

Department of Ecology
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Fee Approaches – Gasoline Vapor Recovery System Inspections

Program scope

The inspection program covers sites distributing gasoline and gasoline-blend product in most of central and eastern Washington and San Juan County. The owner or operator distributing gasoline is subject to this fee, not the owner of the underground storage tank system where the product is stored. Sometimes these are two entities.

Jurisdiction

The inspection fee would apply to counties under Ecology's jurisdiction. The Air Quality Program jurisdiction covers these counties. If your business or facility is located in one of these counties, you are subject to the new fee.

Location	County
Ecology's Central Regional Office	Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan
Ecology's Eastern Regional Office	Adams, Asotin, Chelan, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman
NWRO	San Juan

Ecology does not regulate gas stations and other businesses with air emissions that are located in the other 22 counties in the state. Information on the seven local air agencies that regulate business in those counties can be found [here](#).

Implementing the Inspection Program

Stakeholders at our stakeholder meeting in February requested that inspectors from the Underground Storage Tank or UST program conduct the inspections instead of staff from the Air Quality Program. Ecology agrees with this request. It makes sense to have one inspector who is already familiar with the system conduct the air quality portion of the inspections.

Fee Options

Three fee options under consideration are:

- Option 1. \$306 per station fee
- Option 2. \$152 per tank fee
- Option 3. \$135 per filling point (compartment) fee

Option 1. Fee per station

Fee per station = \$306	
Budget	\$ 127,500
Number of sites	416
Fee per site	\$ 306

Option 2. Fee per tank

Fee per Tank = \$152				
# Tanks Per site	# Sites	# Tanks	Percentage	Fee per site
1	133	133	32%	\$ 152
2	157	314	38%	\$ 303
3	111	333	27%	\$ 455
4	14	56	3%	\$ 606
5	1	5	0%	\$ 758
	416	841	100%	

Option 3. Fee per filling point (compartment)

Fee per Filling Point = \$135				
# Filling points per site	# Sites	# Filling points (compartments)	Percentage	Fee per site
1	76	76	18%	\$ 135
2	175	350	42%	\$ 270
3	146	438	35%	\$ 405
4	14	56	3%	\$ 540
5	5	25	1%	\$ 675
	416	945	100%	

Workload Breakdown			
# Tanks	# Compartments (gasoline fill points)	# Sites	Percentage
1	1	76	18%
1	2	47	11%
1	3	10	2%
2	2	128	31%
2	3	26	6%
2	4	2	0%
2	5	1	0%
3	3	110	26%
3	5	1	0%
4	4	12	3%
4	5	2	0%
5	5	1	0%
		416	100%

Fee Options	Fee	Easily Understood	Fairness	Fee Reflects Workload	Impact on Small Business
Option 1 – Flat fee	\$306	+	–	–	+
Option 2 – Tank fee	\$152	+	+	+	–
Option 3 – Fill point fee	\$135	–	+	+	–

Key	
+	Yes or larger impact
–	No or lower impact