



Petroleum Equipment Institute Announces Online Learning Center

Petroleum Equipment Institute will previewed a new system that will offer owner-operators of petroleum storage tanks online training.

Seattle, WA ([PRWEB](#)) March 17, 2005 -- The Petroleum Equipment Institute introduced a new online training tool to the regulatory community today. The association plans to roll out the "PEI Learning Center" later this year to offer end-user training on the underground storage systems and components used in most modern filling stations.

The PEI Learning Center will debut in Summer 2005 with five initial courses covering leak detection and spill containment equipment. Eventually, it will offer a comprehensive collection of courses specifically geared to help owners and operators understand their underground petroleum storage systems.

The Internet-based system was demonstrated for underground storage tank regulators and inspectors from across the nation during the 17th annual UST/LUST National Conference. The conference is sponsored by the EPA Office of Underground Storage Tanks, New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission, the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials and the Washington State Department of Ecology.

“Training is a big focus here at UST/LUST,” explained Robert Renkes, executive vice president of PEI. “In addition to our owner-operator training system, EPA is previewing a distance learning program for federal and state inspectors.”

According to EPA there are currently more than 670,000 underground storage tanks in the United States.

PEI is the international trade association for distributors, manufacturers and installers of equipment used in petroleum marketing and liquid-handling operations. Users of the equipment include service station and convenience store owners, terminals, bulk plants and airport refueling operations.

PEI is comprised of more than 1,661 companies engaged in the manufacture and distribution of equipment used in petroleum marketing operations. Members are located in 50 states and 81 countries. The Institute's headquarters are located in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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