



## Tanks Compliance and Enforcement and the Petroleum Release Program Partner to Reduce Releases and Remediation

Division: Industrial/Remediation

### Problem description

Releases from storage tanks can contaminate soil and groundwater. Tanks Compliance and Enforcement (C&E) activities aim to reduce leak sites, which are managed by Petroleum Release Program (PRP). The State's Petrofund reimburses tank owners who apply for funds to clean up petroleum leak sites. Greater communication was needed between C&E and PRP to increase compliance in order to decrease the number of new leak sites, and to work together to develop recommendations to the Petroboard for parties requesting reimbursement.

### Background

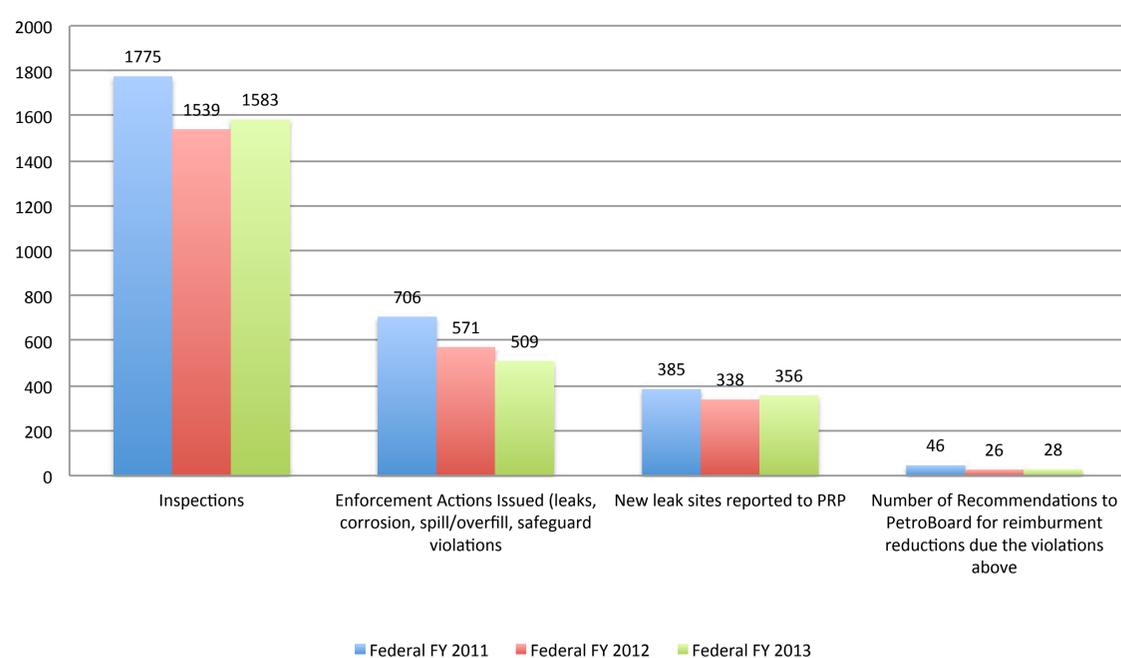
C&E uses a variety of compliance and enforcement tools with the goal of reducing releases to the environment, which would decrease the number of new leak sites entering PRP. In addition, the two programs seek to reduce the amount of dollars paid from the Petrofund for remediation reimbursement if the tank owner was not in compliance with release detection and release prevention requirements. This is accomplished by collaboratively developing a report for the Petrofund Board if the owner was in violation at the time of release. The Board will generally reduce the reimbursement in these instances.

### Baseline measurement

The measures reported above can be affected by increased activity due to an economic upswing, staffing levels, enforcement strategies, and timing. C&E and PRP will continue to communicate and coordinate with the goal of decreasing potential and actual leaks. The group will also continue to work together to develop recommendations to the Petroboard for parties requesting reimbursement. The above measures will continue to be tracked.

### Results

#### Underground Storage Tank and Remediation Program Data



#### Compliance rates

