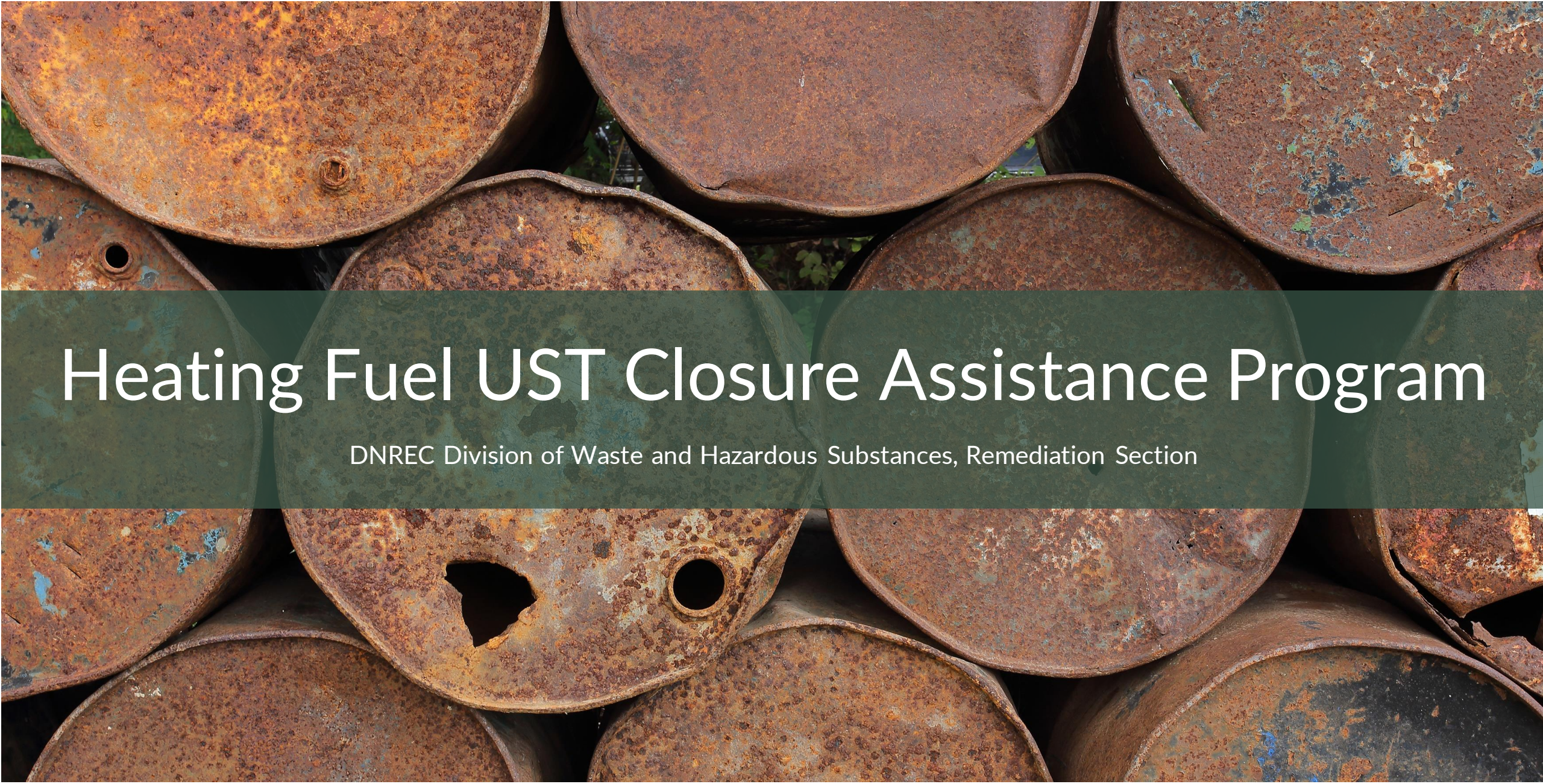

Heating Fuel UST Closure Assistance Program

DNREC Division of Waste and Hazardous Substances, Remediation Section

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What is the Program?

This Hazardous Substances Cleanup Act (HSCA) Funded Program was created to perform the removal or closure-in-place of underground storage tanks (USTs) of 1,100-gallon or less containing heating fuel for consumptive use on the premises where stored.

