



Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality /
Underground Storage Tank Branch

UST Program Integrity

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Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund

FRAUD REPORTING

If you believe fraudulent activity is being committed or Cleanup Fund public dollars are being misused, it is important to be made anonymously.

What Should I Report?

- >> Someone is misusing Fund monies for personal gain
- >> Someone is intentionally misleading the Fund for financial gain
- >> Someone is taking some benefit to "look the other way"
- >> Someone is filing false claims

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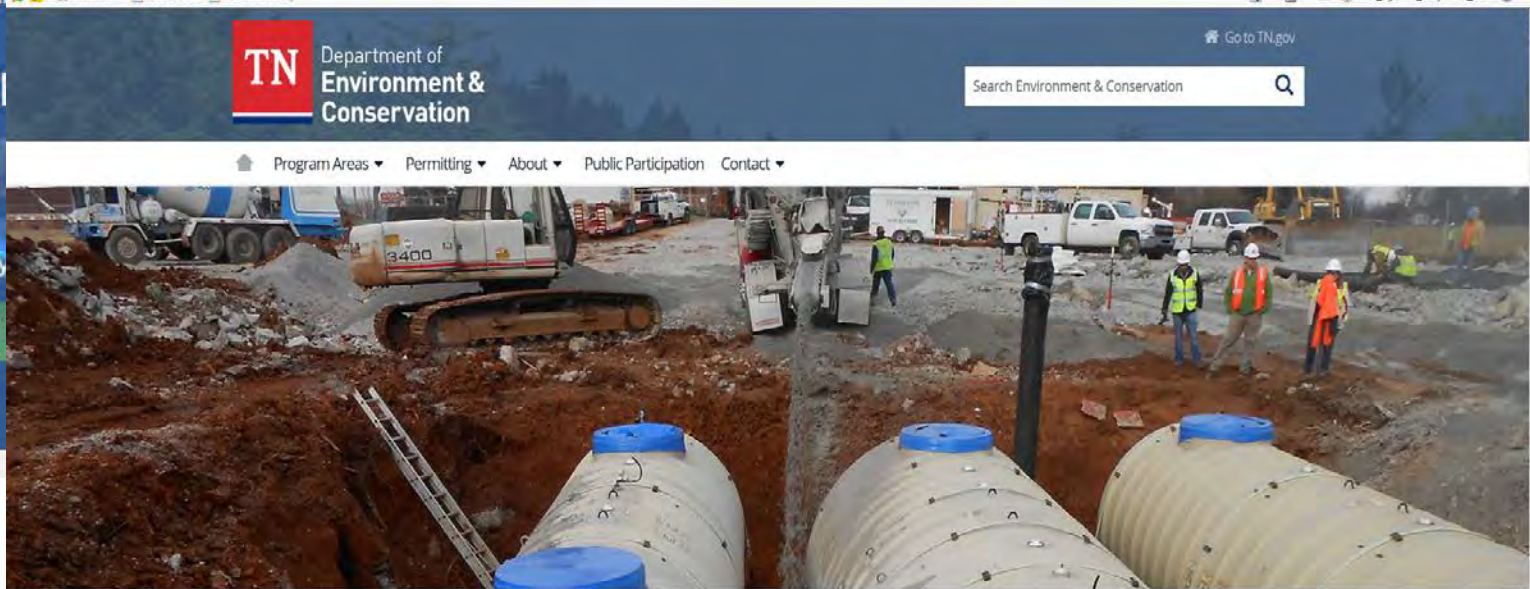
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USTCF RESOURCES

The Fund has several ways for you to report fraud:



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday, November 12, 20

Business Owner Pleads Guilty to Scheme to Embezzle \$1.3 Million from State Fund

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Tammy Dickinson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri announced that a Missouri business owner pleaded guilty in federal court today to charges related to his scheme to embezzle more than \$1.3 million from the Missouri Petroleum Storage Tank Insurance Fund.

Robert L. Fine, II, 52, of Lenexa, Kan., waived his right to a grand jury and pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge Matt J. Whitworth to a federal information that charges him with one count of money fraud and one count of money laundering.

Under the terms of today's plea agreement, Fine must pay \$1,505,514 in restitution to the Petroleum Storage Tank Insurance Fund, which includes the total amount of the fraud and related costs. Fine must also pay \$350,000 in restitution to the fund today, and must pay the balance owed within approximately 180 days.

Fine was the owner and sole employee of FINEnvironmental, Inc., a Missouri corporation that had been operating since 1998. FINEnvironmental provided environmental consulting services to various clients in the St. Louis area.



Search Warrant executed at Environmental Consulting Company, PW Environmental in Fraud Investigation

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 21, 2012

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SACRAMENTO – The California State Attorney General's Office served a search warrant on December 11 at PW Environmental, Inc., (PW) an environmental consulting firm at 230 Dove Court in Santa Paula, Ventura County, as part of an ongoing investigation. Criminal and/or civil filings may be filed in the future.



Sentencings

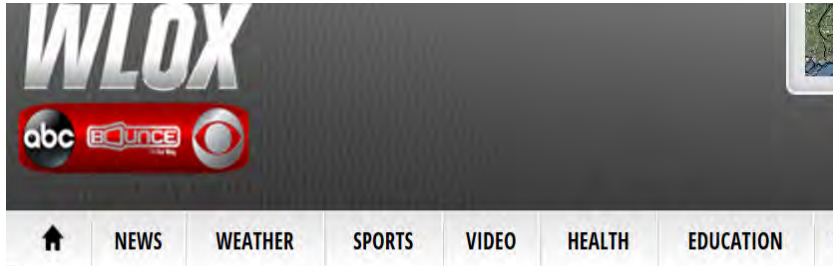
Illinois Businessman Sentenced to Five Years in Prison for Multi-Million Dollar Fraud Scheme -- On August 10, 2015, **MICHAEL R. KEEBLER**, owner of Environmental Management of Illinois, Inc. (EMI), in Springfield, Illinois was sentenced in federal district court for the Central District of Illinois to serve five years in federal prison for a scheme that defrauded the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency of millions of dollars. The



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MS Department of Corrections Commissioner resigns

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By WLOX Staff [CONNECT](#)



Christopher B. Epps (Photo source: MDOC)

JACKSON, MS (WLOX) - WLOX News has just learned that Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner Christopher Epps has resigned from that post. Epps, 53, has served as Commissioner since he was appointed to the post by Gov. Ronnie Musgrove in 2002.

MDOC officials tell us Gov. Phil Bryant is currently serving as an interim commissioner.

Details are limited at this time. We will keep you updated as the developing story as more information becomes available. News and WLOX.com.



More DMR dirt leaking in comments

It has been unusually busy here today in advance of the holiday weekend but I'd like to take a second to let everyone know that I confirmed the recent incidents being cited in comments to yesterday's post on Slabbed's behalf, which involve adultery, and other peccadilloes.

Attorney says... pleas in DMR scandal likely to bring jail



...ranked by attorneys, leave the federal courthouse in Hattiesburg Monday after Bill... agency to defraud the federal government -- the same charge to which his son had... amount of fraud in a separate indictment. (Warren Kula/GulfLive.com)



What is the UST Program doing

- * Horizontal Audits
- * Reviewing clean-up based on contaminants removal
- * Field verification of testing methods
- * Administrative Conferences
- * Providing clarifying language

Questions?

