

# You as a responsible party in the Petroleum Remediation Program

You have received a letter because the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has identified you as a person responsible for a petroleum storage tank release, or you are someone who has volunteered to accept this responsibility.

## About the MPCA's Petroleum Remediation Program

The Petroleum Remediation Program protects human health and the environment from the dangers associated with leaking petroleum storage tanks. Leaking tanks can contaminate drinking water, streams, rivers, or lakes, and generate harmful vapors.

The MPCA is responsible for minimizing the environmental impact of leaking petroleum tanks. The agency does this by enforcing the law that requires tank owners and operators responsible for these releases to investigate them, and if necessary, clean up the leaking petroleum products.

## Where to start

You first need to hire an experienced environmental consultant to investigate your petroleum release.

**Find a consultant:** Consultants and contractors who perform these services must be registered with the Department of Commerce's Petrofund program. The Petrofund program provides a list of registered consultants at <https://mn.gov/commerce/industries/fuel/petrofund/>.

**Get financial help:** The Petrofund reimburses tank owners, operators, and volunteer property owners a portion of the costs associated with investigating and cleaning up contamination from leaking petroleum storage tanks.

In order to maximize the amount of Petrofund reimbursement available, obtain written competitive bids from consulting firms registered with the Petrofund. Read the mailing from the Petrofund thoroughly so you know how to be eligible for the maximum reimbursement.

Apply for reimbursement at <https://mn.gov/commerce/industries/fuel/petrofund/reimbursement.jsp>. For more information about the Petrofund program, call 651-539-1515 or 1-800-638-0418.

**Questions?** The MPCA has assigned a project manager to you. You or your consultant can contact the project manager whenever you have questions. This will help ensure the work your consultant performs meets the MPCA's requirements.

## For more information

Consultant guidance documents for leaking petroleum storage tank investigations and cleanup are available on our website at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/waste/cleanup-guidance>.

If you are purchasing, selling, or developing property that is contaminated with petroleum, assistance is available through the Brownfield Program. Visit our website at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/waste/brownfields>, or call 651-296-6300 and ask to speak to a Brownfield staff person.