



# CLAIM SCENARIOS

## STORAGE TANK ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY (STEP)

### Remediation and investigation costs: \$368,000

A service station owner, who performed regular tank testing on his fuel systems, discovered during the latest test that an underground tank supply line was leaking. Soil sampling and investigations identified that diesel fuel had pooled around the tank. The tank was excavated and the contaminated soils were removed and disposed at an offsite waste facility. A total of \$368,000 was spent between the costs for investigation, remediation and disposal.

### Remediation and Defense: \$1,000,000+

Gas station owner reported a claim when gasoline was discovered to be coming up through the concrete pad associated with the fuel dispensers. The release was confirmed by the gas station owner and excavation and remediation began. It was determined that the underground storage tank system was leaking from several areas (piping, sumps, and the tank itself) and the contamination was more extensive than originally thought. Cost of cleanup exceeded the insured's \$1,000,000 policy. An additional \$100,000 was spent on legal fees associated with regulatory compliance issues.

### First and Third Party Remediation: \$232,000

During a routine daily inspection, a diesel spill was detected coming from a scheduled aboveground storage tank. The release, caused by the overfilling of the tank, flowed onto an adjacent property, resulting in contamination both on-site and off-site. The contamination was remediated with no additional impacts discovered.

### Remediation and Natural Resource Damages: \$450,000

An oily sheen was observed on a local stream. It was traced back to a leak from an underground storage tank at an insured gas station. It was determined that the contamination had impacted the stream for several miles damaging the aquatic species. The station owner was responsible for the remediation and natural resources damages from the impacts to the stream.

### Remediation and Third-Party Property Damage: \$755,000

A gas station customer drove away with the fueling nozzle still in his car. The hose broke off releasing in excess of 150 gallons of fuel onto the concrete pad, which then ran into the adjacent asphalt street. Several sections of eroded asphalt were repaired and replaced and the spilled fuel was cleaned up with total costs exceeding \$750,000.