**UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK LEAKS**

Your underground storage tank (UST) may leak and create problems for the environment and your work. Immediate action can reduce environmental damage, danger to human health and safety, and can reduce the high costs that can result from cleaning up releases and responding to third-party liability claims.

**Perform Required Inspections**

- Your tank system is equipped with a leak detection system and fuel level indicators - familiarize yourself with your tank features and requirements, and perform all of the necessary inspections at the recommended intervals

**Suspected UST Leaks**

- Data from your regular inspections may indicate a potential leak - report all suspected leaks to EH&S at [www.ehs.ucr.edu/support/report/report_env_release.asp](http://www.ehs.ucr.edu/support/report/report_env_release.asp)
- Contact your UST Operator to assist you in determining if the suspected leak is an actual leak - the UST Operator may recommend:
  1. Conducting a tightness test of the entire UST system
  2. Evaluating the site to determine if there has been a release
  3. Site remediation

**Actual UST Leaks**

- Take immediate action to stop and contain the release
- Report the release to EH&S immediately
- Soil must be handled so that it poses no hazard (e.g., from vapors or direct contact)
- Remove petroleum from the UST system to prevent further release into the environment
- EH&S will:
  1. Determine how far the petroleum has moved and begin to recover the leaked petroleum,
  2. Report progress to the necessary authorities
  3. Investigate to determine if the release has damaged or might damage the environment
  4. Oversee any necessary cleanup
- EH&S will decide if you must take further action at your site based on the information you have provided

Visit [www.ehs.ucr.edu](http://www.ehs.ucr.edu) for additional information or call EH&S at 827-5528 if you have any questions.