual tank gauging.
  - Detect a leak from any part of the UST system, and have a third party certification/evaluation (from the NWGLDE)
  - Must be installed in accordance with manufacturers specs.

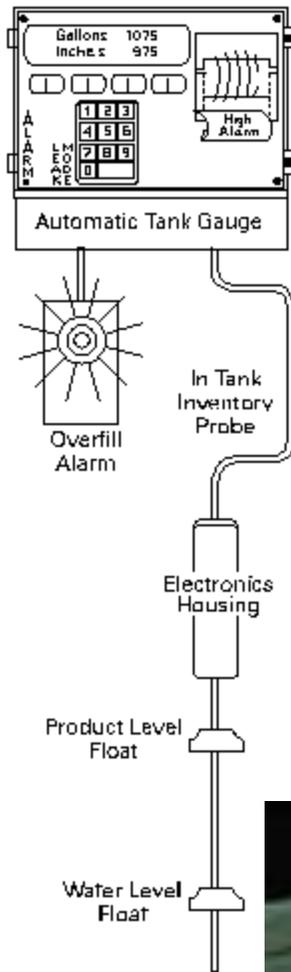
# External Release Detection for Single-wall Systems

- Well construction
- Site Suitability
- Groundwater monitoring wells
- Vapor monitoring wells





**Automatic Tank Gauges**



# Internal Release Detection for Single-wall Systems

**SIR**



# What UST Inspectors Like to See...

APR 3, 2012 7:46:34 AM  
ALL FUNCTIONS NORMAL

LARM



ARNING



OWER



I.D

# What UST Inspectors Don't Like to See...



**Most ATGs have alarm history and test reports that can be printed by UST regulators. Don't think that alarms can be ignored without consequences!**

# Five Ways to Do Interstitial Monitoring of Double-Wall Tanks...

- Visual
- Vacuum
- Pressure
- Hydrostatic
- Sensors



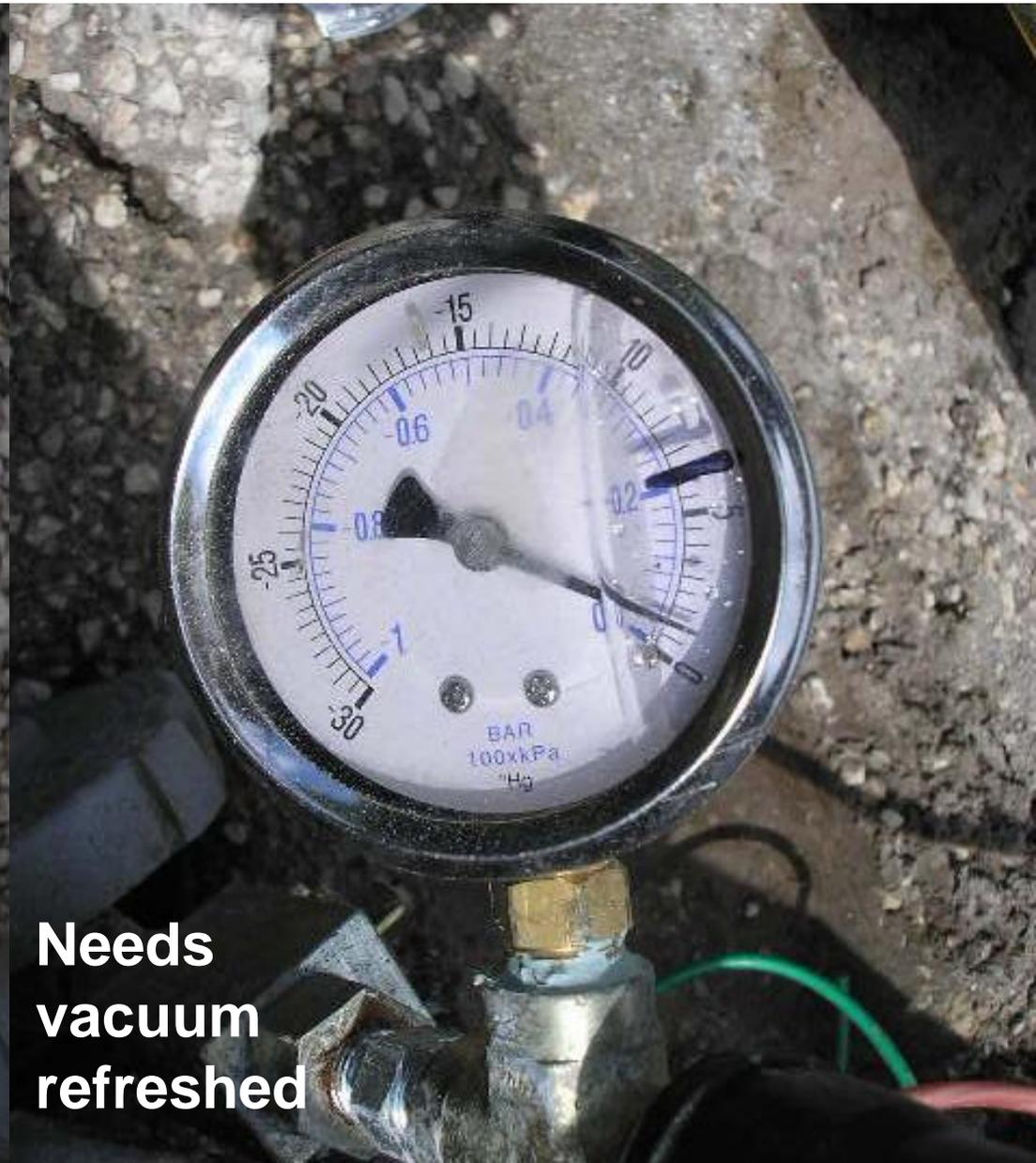
# Visual Monitoring of the UST Interstice

Using a Gauge Stick to look for liquids



Gauge Stick found 27" of fuel in this interstice

# Vacuum Gauges — Watch for trends, refresh if necessary



**Needs  
vacuum  
refreshed**

# Vacuum Gauges



**Gauges should be periodically recalibrated and be readable**

# Vacuum or Pressure Continuous Monitoring

SHREVE FOOD SERVICE  
1336 RALEIGH RD  
ROCKY MOUNT NC

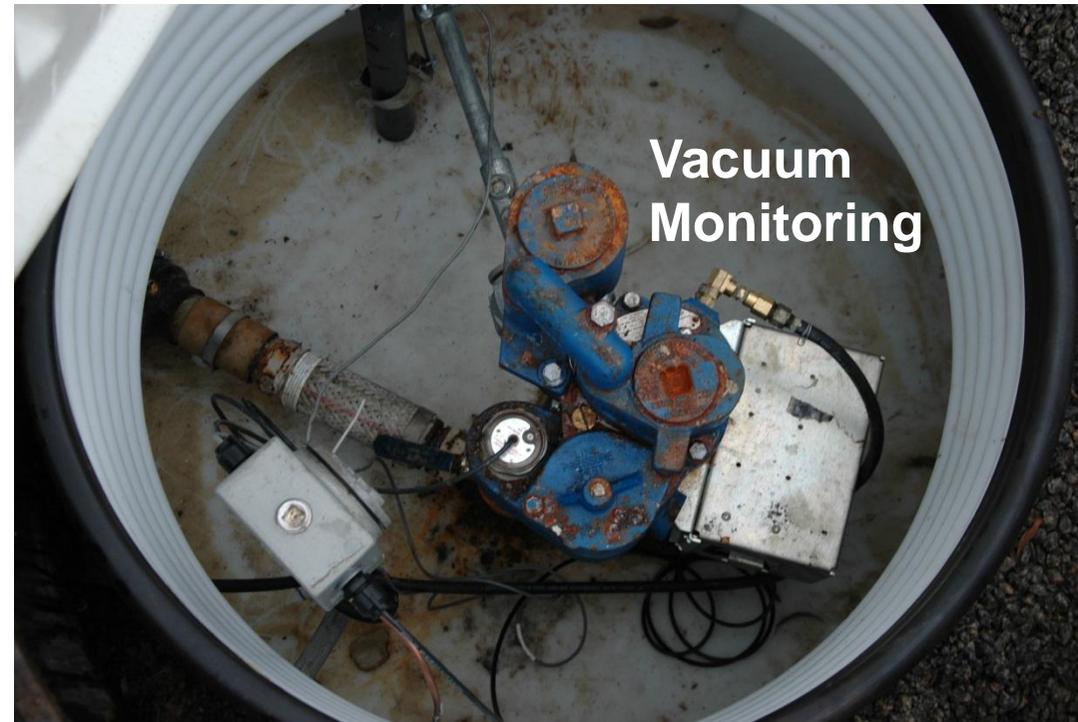
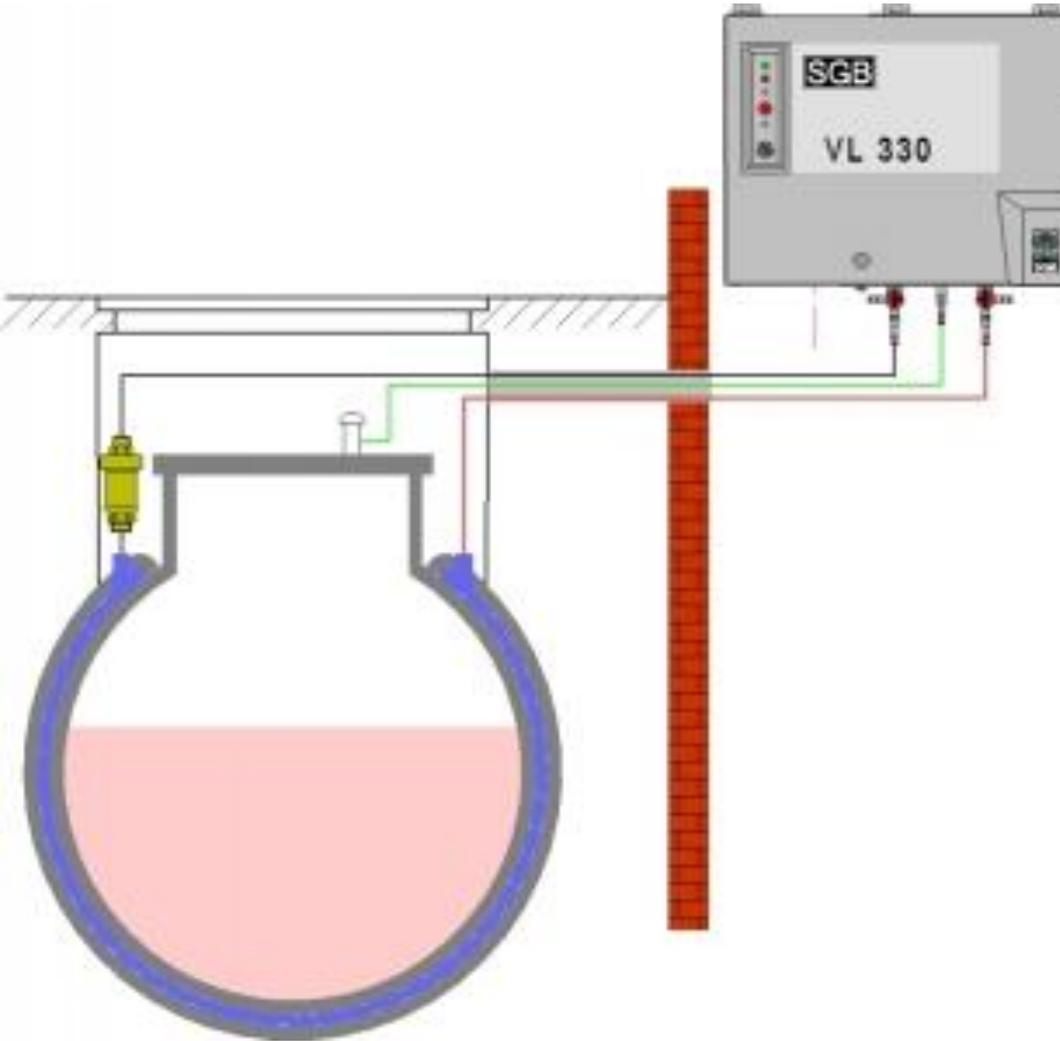
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SMART SENSOR STATUS

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s 2:VACUUM PREM  
SENSOR NORMAL

