

Recommendation	Does the System Impact a Federal Program?	CFDA	Management Response	Corrective Action Plan	Person Responsible	Target Date
1) We recommend the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board work with Department of Environmental Quality to collaborate during corrective action plan development to verify eligibility, assure fund availability, and provide any other relevant input for consideration prior to final plan approval by the department.	No		Concur	The Board will meet regularly with department staff to strategize on business process and database changes that will improve availability of eligibility, funding, and other information. The Board will work with the department staff to develop guidance on cleanup requirements. The Board will collaborate on public outreach to stakeholders to identifying evidence, methods of collection, and documentation so the information needing consideration can be available before work plan approval.	Board, Terry Wadsworth, Jenny Chambers, Terri Mavencamp, Marla Stremcha	Dec-22
3) We recommend the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board work with the Department of Environmental Quality to develop a process, seeking legislation if necessary, whereby remediation projects are competitively bid to bring releases to closure, in accordance with existing state procurement laws.	No		Conditionally Concur	The Board will examine and evaluate the competitive bidding processes other states use to accomplish release cleanup. The Board will work with DEQ staff to conduct public outreach to stakeholders to provide input on the processes. The Board will develop possible alternatives and identify the best alternative. The Board will submit the chosen alternative for a legal reviewed to identify possible statutory changes. If statutory changes are identified the Board will seek a legislative bill sponsor and draft any necessary legislation. Once legislation is passed the Board will make updates to their database cost management and work plan tracking system. The Board will work with DEQ staff to conduct public outreach to stakeholders to provide information regarding the changes to the work plan process. The has made a practice of implementing changes to business processes in January of each year. Therefore, implementation of the bidding process would be expected in January of 2024.	Board, Terry Wadsworth, Jenny Chambers, Terri Mavencamp, Marla Stremcha	Jan-24
4) We recommend the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board work with the Department of Environmental Quality to seek legislation that prepares the fund for the eventual closure of all historic underground storage tank release in Montana.	No		Partially Concur	The Board will work with the department to develop an overarching strategic plan of timely assessing all currently active releases, to have a have a cleanup remedy identified and a schedule for both the cleanup remedy and any subsequent activity. The Board will collaborate with the department to develop a process whereby the owners are inspired to timely start and complete any approved corrective action.	Board, Terry Wadsworth, Jenny Chambers, Terri Mavencamp, Marla Stremcha	Dec-22