

Thank You

We would like to thank you for taking the time to review this information. Your cooperation and concern for the environment can help protect the environment for future Mississippians.

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**Mississippi
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***Request for Access
to Your Property
to Investigate
Petroleum
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Purpose

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is currently in the process of overseeing the assessment and clean up of a petroleum release from an underground storage tank on the property adjacent to your property. We need your assistance to assess all of the contamination.

The underground storage tanks (USTs) on the property adjacent to yours are regulated by MDEQ. The tank owner or lessee has notified MDEQ that there has been a possible release of product (gasoline, diesel, waste oil, or kerosene) from the tank(s). Under the direction of MDEQ, the tank owner has hired an environmental firm to perform soil and groundwater sampling activities.

These activities constitute an assessment.

Currently the area of contamination has not been defined. To properly assess the area, we need to access your property to see if the contamination has spread to it.

We would like for you to allow an MDEQ-approved environmental firm access to your property to install monitoring well(s). A monitoring well is a one to four



inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe that is placed in the ground to monitor groundwater conditions.

By allowing the environmental firm to place a monitoring well on your property, we can determine if petroleum contaminant has spread to your property. If contamination has spread to your property, we can make certain that it is cleaned up at no cost to you. We will need for you to tell the environmental firm when would be the most convenient time for well(s) to be installed and to assist them in determining where to install the well(s) (based on adequate contamination assessment).

The Agreement

The environmental firm who is responsible for installing the monitoring well will need for you to sign a form that states that you will allow them on your property. Please be aware that signing this form does not waive your legal rights.

If you would like for a representative of MDEQ to meet with you and discuss this process with you, we can set up a meeting. However, off-site access agreements are very common. Typically one-third of all the reported



suspected releases require monitoring wells to be placed on adjacent property owner's land.

Installing the Well

Once you have signed the access form, and you and the environmental firm have agreed on a time and place for the well installation, the environmental firm will bring a drill rig to your property to drill the well(s). The drilling activities should only take from one to two days. Once the drilling is completed, for each well you will have a two foot by two foot concrete pad on your property with a monitoring well in the center. Your yard will be returned as reasonably practical to its original condition.

What's Next

In most instances, the environmental firm will most likely need to collect samples from your well(s) every four to six months. The environmental firm will again coordinate a time with you to take the samples.

If the environmental firm's assessment shows that large quantities of contamination exists, the tank owner will pay for the clean up of the contamination with the assistance of the Mississippi Groundwater Protection Trust Fund. The most common method used to clean up the contamination is the installation of a remediation system. On average, remediation systems remain on-site for

3 years. After remediation is complete, the well pad and well casing will be removed from your yard and again your yard will be returned to its original condition as reasonably practical.