Why a Heating Fuel (HF) Program?

- Property owners often lack resources to remove or properly close-in-place USTs.
- HF USTs are typically historic steel tanks which corrode in the ground.
- A program was needed to provide financial assistance to property owners to address heating fuel USTs.

Why a Heating Fuel Program?

Proper closure of non-federally regulated heating fuel USTs, particularly those which are not in use or improperly abandoned, before they cause a release or as soon as a release is known, will prevent or mitigate the potential for environmental harm.

Which Tanks are Eligible?

- Tanks buried below ground that hold 1,100-gallons or less of heating fuel
- Tanks used to store heating fuel to heat the buildings on the premises
- Tanks deemed eligible for the program by DNREC-Remediation Section (DNREC-RS) through an application process

How to Apply

- Complete and submit an application to the DNREC-RS
  - Available on the DNREC-RS website as a fillable PDF document:

https://documents.dnrec.delaware.gov/tanks/UST/heating-fuel-ust-closure-assistance-application.pdf

https://de.gov/tankassistance

- You may also contact DNREC-RS to obtain an application via e-mail or by mail.

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Application for Heating Fuel UST Closure Assistance Program

Please print or type. Fill out this application completely. Incomplete or illegible applications will be returned.

FC: 77A

Facility Information			Facility ID#
Facility Tax Parcel #			
Facility Street Address:			
City:	ZIP:		
Is this a residential or commercial facility? ☐ Residential ☐ Commercial			
Applicant Information			
Applicant Name:			Home/Business Phone:
Street:			Cell Phone:
City:	State:	Zip:	Email:
Underground Storage Tank (UST) Information			
What is the capacity of the UST in gallons?			
What was/is stored in the UST? (i.e. heating oil, kerosene)			
Is the UST still in use? ☐YES ☐ NO If NO, when was the UST last used, and by whom?			
Did you ever use or operate the UST to provide heating fuel at the above referenced facility? ☐YES ☐ NO			
What does the UST contain today? (i.e. fuel, sand, concrete, waste, etc.) If filled with concrete/sand, please provide the date the UST was filled and by whom?			
Please describe the UST location (front yard, back yard, etc.)? Is the UST within a fenced yard? ☐YES ☐ NO			
What type of surface is over the UST? (i.e. asphalt, grass, concrete, etc.)			
Sketch of UST location? Please show UST location in relation to house/building and street(s).	Utilities Adjacent to or Servicing the Facility (check all that apply) ☐ Overhead Electric ☐ Underground Electric ☐ Public Sewer ☐ Private Septic ☐ Public Water Supply ☐ Private Well Water ☐ Natural Gas ☐ Underground Cable, Phone or FIOS		
Are you aware of a release or spill from the UST(s)? ☐ YES ☐ NO If YES, provide release date, amount and type product released and attach any analytical data.			
I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the current owner of the above referenced facility and that information provided in this application is true and correct. I warrant and represent that all other record owners (in fee simple, tenancy and/or estates) consent to submission of this application for the Heating Fuel UST Closure Assistance Program.			
Signature of Applicant			Date
Name (please print):			

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How does the Program Work?

DNREC- RS will determine eligibility based on the application

DNREC- RS notifies the property owner of the eligibility determination

DNREC- RS assigns a certified contractor from State Contract #NAT18001-HFClosure

Contractor will perform the UST removal or closure-in-place with confirmatory soil samples taken. Limited contaminated soil over-excavation, sampling and disposal of up to 22 tons may be performed (if required).

What is NOT Covered?

- Costs associated with additional investigation and/or cleanup
- Replacement costs for new USTs, ASTs, or other heating sources (i.e. propane, natural gas) or equipment (heaters, boilers, etc.)
- Management of contaminated materials (future construction, land use change)
- Restoration of landscaping, hardscaping, decking, etc.

Questions?

