

# **Missouri's Temp Closure Initiative**

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- **Missouri has had an issue with temporary closed tanks**
- **How do we get them permanently closed?**

- **Two years ago we started a concerted effort to get progress made on the permanent closure of these tanks**

- **We contacted owners**
- **Performed inspections**

## **OBSTACLES**

- **Finding a responsible party**
- **Inability to pay**
- **Reluctance to permanently close**
- **Financial Responsibility eligibility**
- **Finding the tanks/are they still there?**
- **Only have to maintain records for 3 years**

# RESULTS

Missouri Department of  
**Natural Resources**

	2008	2008-2009	2009	2009-2010	2010	2010-2011	2011	2011-2012	2012
<b>Total Temp Closed/ Out of Use</b>	1072		1029		954		868		821
<b>Into Temp Closed/ Out of Use</b>		241		235		209		166	
<b>Out of Temp Closed/ Use</b>		-284		-310		-295		-213	
<b>Remained T/ Out of Use</b>		1029		954		868		821	
<b>Net Change</b>		-43		-75		-86		-47	

**\*Tanks that remained Temp Closed all  
3 Years**

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## **What's Next**

- **Progress made**
- **How do we deal with new Temp Closed sites**

## **New Regs**

- **Without the addition of new tools we were never going to be able to solve the problem**
- **Our new tool or shall I say weapon in this battle we hope is the implementation of updated regulations**

- **In Missouri our new updated regulations went into effect January 1, 2012**
- **The first change is in Missouri there are no longer temporarily closed tanks. They are now called out of use tanks**
- **The second change is that within 12 months of taking the ust system out of use the ust system must be permanently closed or a site assessment must be completed**

- **The third change is that within 5 years of taking the tank out of use the tank must be permanently closed.**
- **This includes even tanks that are what we consider upgraded tanks.**

# **RESULTS & CONCLUSIONS**

**QUESTIONS?**