← **ATG Tape  
with  
vacuum  
sensor  
status**



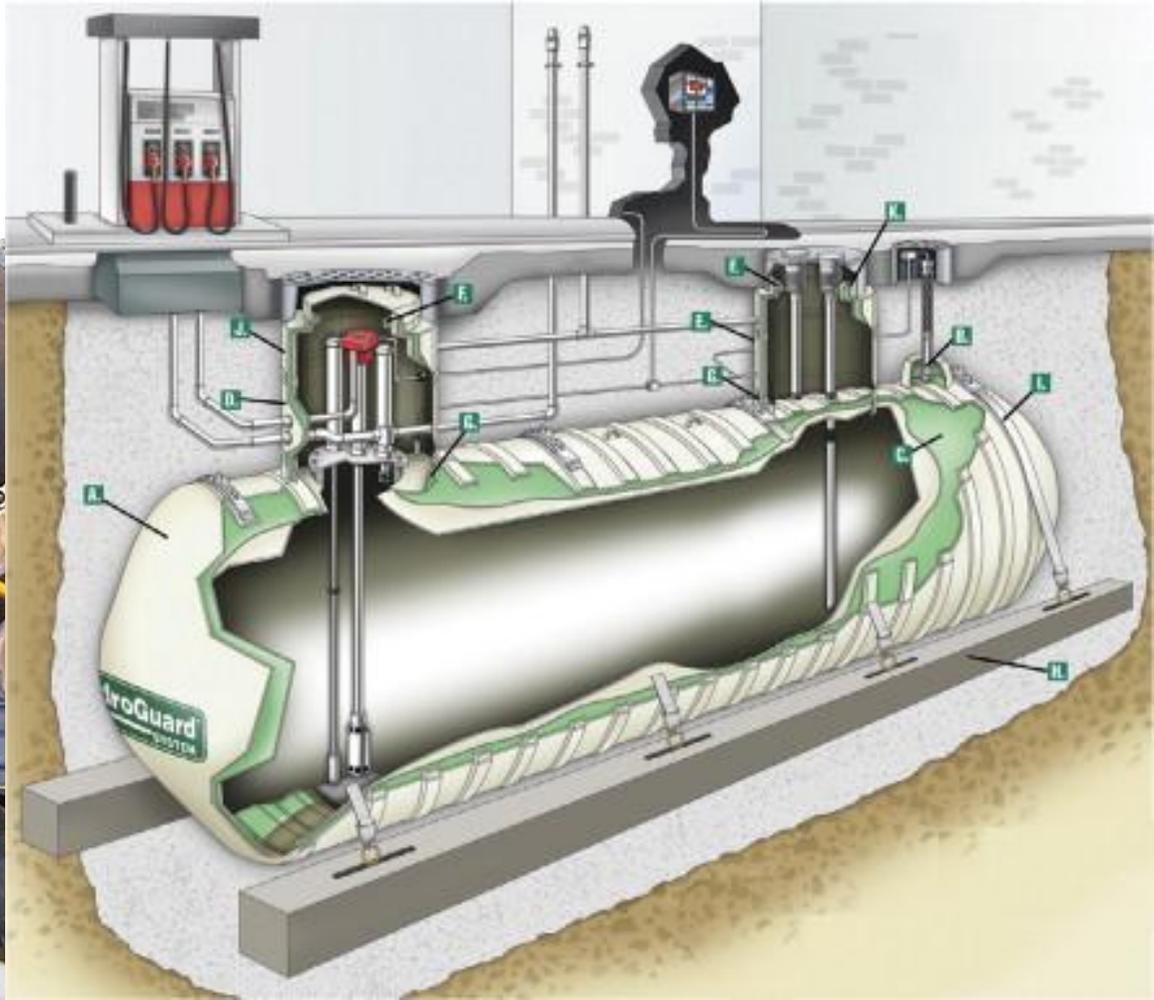
**Vacuum  
Monitoring**

**Pressure monitoring not as common**

# Hydrostatic – Liquid Level Sensing

The interstice is liquid-filled (usually a brine solution) and monitored to determine any change in static liquid levels

Less common than sensors or vacuum systems



NORMAL



WARNING

1



WARNING

2



WARNING

3



WARNING

4



WARNING - ELECTRIC SHOCK HAZARD DURING AND AFTER REMOVAL OF COVER. DISCONNECT ALL INCOMING ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES BEFORE PROCEEDING TO REMOVE THE ENCLOSURE COVER.

LOCATE THE CONTROL PANEL IN A NON-HAZARDOUS AREA WHERE AN EXPLOSIVE ENVIRONMENT DOES NOT EXIST.

**O/C  
TANKS**

HIGH VOLTAGE WIRING AND INTRINSICALLY SAFE WIRING MUST BE RUN IN SEPARATE CONDUITS.

In the event your control panel goes into an alarm mode, the following procedure shall be followed: 1. Visually check the reservoir liquid level. If the reservoir contains liquid, call O/C Tanks. 2. If the reservoir is empty, refill the reservoir. If an alarm sounds again, call O/C Tanks Field Service at 419-249-8172. O/C Tanks will respond within 24 hours of an alarm. In case of an unauthorized release, appropriate notification shall be made.

SILENCER



TEST



It is recommended that the circuits within this panel be tested monthly. Depress the test button. The panel should go into the alarm mode if the panel is operating correctly.

*Model  
SB0014B*

ALARM CHECK

TANK NO. 1

TANK SENSOR



PIPING SENSOR



ALARM CHECK

TANK NO. 2

TANK SENSOR



PIPING SENSOR



ALARM CHECK

TANK NO. 3

TANK SENSOR



PIPING SENSOR



ALARM CHECK

TANK NO. 4

TANK SENSOR



PIPING SENSOR



# Use of Sensors to Monitor the UST Interstice

One of the most common methods of interstitial UST release detection, and usually is programmed to an ATG for Alarms



