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### PIF Tank Closure Program

The Legislature has provided funding for the department to contract for tank closure in situations where the property owner does not have the financial resources to close the petroleum storage tank(s) as required by the law. <http://docs.legis.wi.gov/statutes/statutes/101/1/1435>

The funding applies to abandon tanks which are either:

- Not in-use
- Not temporarily-out of-service, or
- Not properly/legally closed (removed or closed-in-place by filling with inert material)

Subsequently, the tank is considered “abandon” by the code.

The State Legislature created a program to assist property owners with the removal of their underground storage tanks who do not have the financial means to remove the tanks. To access the program the property owner must:

- Complete and meet the financial elements of the [application](#).
- Grant the department and the respective contractors [access](#) to the property for the purpose of bidding and performing the tank closure (tank removal).

The department solicits and awards bids for the tank closure. The department places a lien on the property for the cost of the closure. The statute authorizing this funding requires the property owner to return the funds to the DSPS no later than when the property is sold. The Department will release the lien on the property when the lien has been satisfied.

This program is being administered by the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS). In order for DSPS to complete an eligibility determination, the property owner must complete the application and access forms and return them to:

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We would like the subject tanks to be closed through the property owner's voluntary cooperation and participation in the PIF Tank Closure program. The other option is the department will issue 60 day compliance orders. Failure to comply with the order will result in the Department of Justice obtaining a court judgment that will give the property owner a 30 day period to comply and after that period the DSPS will have authorization via the judgment to access the property and remove the tank(s) with the cost of the closure applied as a lien on the property; plus a substantial monetary penalty.

Specific questions relating to the contacting process can be addressed to:

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