



# Public Record

## Summary Information on Petroleum Storage Tanks in Colorado

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The OPS Petroleum Program regulates petroleum storage facilities with USTs (underground storage tanks) that hold 110 gallons or more and ASTs (aboveground storage tanks) that hold between 660 and 40,000 gallons. We also enforce NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) codes for ASTs that hold between 60 and 660 gallons or 40,000+ gallons when they are installed for retail and non-retail fueling.

### General Information

- Total Number of Petroleum Storage Facilities (UST and AST locations) Regulated by OPS: 13,780
  - Number of Active Facilities: 4,709
  - Number of Closed Facilities: 9,071
- Total Number of Regulated USTs and ASTs: 39,477
  - Number of Active Tanks: 11,494
  - Number of Closed Tanks: 27,983

### Summary Information for On-Site Inspections (January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019)

- Number of Facilities Inspected: 2,915
- Percent Compliance (Combined Measure): 77.1%

#### Notes

- 1) On-site inspections measure compliance with state regulations per 7 C.C.R. 1101-14 Articles 2 and 3.
- 2) Compliance percent based on review of operational documentation.

### Summary Information for Releases

- Number of Confirmed Releases from Petroleum Storage Tanks (December 22, 1988 – December 31, 2019): 9,394
- Number of Confirmed Releases from Petroleum Storage Tanks (January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019): 391

### Summary Information for Sources and Causes of Releases from Petroleum Storage Tanks

Source			Cause													
			Spill		Overfill		Physical/ Mechanical Damage		Corrosion		Install Problem		Other		Unknown	
#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Tank	19	5%	0	0%	0	0%	15	79%	2	11%	0	0%	0	0%	2	11%
Line	10	3%	0	0%	0	0%	5	50%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	50%
Dispenser	57	15%	10	18%	2	4%	32	56%	0	0%	0	0%	2	4%	11	19%
Sub Pump	24	6%	1	4%	0	0%	16	67%	0	0%	0	0%	2	8%	5	21%
Tank Overfill	10	3%	3	30%	4	40%	2	20%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	10%
Surface Spill	4	1%	4	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Other	267	68%	4	1%	3	1%	150	56%	1	<1%	1	<1%	7	3%	10 1	38%

#### Notes

- 1) # = number
- 2) % = percent of total number ( $Source \% = \frac{Source \#}{Source \text{ Total}}$  and  $Cause \% = \frac{Cause \#}{Source \#}$ )
- 3) Source and Cause information is based on a known source of a confirmed release from the total population of active and inactive petroleum storage tanks.



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