Sensor extracted for service

```
06-04-12 14:40
LIQUID STATUS
-----
06-04-12 14:40

L 1:REG INTERSTICE
FUEL ALARM

L 2:PLUS INTERSTICE
SENSOR NORMAL

L 3:PREM INTERSTICE
SENSOR NORMAL

***** END *****
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# Double-Wall Piping Leak Detection



1000 NORTH AVE.  
WINTER PARK, FL 32792  
B0586111405001

OCT 8, 2011 1:10 PM

LIQUID STATUS

OCT 8, 2011 1:10 PM

L 1:RUL STP SUMP  
SENSOR NORMAL

35

L 2:PUL STP SUMP  
SENSOR NORMAL

L 3:RUL FILL SUMP  
SENSOR NORMAL

L 4:PUL FILL SUMP  
SENSOR NORMAL

L 5:RUL ANNULAR  
SENSOR NORMAL

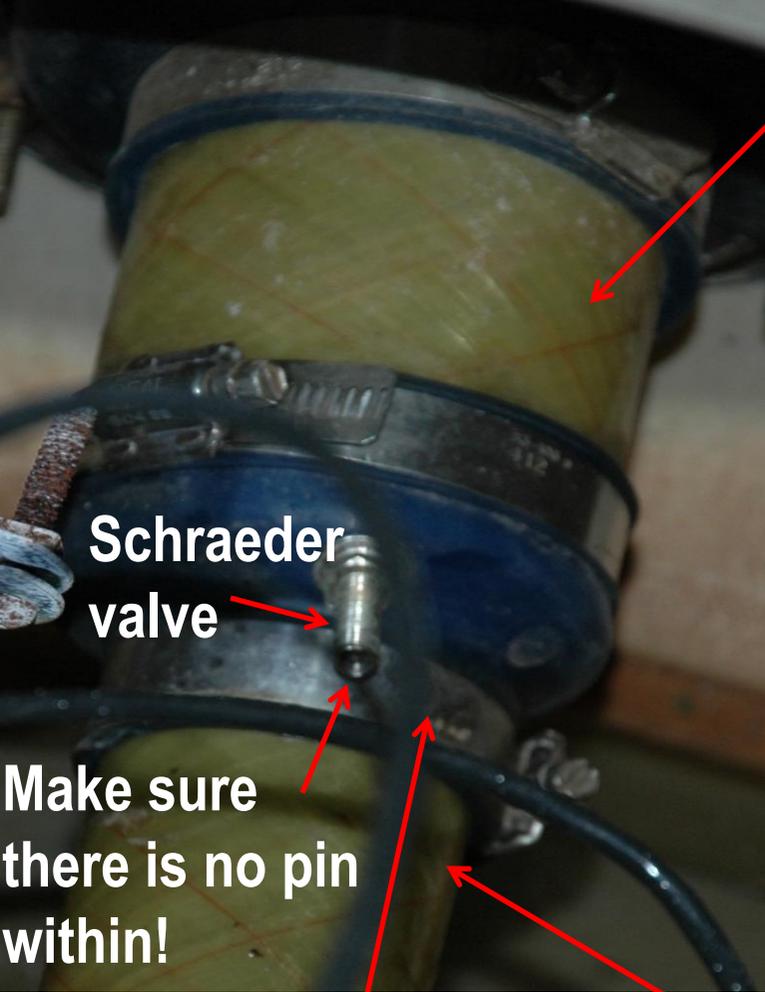
L 6:PUL ANNULAR  
SENSOR NORMAL

L 7:DISP 1-2  
SENSOR NORMAL

L 8:DISP 3-4  
SENSOR NORMAL

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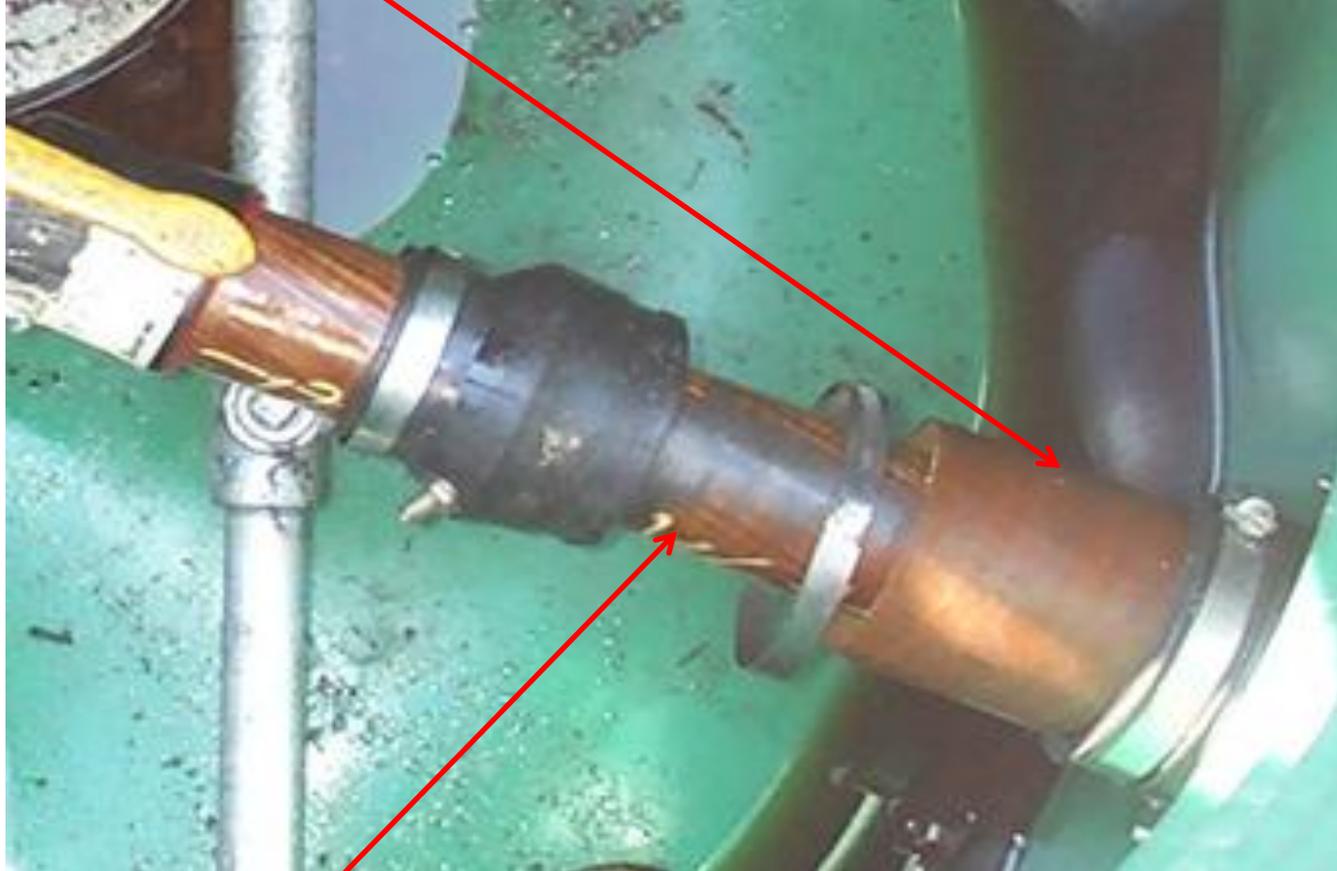
# Outer-wall Piping Leak Detection



Schraeder valve

Make sure there is no pin within!

Tight band clamp, no way for product to enter the sump unless the schraeder valve is open

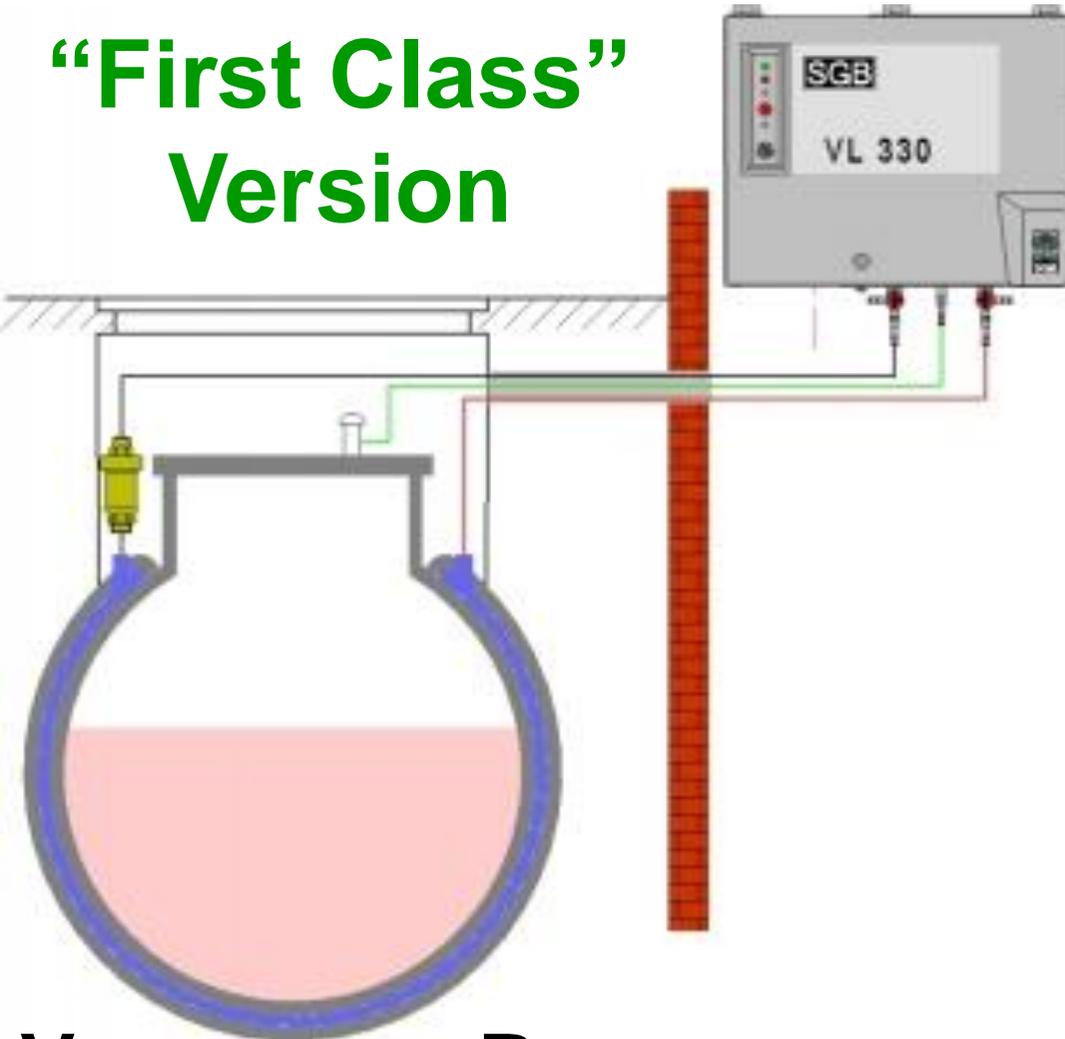


Inner-wall

Band clamp loose, free pathway for fuel to enter sump as shown

# Recommendation for Release Detection...

**“First Class”  
Version**



**Vacuum or Pressure  
Continuous Monitoring**

**The “Economy”  
Version**



**Visual Inspections!**

# Notification – Regulatory Authorities must be given a written notice:

- Before installation or upgrading
- Before internal inspections or closure
- Update Notification/Registration Form for change of ownership, closure, upgrading, facility info, including financial responsibility



# Financial Responsibility

- EPA Requirement.
- One million dollars coverage required for petroleum marketers (cleanup and third party liability).
- \$500,000 coverage required for non-marketers.
- Use FR Allowable Mechanisms - Letter of Credit, Surety Bond, Insurance, **STATE TRUST FUND (Pennsylvania)**
- Only for petroleum storage systems. State & Federal facilities are exempt



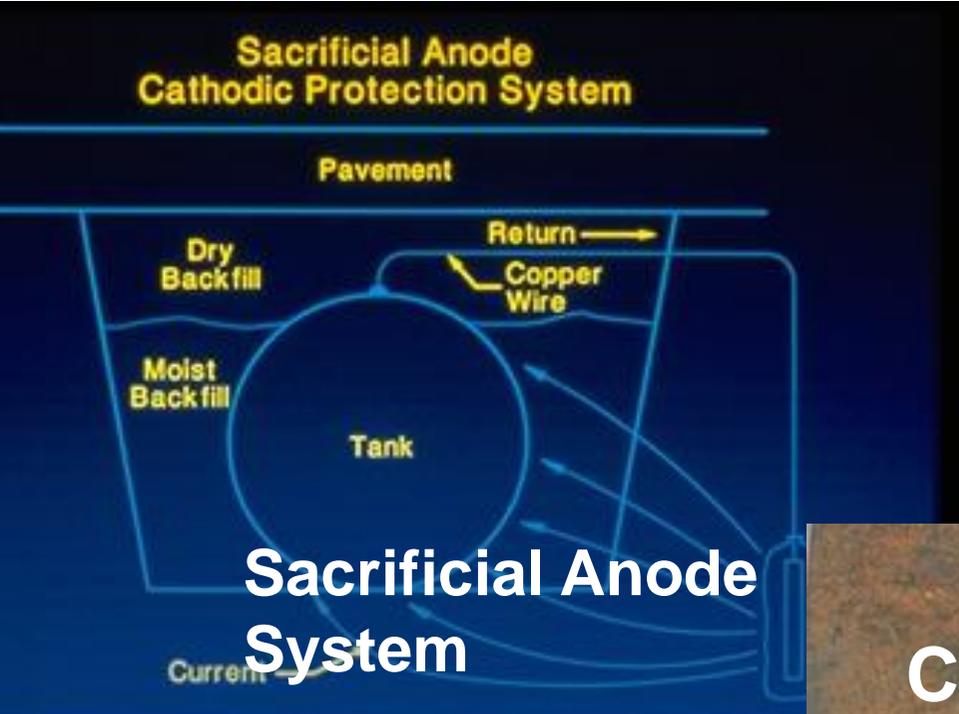
# Repairs

- Hire qualified and state certified contractors with good references

