

How is the Liability of Owners and Operators Affected?

These provisions do not affect or alter the liability of any owner or operator of an underground storage tank system. Owners and operators must still comply with all applicable technical regulations. For example, they must comply with the requirements to report releases, perform necessary corrective action, and maintain financial responsibility to pay for corrective action and for compensation of third parties for bodily injury and property damage.

What Enforcement Authority Must States Have for Financial Responsibility and Installer Certification?

At a minimum, States must have comparable enforcement authorities for violations of their financial responsibility and installer certification requirements as they have for violations of current underground storage tank requirements.

How Will States Demonstrate Compliance With These Guidelines?

After February 8, 2007, the effective date of the financial responsibility and installer certification requirements, and before receiving future grant funding, States must provide one of the following to EPA:

- For a State that has met the requirements for financial responsibility and installer certification, the State must submit a certification indicating that the State meets the requirements in the guidelines.
- For a State that has not yet met the requirements for financial responsibility and installer certification, the State must provide a document that describes the State's efforts to meet the requirements. This document must include:

- A description of the State's activities to date to meet the requirements in the guidelines;
- A description of the State's planned activities to meet the requirements; and
- The date by which the State expects to meet the requirements.

EPA may verify State certification of compliance through site visits, record reviews, or audits, as authorized by 40 CFR part 31.

How Will EPA Enforce States' Compliance With The Requirements In These Guidelines?

As a matter of law, each State that receives funding under Subtitle I, which would include a Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Cooperative

Agreement, must comply with certain underground storage tank requirements of Subtitle I. EPA anticipates State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) funds will be available for inspection and other underground storage tank compliance activities. EPA will also condition STAG grants with compliance with these guidelines. Absent a compelling reason to the contrary, EPA expects to address noncompliance with these STAG grant conditions by utilizing EPA's grant enforcement authorities under 40 CFR part 31.43, as necessary and appropriate.

For More Information About The Financial Responsibility And Installer Certification Grant Guidelines

Visit the EPA Office of Underground Storage Tanks Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/oust> or call 703-603-9900.

Background About The Energy Policy Act Of 2005

On August 8, 2005, President Bush signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Title XV, Subtitle B of this act (entitled the Underground Storage Tank Compliance Act) contains amendments to Subtitle I of the Solid Waste Disposal Act—the original legislation that created the underground storage tank (UST) program. These amendments significantly affect Federal and State underground storage tank programs, will require major changes to the programs, and are aimed at reducing underground storage tank releases to our environment.

The amendments focus on preventing releases. Among other things, they expand eligible uses of the Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Trust Fund and include provisions regarding inspections, operator training, delivery prohibition, secondary containment and financial responsibility, and cleanup of releases that contain oxygenated fuel additives.

Some of these provisions require implementation by August 2006; others will require implementation in subsequent years. To implement the new law, EPA and States will work closely with tribes, other Federal agencies, tank owners and operators, and other stakeholders to bring about the mandated changes affecting underground storage tank facilities.

To see the full text of this new legislation and for more information about EPA's work to implement the underground storage tank provisions of the law, see: http://www.epa.gov/oust/fedlaws/nrg05_01.htm.

Dated: January 22, 2007.

Susan Parker Bodine,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, P.L. 92463, EPA gives notice of a public teleconference of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). NACEPT provides advice to the EPA Administrator on a broad range of environmental policy, technology, and management issues. The Council is a panel of individuals who represent diverse interests from academia, industry, non-governmental organizations, and local, State, and tribal governments. The purpose of this teleconference is to discuss and approve an initial set of recommendations on EPA's role in the sustainable development of biofuels. A copy of the agenda for the meeting will be posted at <http://www.epa.gov/ocem/nacept/cal-nacept.htm>.

DATES: NACEPT will hold a public teleconference on Thursday, February 15, 2007 at 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the U.S. EPA Office of Cooperative Environmental Management at 655 15th Street, NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sonia Altieri, Designated Federal Officer, altieri.sonia@epa.gov, (202) 233-0061, U.S. EPA, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management (1601E), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Requests to make oral comments or to provide written comments to the Council should be sent to Sonia Altieri, Designated Federal Officer, at the contact information above by February 9, 2007. The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting, but seating is limited and is allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis. Members of the public wishing to gain access to the conference

room on the day of the meeting must contact Sonia Altieri at (202) 233-0061 or altieri.sonia@epa.gov by Friday, February 9, 2007.

Meeting Access: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Sonia Altieri at 202-233-0061 or altieri.sonia@epa.gov. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Sonia Altieri, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: January 18, 2007.

Sonia Altieri,

Designated Federal Officer.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the office of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than February 13, 2007.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Jacqueline G. King, Community Affairs Officer) 90 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *Duane A. Kurokawa and Rosella Kurokawa, both of Wolf Point, Montana*, to acquire shares of Western Holding Company of Wolf Point, Wolf Point, Montana, and thereby indirectly acquire shares of Western Bank of Wolf Point, Montana.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 23, 2007

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than February 23, 2007.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Glenda Wilson, Community Affairs Officer) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:

1. *Central Banccompany, Inc., Jefferson City, Missouri*; to acquire 100 percent of Twenty-First Century Financial Services Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and thereby indirectly acquire ONB Bank and Trust Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

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The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than February 23, 2007.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Patrick M. Wilder, Assistant Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Partnership Community Bancshares, Inc., Tomah, Wisconsin*; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 91 percent of the voting shares of The Bancorp of Tomah, Wisconsin, and thereby indirectly acquire First Bank, Tomah, Wisconsin.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 24, 2007.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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