DNREC- Remediation Section

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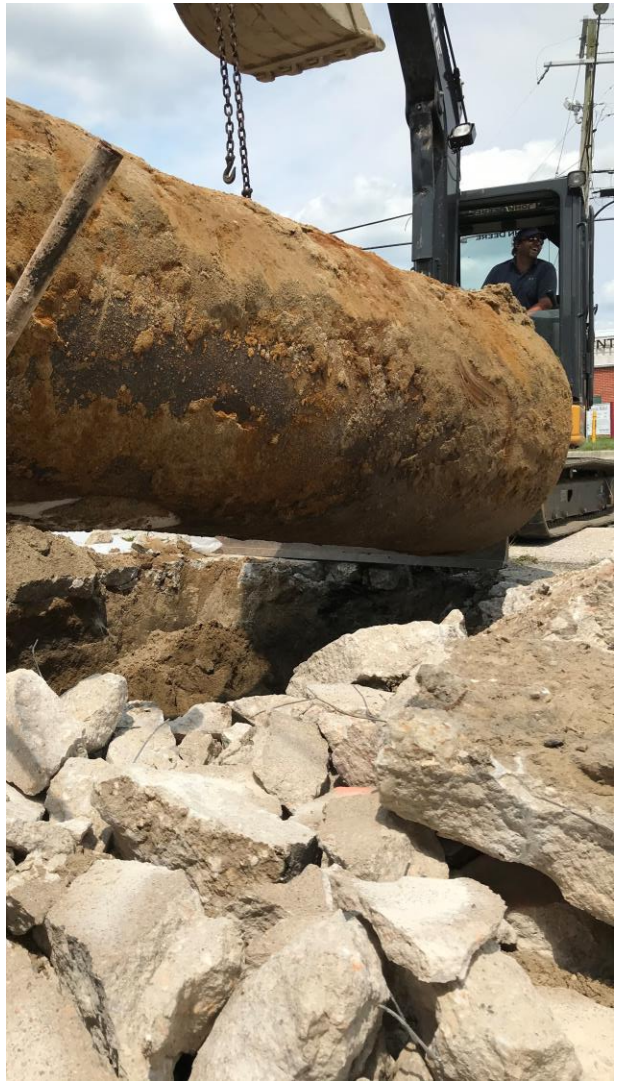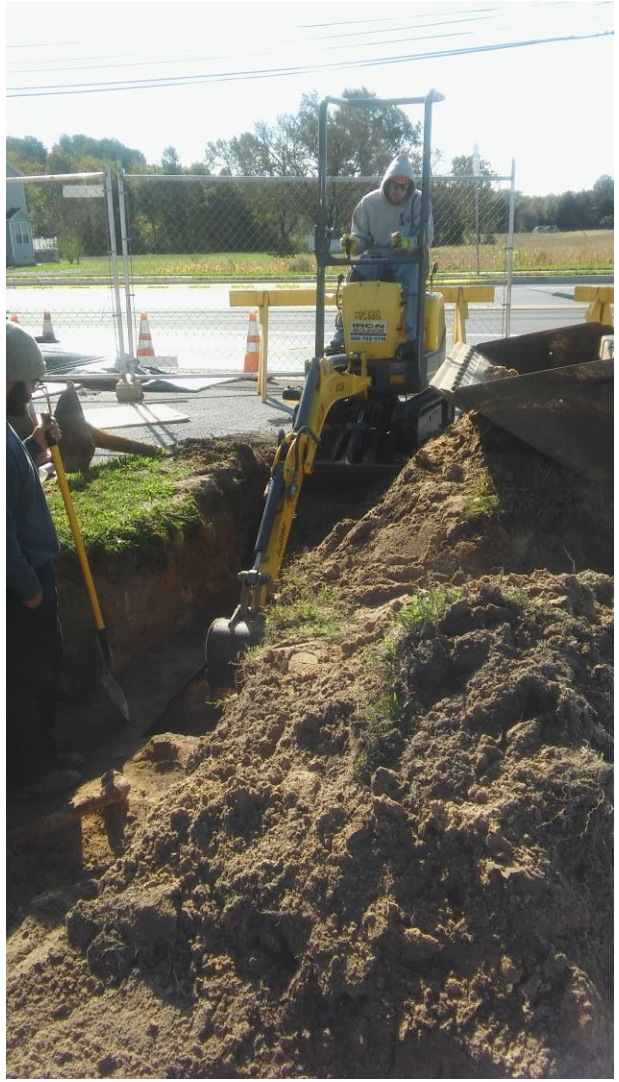
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