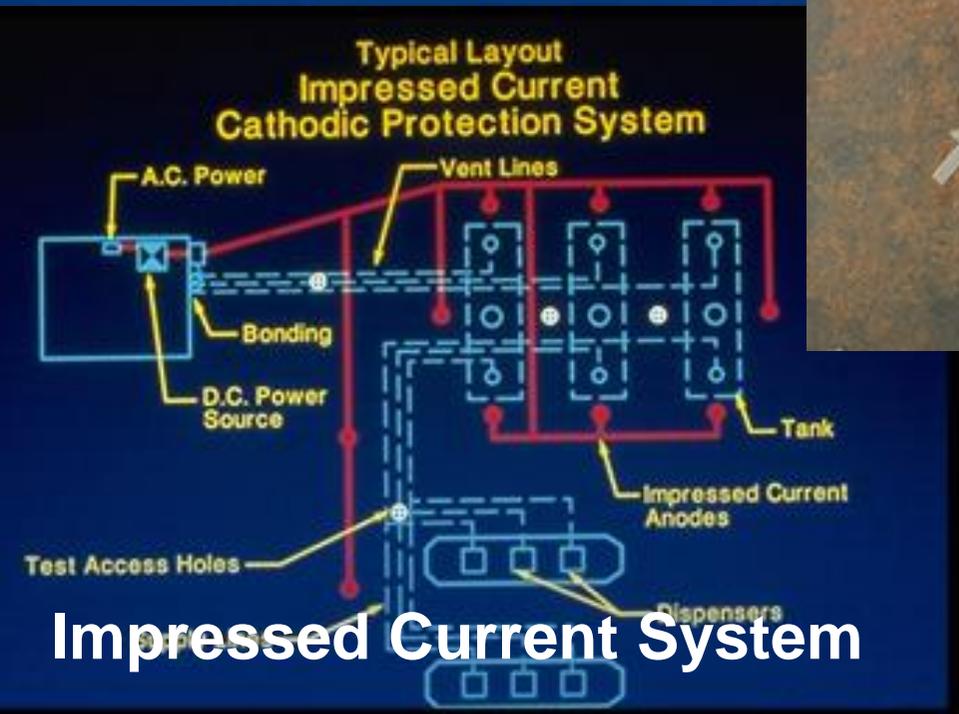


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kwall

# Cathodic Protection for Steel Systems



**Sacrificial Anode System**



**Impressed Current System**

**Sampling equipment**



# Operation and Maintenance



Mission Critical...



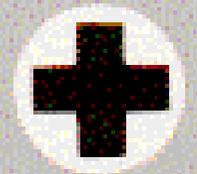
Maintaining Equipment



Performing tests

Painting  
Fill-box  
Covers

Unleaded



# Removing Petroleum Contact Water



## Changing filters



Removing dirt around sump collars

# Operation and Maintenance

Checking hoses



Cleaning debris from sumps





**Replacing damaged sump covers**



**Lubricating  
and  
sealing  
interstitial  
access  
ports**



**Repositioning sensors**

VALERO 406  
2829 OKEECHOBEE RD.  
FT. PIERCE, FL 34947  
772-882-4984

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LIQUID STATUS

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SENSOR NORMAL

L 2:PLUS ANNULAR  
SENSOR NORMAL

L 3:PREMIUM ANNULAR  
SENSOR NORMAL

L 4:REGULAR STP SUMP  
SENSOR NORMAL

L 5:PLUS STP SUMP  
SENSOR NORMAL

L 6:PREMIUM STP SUMP  
SENSOR NORMAL

\* \* \* \* \* END \* \* \* \* \*

# Record Keeping

**Most records kept for two years, others for the life of the system**



# Recordkeeping

- Keep a spiral notebook of visual inspections
- Keep a tabbed notebook of all other records required by the State
- Photo-document if possible
- Keep Registration Information up-to-date



# Out of Service and Closure



**Out-of-Service...  
time limits &  
assessment rules**

**Tanks must be empty!**

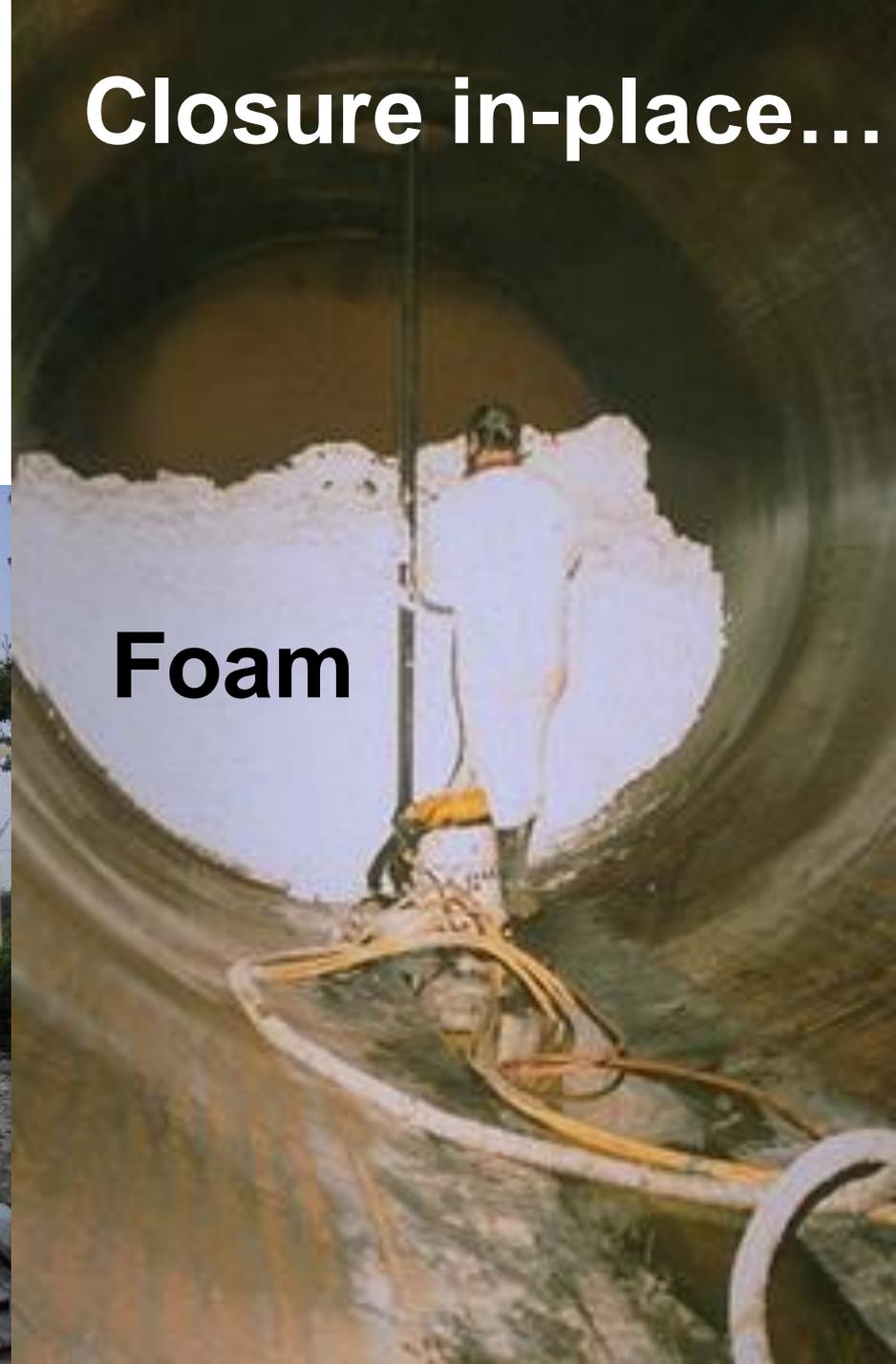


# Closure

**Two Choices – Removal,  
or Closure-in-place**



**Closure in-place...**



**Foam**

# Closure in Place

Care must be taken...





**Closure and Installation usually must be performed by State-qualified or State-certified contractors. Be sure to hire a contractor with the right certification.**



9502503 - Taylor's BP Food Mart #2  
Moldenhauer  
dbi wall steel

