



## INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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**Re: Violation Letter for Failure to Conduct Release Investigation and Confirmation Steps**  
Handy Spot  
509 E. Highway 20  
Michigan City, Indiana 46360  
Laporte County  
Facility ID #16409  
Incident #201910502

Dear Mr. Singh:

A suspected release from a UST at your facility was reported by Golars Environmental on October 4, 2019. A Release Investigation and Confirmation Steps request was issued by IDEM on January 24, 2020. A Violation Letter was issued to you on April 20, 2021. To date, IDEM has not received a response addressing the suspected release of 2019. As the Owner and/or Operator of the Handy Spot facility located at 509 E. Highway 20 in Michigan City, Indiana, you are in violation of 329 IAC 9-1-1(c), which incorporates 40 CFR Part 280.52 for failure to investigate and confirm the suspected release from your UST system within thirty (30) days.

You are required to conduct the release investigation and confirmation steps as outlined in 329 IAC 9-1-1(c), which incorporates 40 CFR Part 280.52, within thirty (30) days. Unless corrective action is initiated according to 329 IAC 9-5, the suspected release must be investigated by the following applicable action(s):

Visit [on.IN.gov/survey](https://on.IN.gov/survey) or scan the QR code to provide feedback.

*We appreciate your input!*

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1. Conducting system testing, as specified in 40 CFR 280.43(c) and 40 CFR 280.44(b), and/or secondary containment testing described in 40 CFR 280.33(d).
2. If system testing fails and/or environmental contamination is the basis of the suspected release investigation, you must perform a site check, as specified in 40 CFR Part 280.52(b) by measuring for the presence of a release where contamination is most likely to be present.

Upon completion of the suspected release investigation, please provide the following items to confirm or negate the 2019 suspected release:

- A. Site Description – provide a brief description of chemicals used on the site and past and present operations or activities that may have contributed to the suspected contamination.
- B. Reason for the Suspected Release – Indicate the reason a suspected release exists at this site (i.e., failed tank tightness testing, loss of product through inventory control checks, erratic behavior of product dispensing equipment, water present in UST, free product present, vapors present in basements and/or nearby utility lines, etc.). Specific details regarding the suspected release should be provided. Records of most recent tightness test results, inventory records, and UST gauging records for the prior calendar year should be included.
- C. Steps Taken to Confirm or Negate the Release – Describe any measures taken to either confirm or negate the suspected release. For example, this section could include a discussion regarding additional inventory control record checks, tank and/or line tightness test results, soil and/or groundwater sampling results. Any records or data in support of your discussion should be included.
- D. Steps Taken to Repair or Replace – If applicable, provide measures taken to repair or replace UST system components that may have caused the suspected release report. Provide before and after pictures, repair or replacement invoices, tightness/functionality testing of the component after repair or replacement.
- E. Historical Releases – If the suspected release is assumed to be historical, please provide evidence to support your claim that the contamination discovered was from a previous release at the facility. Your lines of evidence should include a brief summary describing previous investigations or corrective action activities, supportive sampling data, maps, and a detailed discussion leading to your conclusion.

**The information confirming or negating the suspected release must be submitted by April 17, 2025.** To obtain an electronic copy of the Release Investigation & Confirmation Steps form, call (317) 232-8900 or email [LeakingUST@idem.IN.gov](mailto:LeakingUST@idem.IN.gov).

IDEM requests Petroleum Remediation Section (PRS) correspondence, reports, and related documents under 15 MB be submitted electronically to: [LeakingUST@IDEM.in.gov](mailto:LeakingUST@IDEM.in.gov). Paper copies and CDs are no longer necessary as

previously required in OLQ Document Submittal Guidelines. Please label the email and attached documents as directed below:

- Email Subject Line: REPORT NAME (ie. 1Q 2025 QMR, ISC, FSI, etc.)\_FID (insert number)\_LUST (insert number)\_DATE (yyyymmdd)
- Document/File Name: REPORT NAME (ie. 1Q 2025 QMR, ISC, FSI, etc.)\_FID (insert number)\_LUST (insert number)\_DATE (yyyymmdd)

For more information regarding document and data submittal guidelines, sampling and analysis requirements or technical information, visit the LUST Home Page at: [www.in.gov/idem/tanks/2333.htm](http://www.in.gov/idem/tanks/2333.htm) or contact the site project manager. If you are unable to submit electronically, please submit all items to the following address:

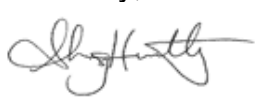
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If you wish to review public information about the records IDEM has regarding your facility, please visit the IDEM Virtual File Cabinet at:  
<https://www.in.gov/idem/legal/2363.htm>

Failure to submit the requested information within the specified time frame may result in a referral to IDEM Enforcement. The significance of a formal enforcement action is the assessment of civil penalties not to exceed \$10,000 per violation per day.

If you have any questions, please contact Roxann Sanders at (317) 234-0977 or me, toll free from within Indiana at (800) 451-6027. She may also be reached at: [rsanders@idem.IN.gov](mailto:rsanders@idem.IN.gov).

Sincerely,



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