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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 Tank Facilities (UST and AST locations) Regulated by OPS: 14,331
 - Number of Active Facilities: 4,871
 - Number of Closed Facilities: 9,460
- Total Number of Regulated USTs and ASTs: 42,067
 - Number of Active Tanks: 12,913
 - Number of Closed Tanks: 29,154

Summary Information for On-Site Inspections (January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023)

- Number of Facilities Inspected: 1,840
- Percent Compliance (Technical Compliance Rate): 93.1%

Summary Information for Releases

- Number of Confirmed Releases from Petroleum Storage Tanks (December 22, 1988 – December 31, 2023): 10,295
- Number of Confirmed Releases from Petroleum Storage Tanks (January 1, 2023– December 31, 2023): 171

Summary Information for Sources and Causes of 2023 Releases from Petroleum Storage Tanks

| Release Source | | | Cause | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----|-----|-------|-----|----------|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|-----------|-----|--------------------|-----|-------|-----|---------|-----|
| | | | Spill | | Overfill | | Physical/ Mechanical Damage | | Corrosion | | Install Problem | | Other | | Unknown | |
| | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| Tank or Spill Bucket | 51 | 30% | 3 | 6% | 4 | 8% | 24 | 47% | 7 | 14% | 1 | 2% | 1 | 2% | 11 | 22% |
| Line | 15 | 9% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 12 | 80% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 2 | 13% | 1 | 7% |
| Dispenser | 37 | 22% | 16 | 43% | 2 | 5% | 13 | 35% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 6 | 16% |
| Sub Pump | 7 | 4% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 3 | 43% | 1 | 14% | 1 | 14% | 0 | 0% | 2 | 29% |
| Other | 14 | 8% | 2 | 14% | 2 | 14% | 5 | 36% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 2 | 14% | 3 | 21% |
| Unknown | 47 | 27% | 3 | 6% | 2 | 4% | 4 | 9% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 38 | 81% |

More petroleum storage tank information for Colorado is available by navigating to the [Colorado Storage Tank Information System \(COSTIS-IA\)](#) or by contacting the OPS Public Records Center at 303-318-8525.