**Inerting**



**Sludge removal**



**Disposal**



**UST Closure**

**Closure – Care must be taken during removal to prevent discharges. If you have a problem, photo-document the problem and keep a material sample of the system if possible.**





**Don't be a victim of  
Natural Selection...**



**SAFETY FIRST!**

# Permanent Closure Closure Assessments

Before permanent closure or a change-in-service is completed, owner/operators must measure for the presence of a release where contamination is most likely to be present at the UST site according to State procedures.



# Incident and Discharge Reporting

**Incidents**



**Discharges**

**Discharge/Release Response – Complete Release Report Form within 24 hours or the close of the next business day – control and abate the discharge**



# Other Inspections



**Fire Safety Inspections by  
the Local Fire Marshal**

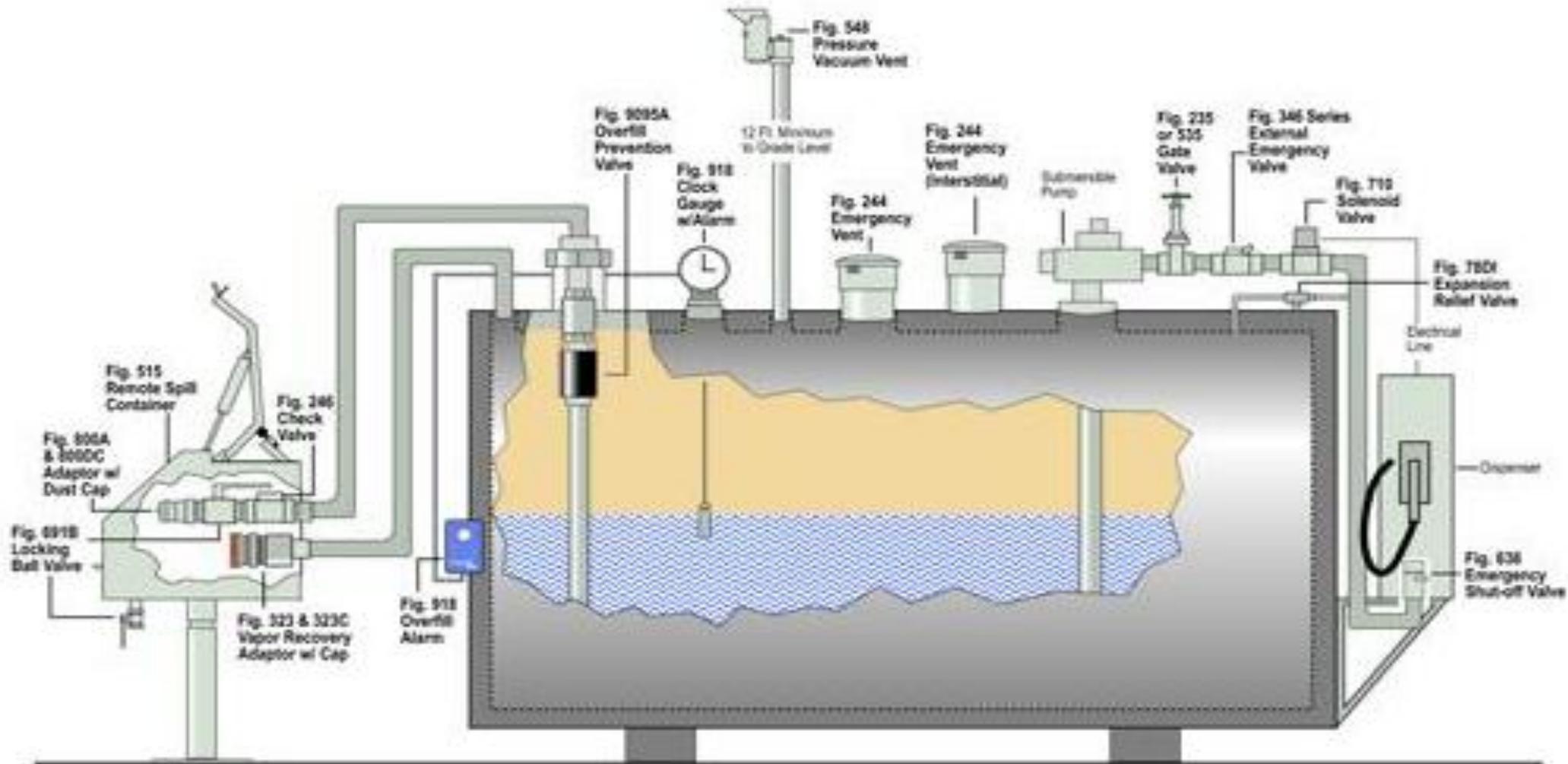


**Weights and Measures  
Inspections**

# ASTs



# States Regulate and Inspect Storage Tank Systems





**Canadian  
Tank  
Inspectors**



# Reference Standards



# Industry Reference Standards – The Technical Foundation of State Regulations

- **ACI** - American Concrete Institute.
- **API** - American Petroleum Institute.
- **ASME** - American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- **ASTM** - American Society for Testing and Materials.
- **NACE** - National Association of Corrosion Engineers.
- **NFPA** - National Fire Protection Association.
- **PEI** - Petroleum Equipment Institute.
- **SSPC** - Society for Protective Coatings.
- **STI** - Steel Tank Institute.
- **UL** - Underwriters Laboratories.



# Field-Erected ASTs



# Field-Erected AST Installation



**Do the job right with  
Qualified Personnel!**





**Tank Shell**



**Welding**



**Bottom plates**



**Quality work is essential!**

# Piping Connections, Sumps, Manways, & Shell Penetrations



# Reference Standards- API-650



## API STD 650 STORAGE TANK

API APPENDIX	<b>E</b>	CONTRACT NO.	<b>116118</b>
API REVISION	<b>ADD. 4</b>	TANK NO.	<b>#1</b>
