Storage Tank Enforcement: Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Proposed Order/Assessment Addressing Kingsport Medical Center



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The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation ("TDEC") issued a December 18, 2025, Proposed Order and Assessment ("Order") to Mountain States Health Alliance ("MS") addressing alleged violations of the Tennessee Underground Storage Tank ("UST") regulations. See Case No. UST25-0080.

The Order provides that MS is the registered owner one 15,000-gallon UST located in Kingsport, Tennessee.

The facility utilizing the UST is denominated Indian Path Medical Center.

TDEC Division of Underground Storage Tanks ("Division") personnel are stated to have performed a compliance inspection at the facility on November 19, 2024. The inspection is stated to have identified the following violations which have not been addressed:

- Failure to test electronic and mechanical components at least annually for proper operation.
- Failure to conduct an annual line tightness test or do monthly monitoring on pressurized underground piping.

A Results of Compliance Inspection – Action Required letter is stated to have been sent to MS on November 25, 2024. Additional letters are stated to have been sent to MS regarding the facility's alleged failure to return to compliance. The alleged failure to do so is indicated to violate the regulations for failing to meet deadlines.

The Order provides that if MS fails to comply or file an appeal within certain timeframes it will be placed on the Delivery Prohibition List. Further, the Order proposes a civil penalty of $6,240.

MS is also required to perform all actions necessary to correct the outstanding violations by specified timelines.

The Order provides certain appeal rights.

A copy of the Order can be found here.