API EDITION	<b>9TH</b>	YEAR BUILT	<b>1999</b>
NOMINAL DIAMETER	<b>104'-9"</b>	DESIGN LIQUID HEIGHT	<b>45'-8 1/4"</b>
DESIGN SPECIFIC GRAVITY	<b>0.76</b>	POST WELD HEAT TREATMENT	<b>NO</b>
MAXIMUM OPERATING TEMP.	<b>180°F</b>	DESIGN PRESSURE	<b>0 PSI</b>
NOMINAL CAPACITY	<b>70,000 BBLs</b>	NOMINAL HEIGHT	<b>48'-5 1/4"</b>

RING	MATERIAL
<b>#1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>A36 MOD</b>
<b>#3 THRU 6</b>	<b>A36</b>

SHELL MATERIAL

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# API 650 Work That Doesn't meet the Standards





















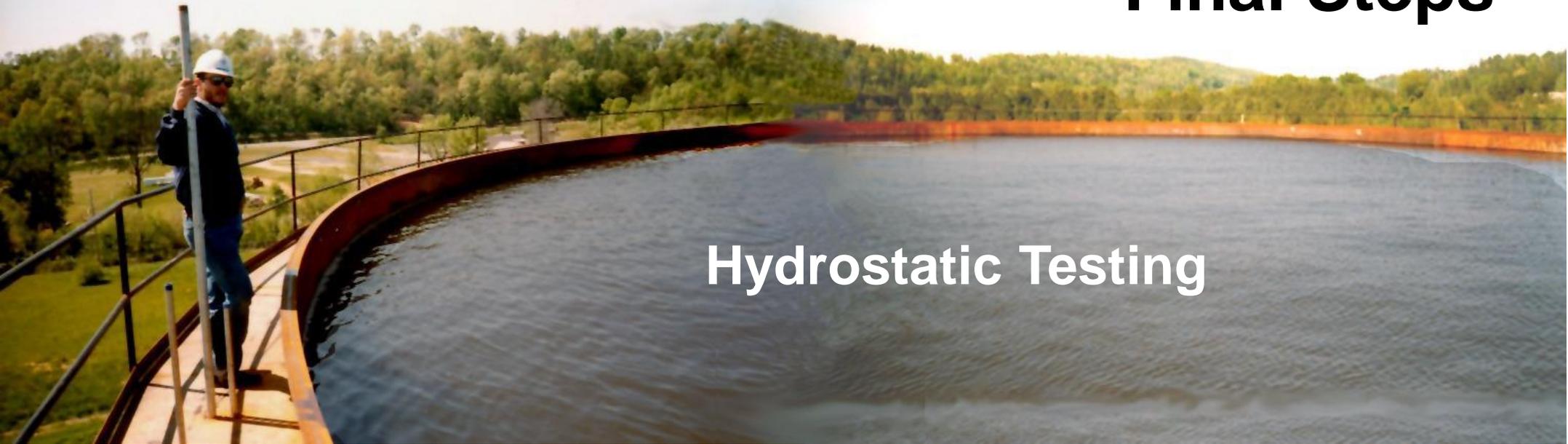








# Final Steps



Hydrostatic Testing



Roof vents



Painting

# New Tanks



# API 650 Optional/Traditional Double-Bottom Designs

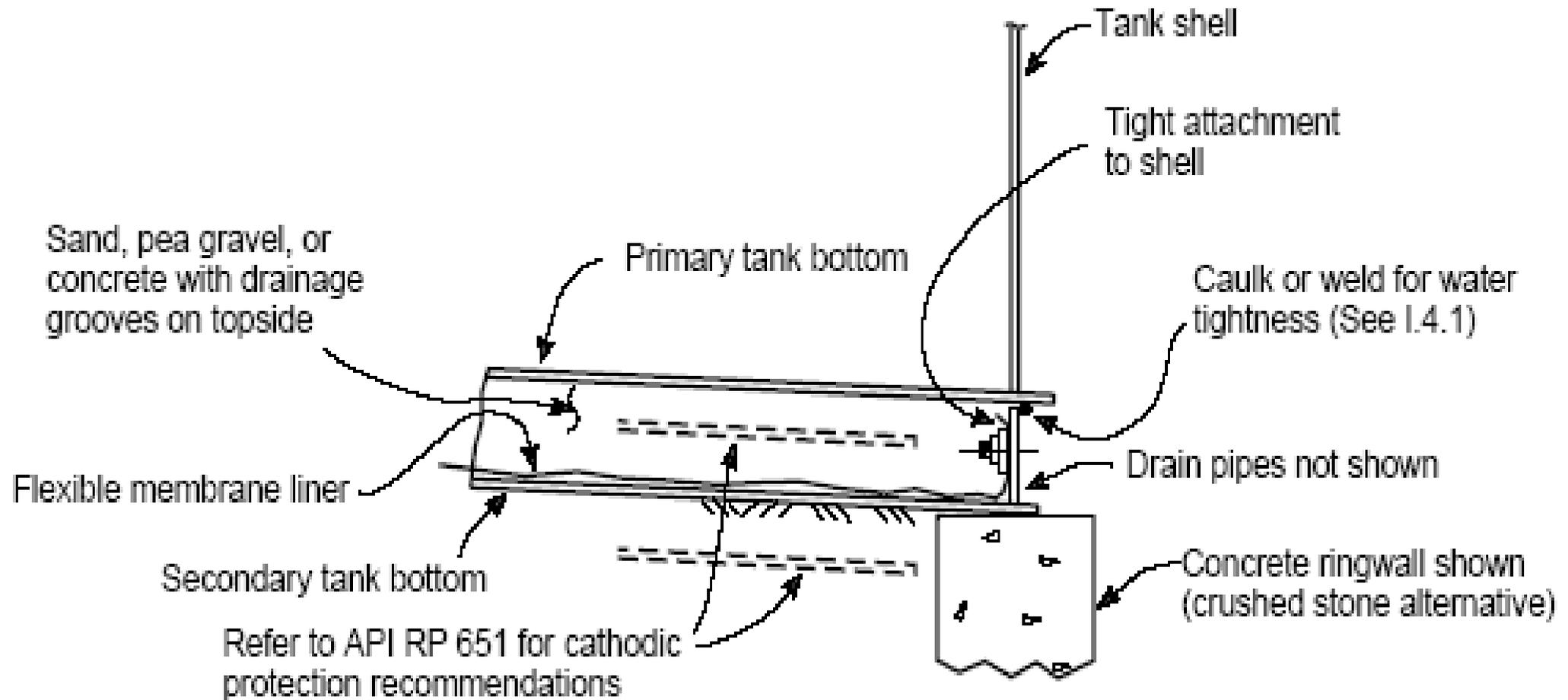
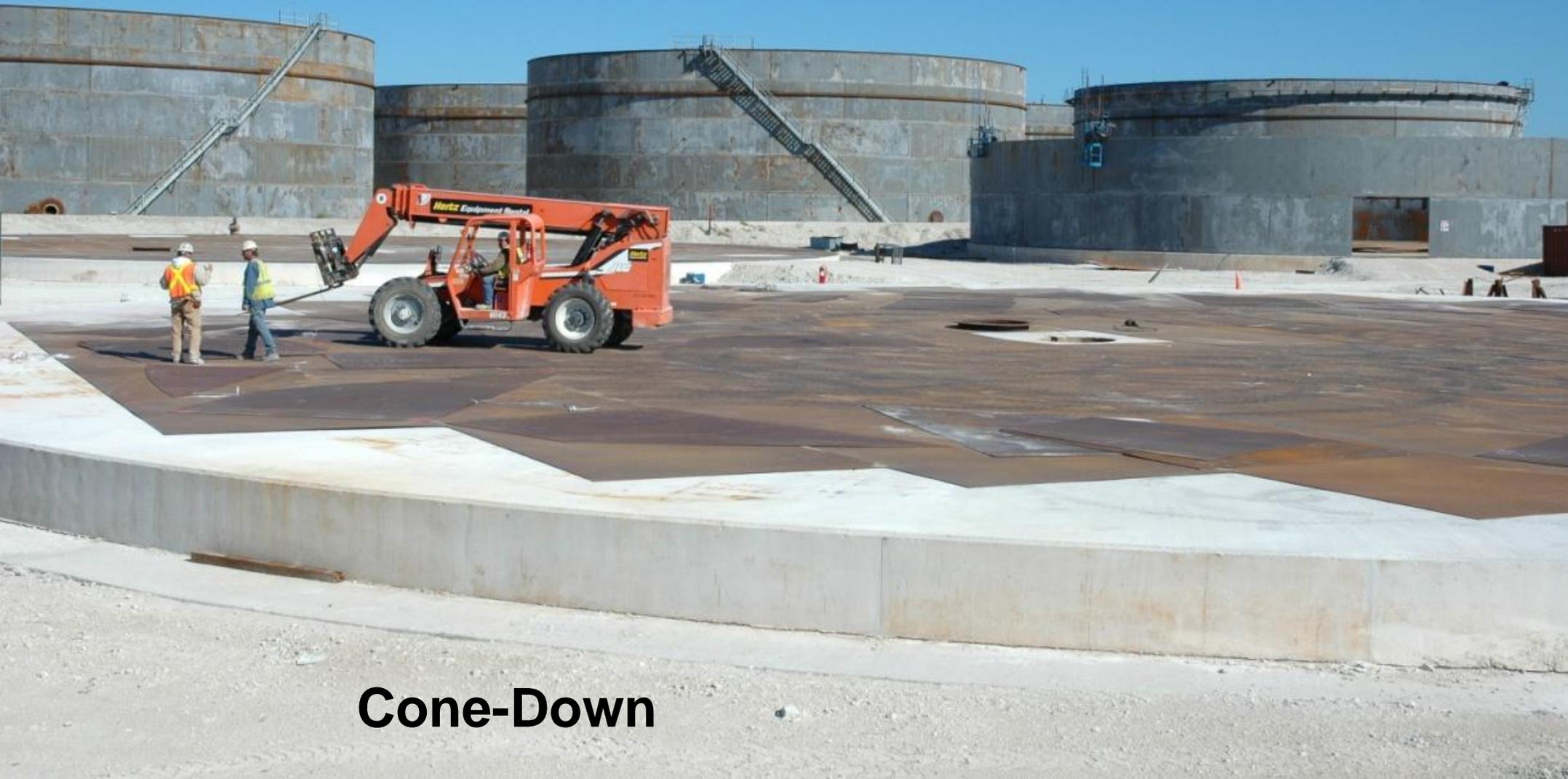


Figure I-4—Double Steel Bottom with Leak Detection at the Tank Perimeter (Typical Arrangement)



**German  
Double-  
Bottom  
Design**

# El Segundo Bottoms



**Cone-Down**

# El-Segundo Designs

- Cone-up
- Cone-down
- Shovel-bottom

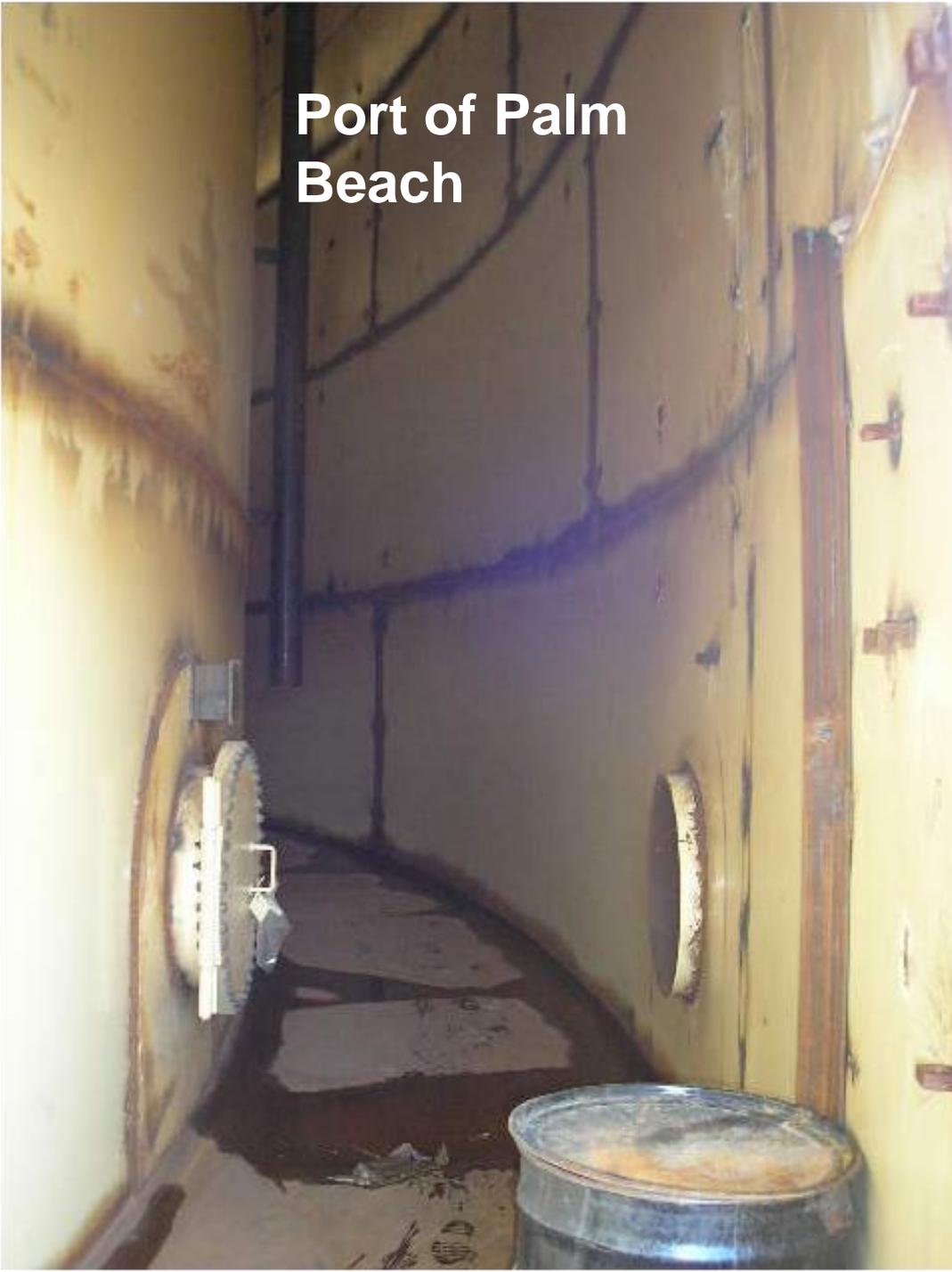




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# Double-Wall Tanks

**Port of Palm  
Beach**



**Germany**



**Port Canaveral**



# Impervious Synthetic Liners Beneath the Tank



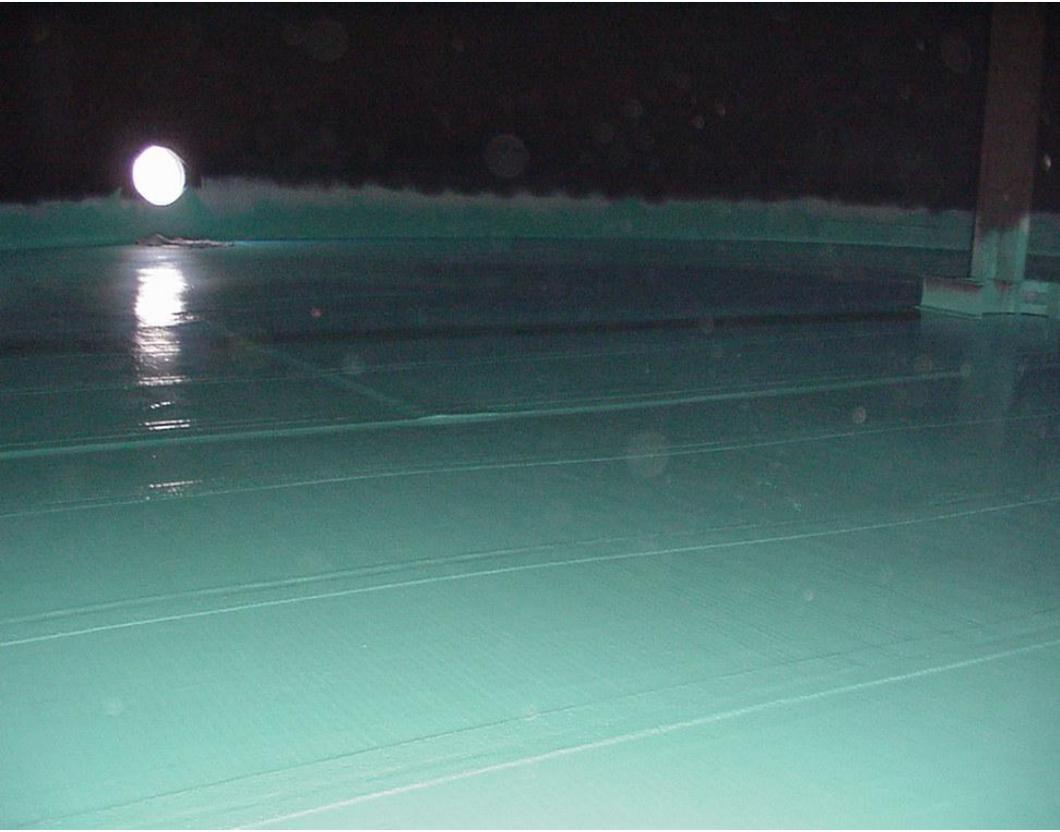
# Upgrading Existing Single-Bottom ASTs with Secondary Containment







# Internal Secondary Containment Using Parabeam





# Tankbau (Germany) Internal Secondary Containment System



**Steel Tanks**



**Concrete Tanks**

# Steel Internal Secondary Containment



# Tank-Jacking to Install Secondary Containment



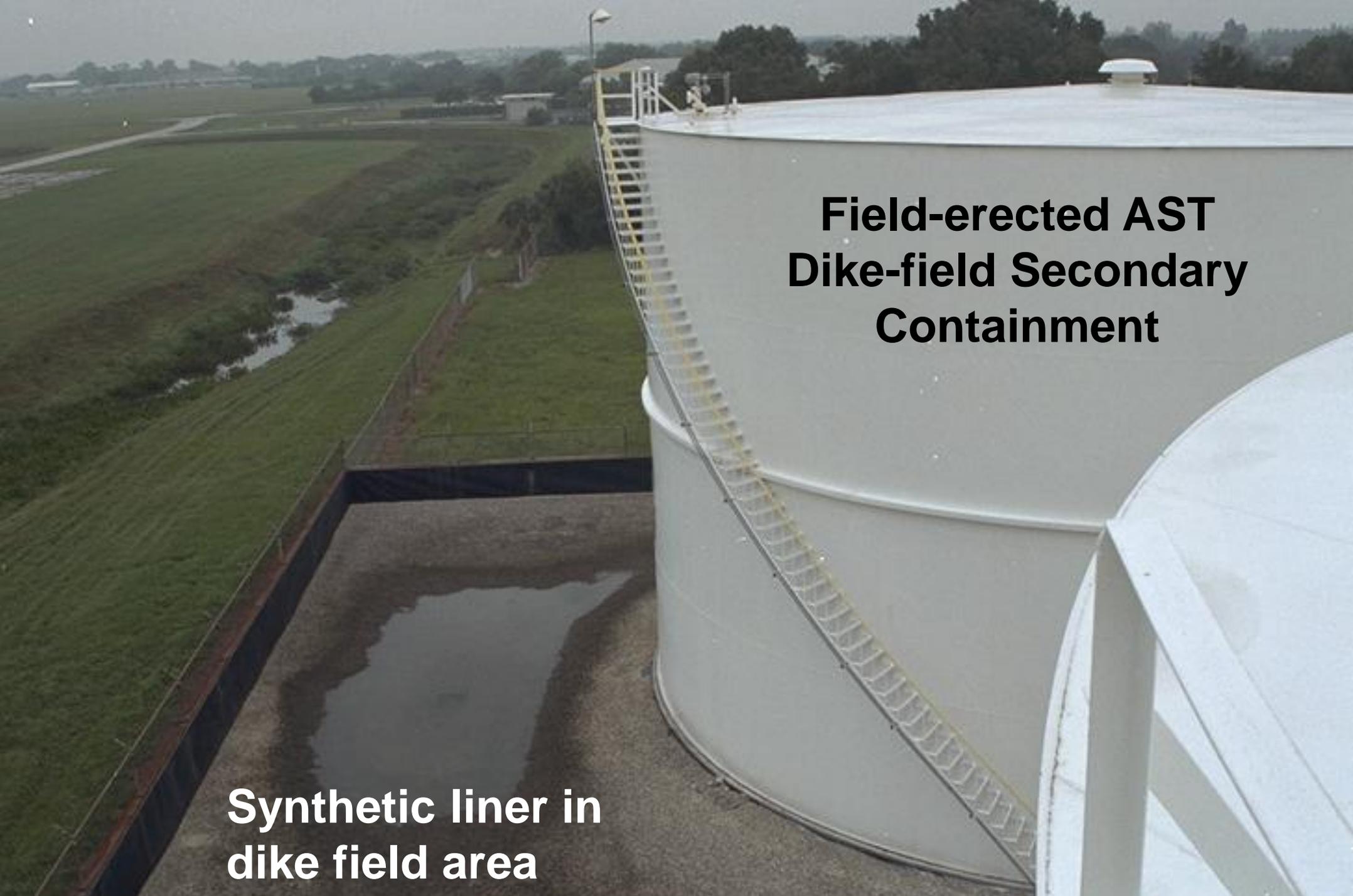
# Field-erected AST Lifting for secondary containment installation beneath the tank



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# Moving Tanks to Different Locations





**Field-erected AST  
Dike-field Secondary  
Containment**

**Synthetic liner in  
dike field area**

**Concrete**

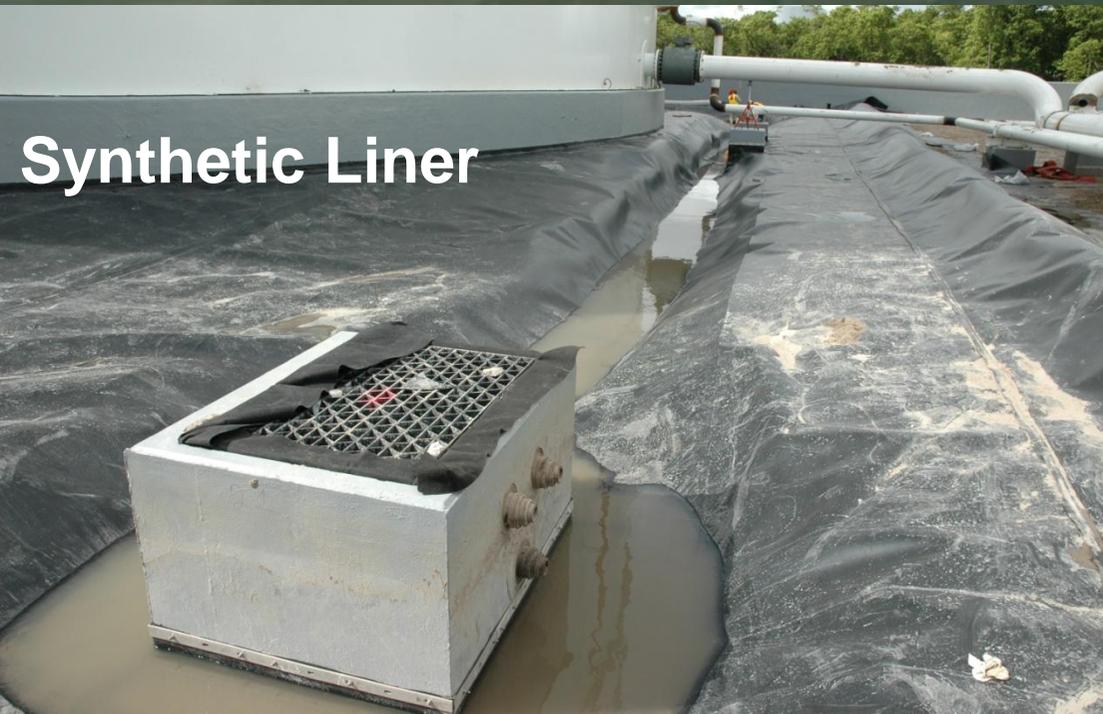
**AST Dike-field Secondary  
Containment -  
Field-Erected Tanks**



**Double-walled**



**Synthetic Liner**

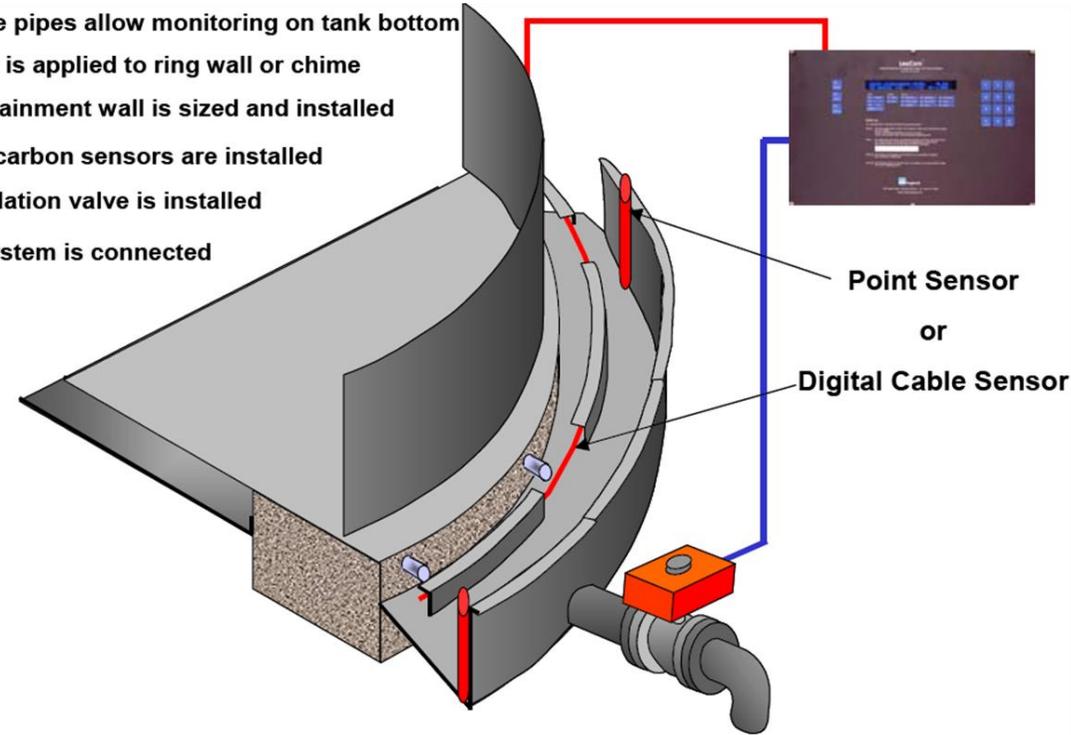


**Alternative Dike-  
field containment**



# Eco-Tank TABs-02 System

- ✓ Telltale pipes allow monitoring on tank bottom
- ✓ A skirt is applied to ring wall or chime
- ✓ A containment wall is sized and installed
- ✓ Hydrocarbon sensors are installed
- ✓ An isolation valve is installed
- ✓ The system is connected



Alternative  
Dike Field  
Secondary  
Containment

# Pre-Hydrated Bentonite Clay Liners – “Rawmat” by Rawell



# Poly-Urea Liners



# Shop-fabricated tank installation







TANK 1

TANK ID #551N  
JP-5  
30,000 GALLONS  
NO SMOKING

# Issues in selecting the type of shop-fabricated tank best-suited for your needs:

- Storage volume needed
- Site security
- Available space
- Piping needs
- Dispensing needs
- Portability
- Regulation
- Cost
- Operation and maintenance issues
- Risk assessment – fire safety, hurricanes, etc





**Shop-fabricated ASTs  
should have  
secondary  
containment at the  
time of installation**





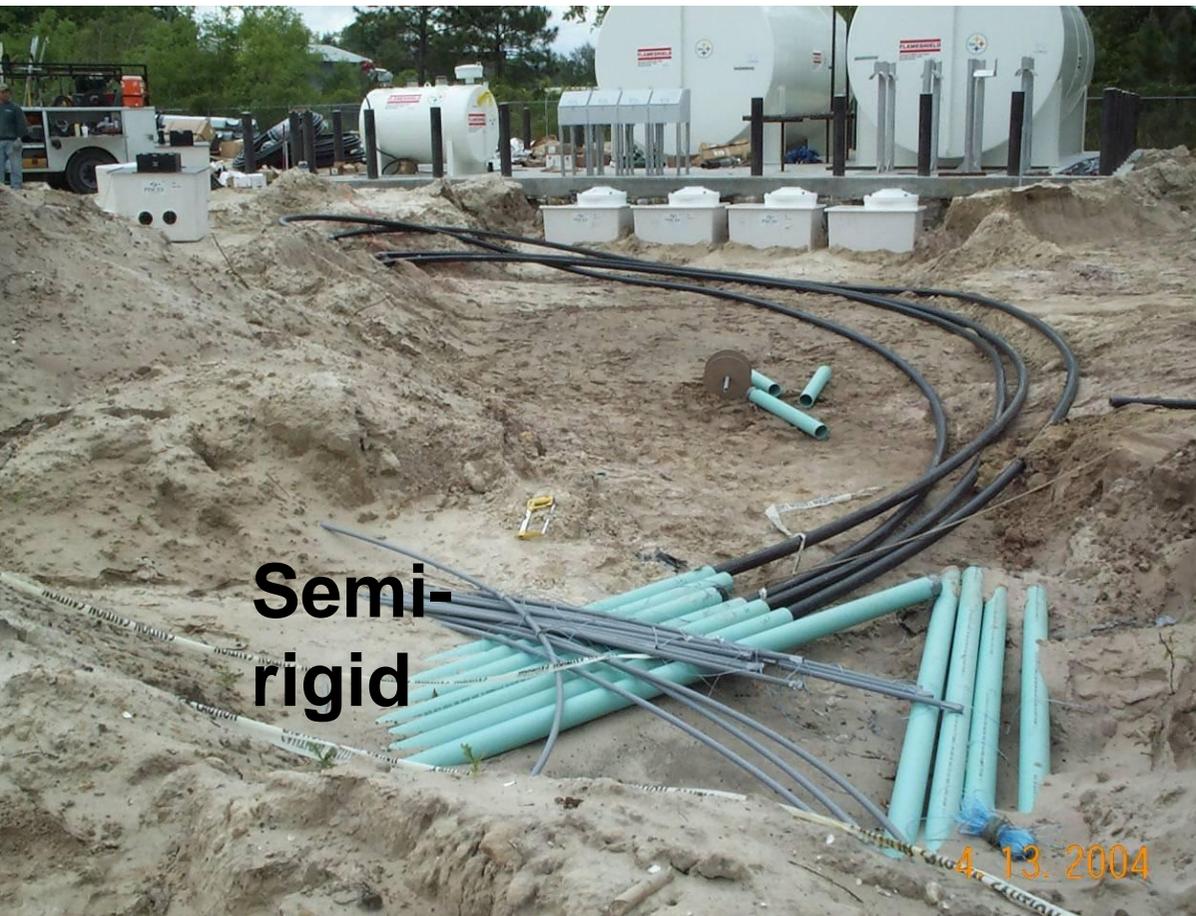
## AST Secondary Containment - Shop-fabricated Tanks



# Piping - The major source of Field-erected AST leaks...



# Small Diameter Piping with Secondary Containment





**Be sure to install  
the proper valves  
for shop-fab ASTs  
with STPs serving  
dispensers**

# Single-wall Large Diameter Piping Above Ground





**Steel Bulk Product  
Piping with  
Secondary  
Containment for  
Piping in Contact with  
the Soil**



**Steel Bulk Product Piping with Secondary Containment  
- Installation concerns**



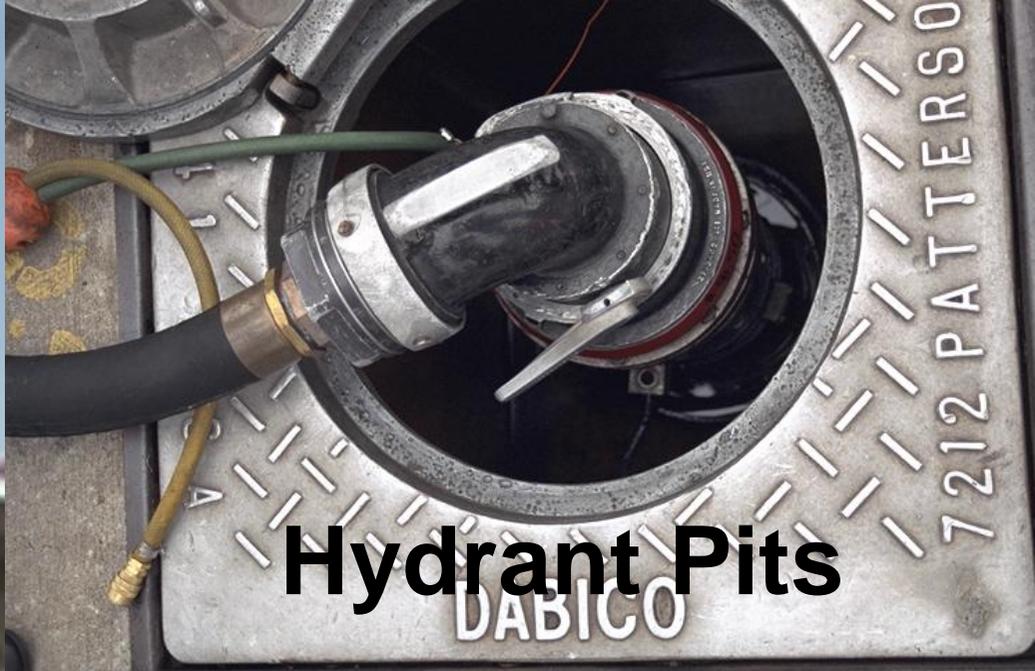
**HDPE Pipe**  
**Semi-Rigid Pipe**

**UPP**  
**Rheomax**



# IPP HDPE Semi-Rigid Petrol Pipe







**AST Spill Protection**

# AST Overfill Protection



GAUGE HT  
MAX. FILL  
MIN. FILL  
LINE DISP.

12:43pm



12:34pm

# Release Detection Standards



# Internal Release Detection for Single-wall Systems

**NONE**

# External Release Detection for Single-wall Systems

- Well construction
- Site Suitability
- Groundwater monitoring wells
- Vapor monitoring wells

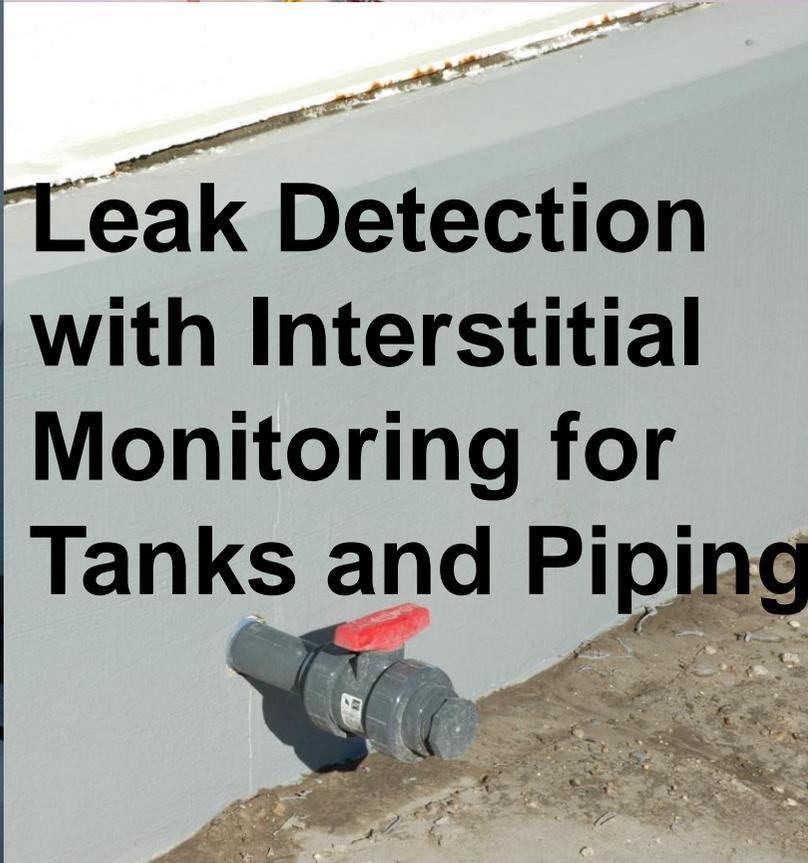


# Release Detection for Double-wall Systems

Internal  
Interstitial  
Monitoring



- Visual
- Vacuum
- Pressure
- Hydrostatic
- Sensors & Probes



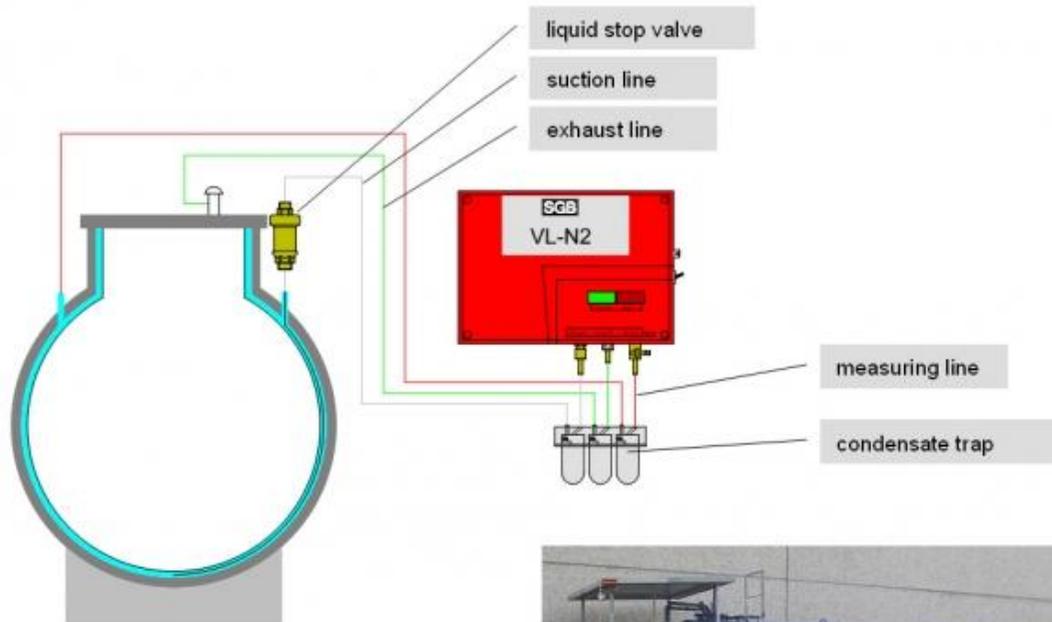
# Leak Detection with Interstitial Monitoring for Tanks and Piping



# Recommendation for Release Detection...

**“First Class”  
Version**

**Vacuum or Pressure  
Continuous Monitoring**



**The “Economy” Version**



**Visual Inspections!**



**Internal lining**



**General Operation  
& Maintenance**

**Piping**

**connection drip-  
protection**

**Fuel filters**

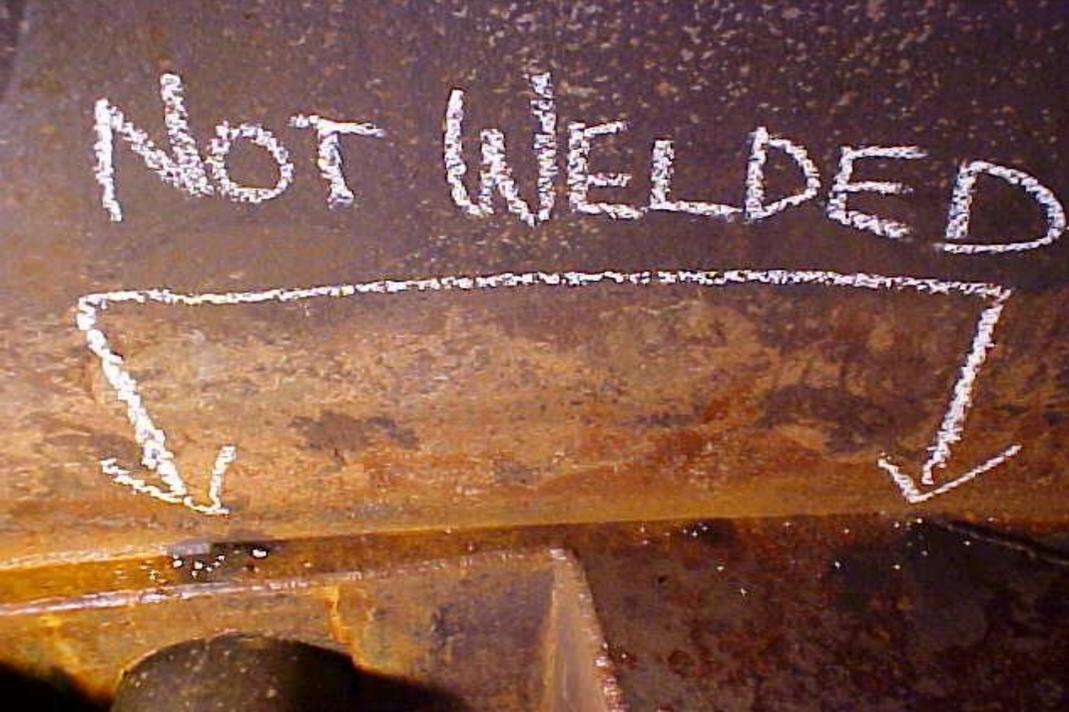
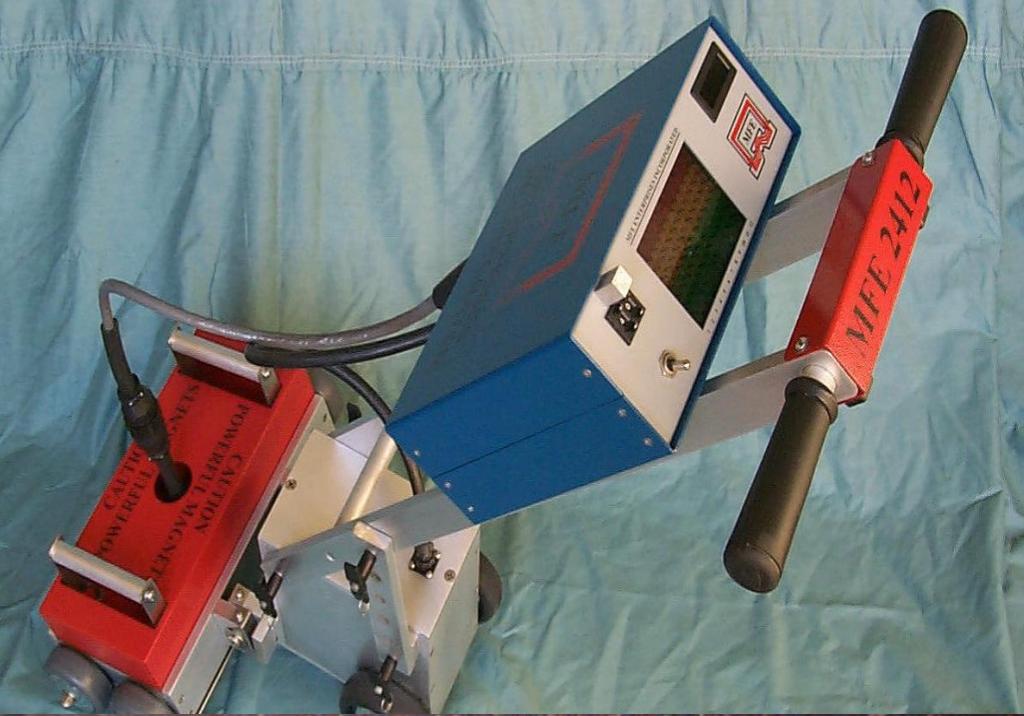


# Stormwater Management

Stormwater retention and removal , and dike field liners



# API 653 Inspections



# API 570 tests for Bulk Product Piping

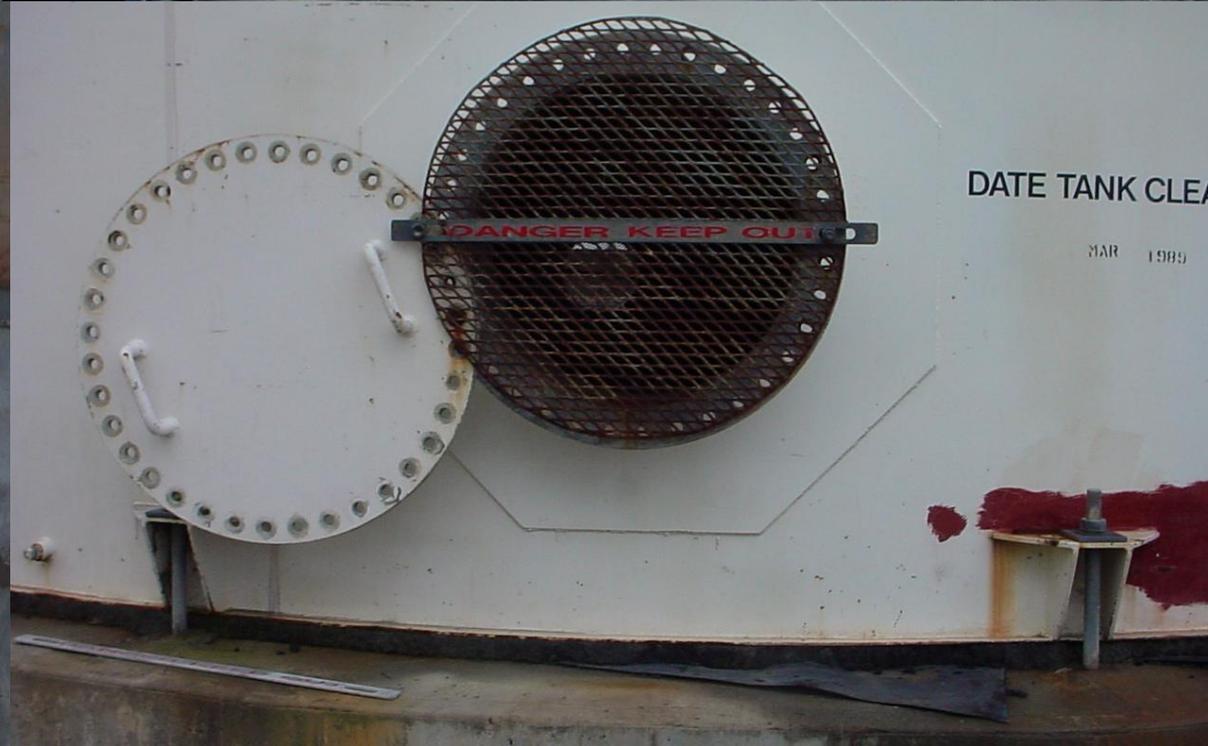


# Unusual Situations





# AST Out-of-Service



# AST Closure

## Two Choices – Removal, or abandon- in-place







## Closure Assessments

**Recommendation: Hire a qualified, experienced professional environmental consulting firm**

# Incident and Discharges



# Incident and Discharge Reporting

## Discharges

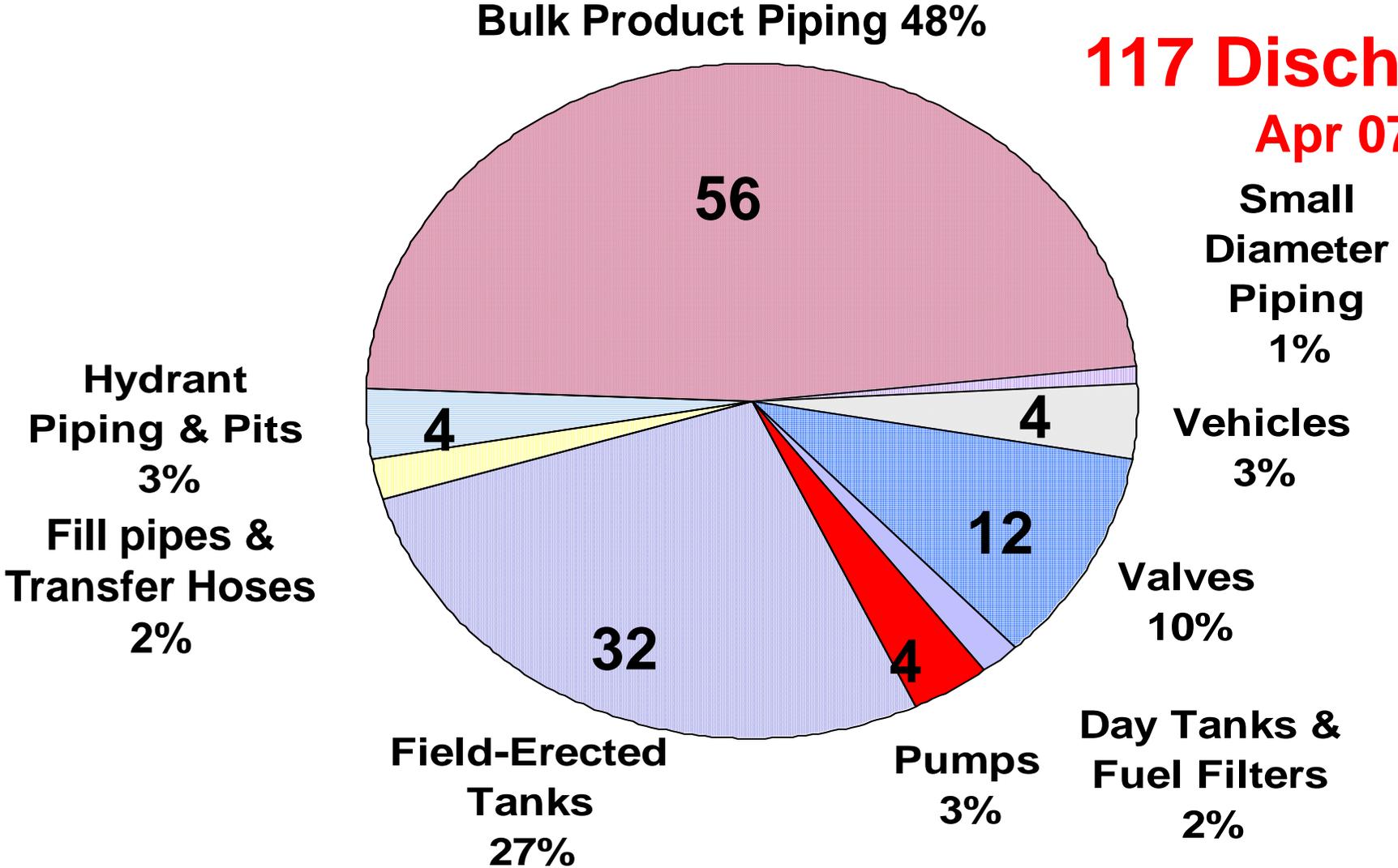


## Incidents



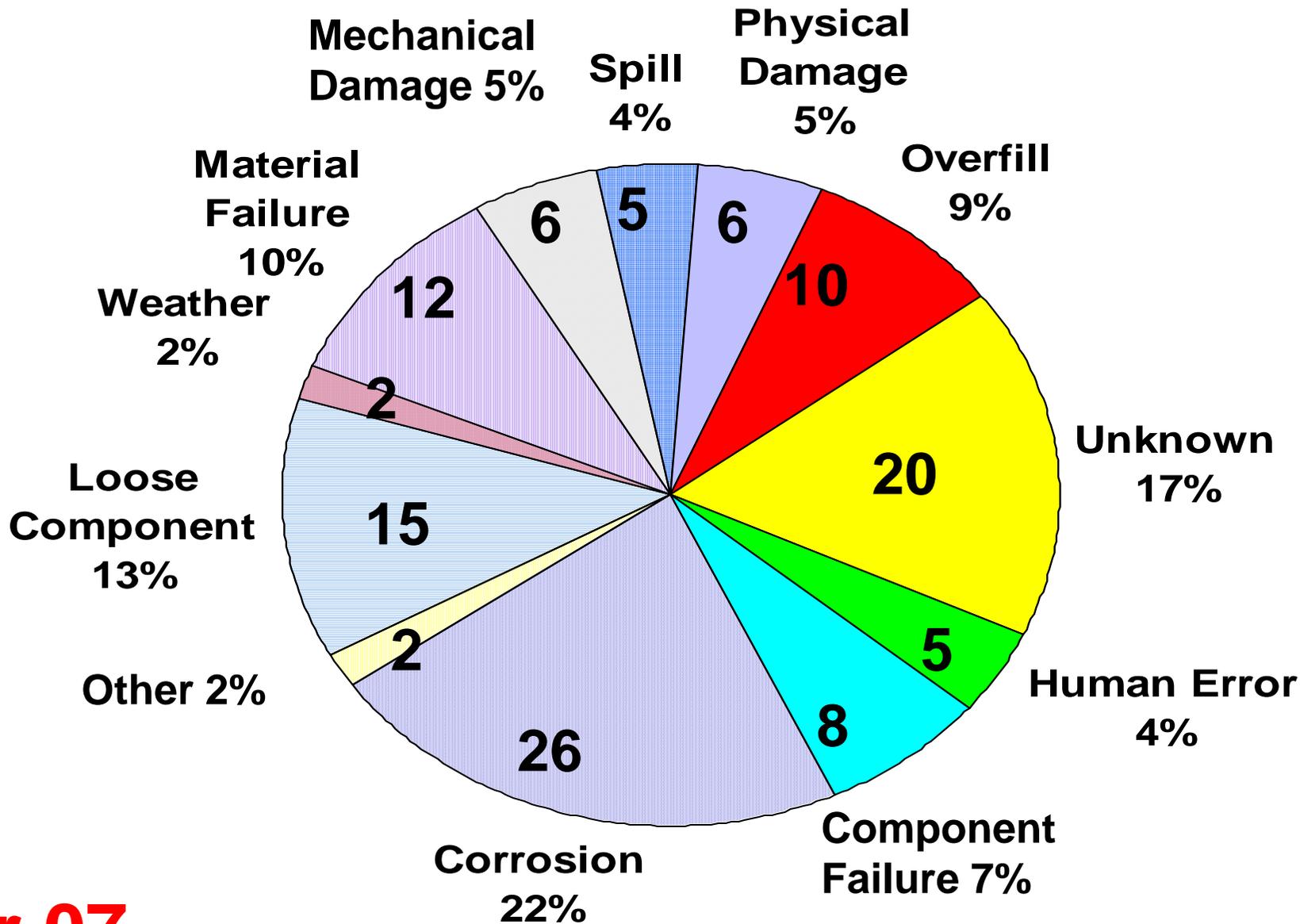
# Sources of Discharges - Field-Erected AST Systems

**117 Discharges**  
**Apr 07**



Tanks are only 17% if overfills and other external factors are excluded

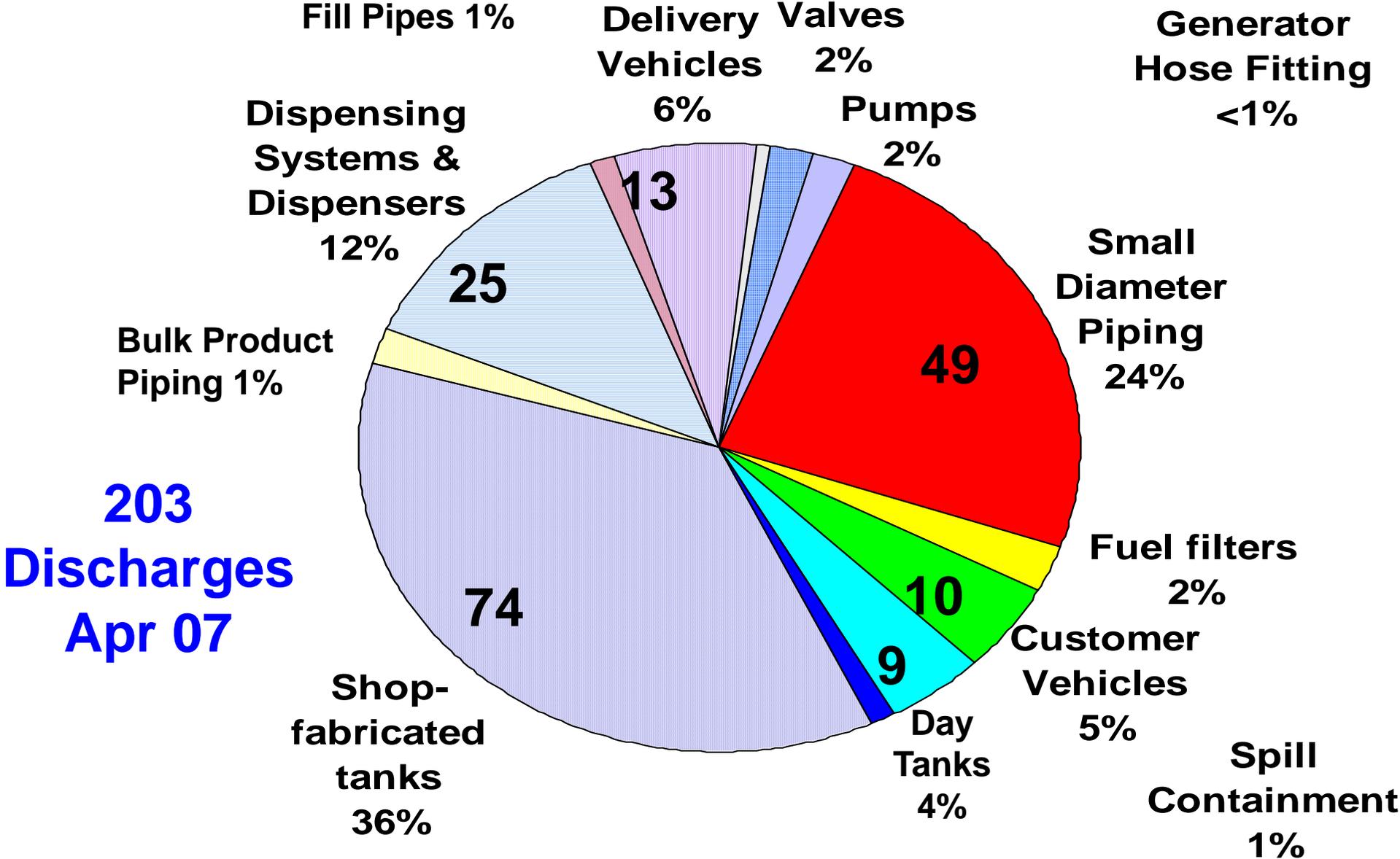
# Causes of Discharges from All Sources



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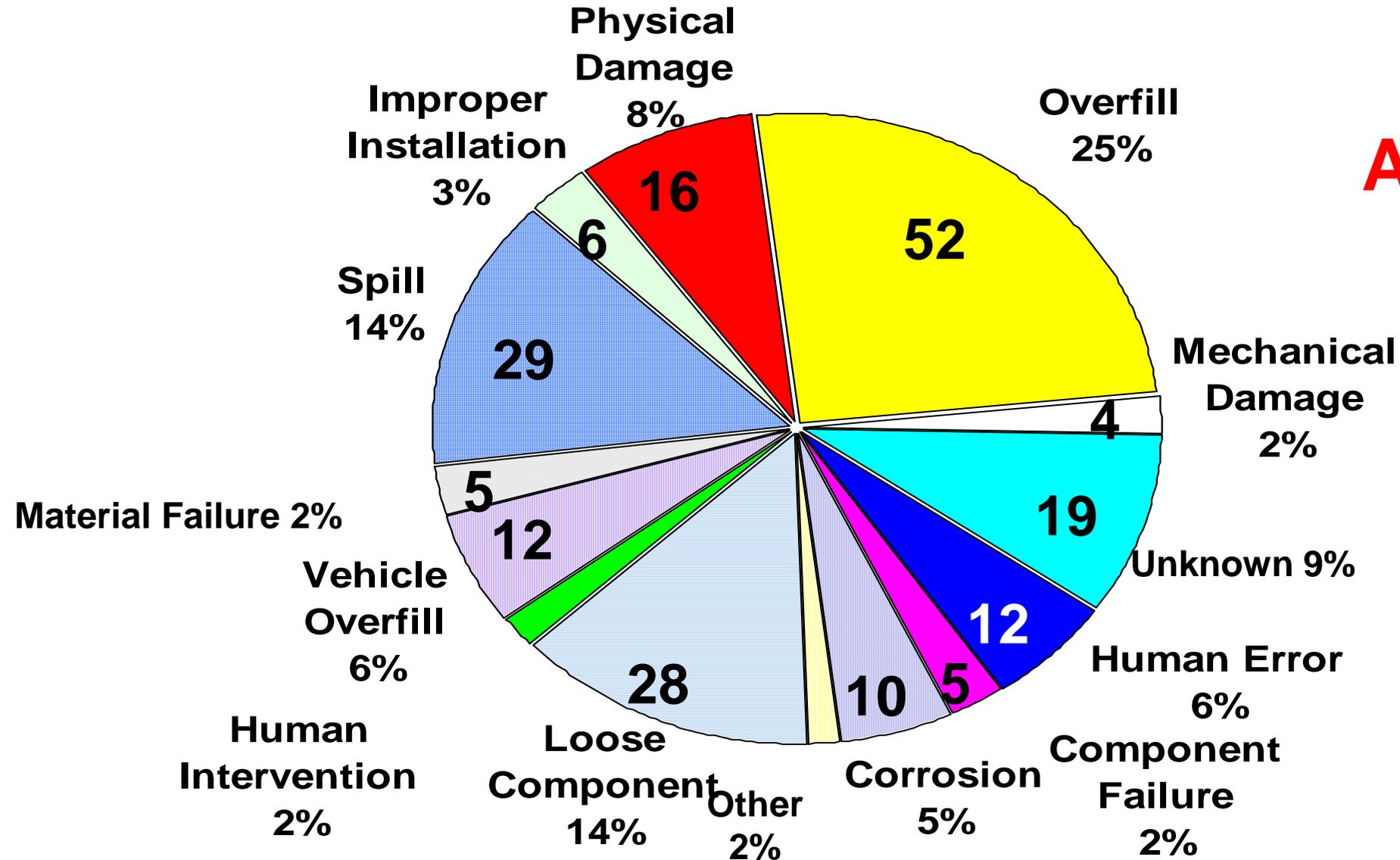
**Field-Erected AST Systems**

# Sources of Discharges - Shop-fabricated ASTs



# Causes of Discharges from All Sources

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Shop-fabricated AST Systems

# Shop-Fab Fires & Explosions



# Buncefield, England, 2005





# The End

