

FAQs from the NWGLDE

... All you ever wanted to know about leak detection, but were afraid to ask.

Finding Outdated Equipment on the NWGLDE List

In this FAQs from the National Work Group on Leak Detection Evaluations (NWGLDE) we discuss cross-referencing leak-detection equipment and systems that have been sold to a different vendor or rebranded. (Please note: the views expressed in this column represent those of the work group and not necessarily those of any implementing agency.)

Q. Does the NWGLDE track vendor equipment information on the List of Leak Detection Evaluations for Storage Tank Systems (the List) after it is sold or transferred to a different vendor?

A. Yes. Since 2002 over 25 percent of the equipment referenced in the List has been sold or rebranded. (See NWGLDE.org.) Because of the high turnover percentage, and at the request of the vendors involved, the work group does track this information. Vendors need to be aware that when leak-detection equipment or systems have been sold or transferred, the work group requires a letter from both the former and the new vendors confirming the sale in order to update the vendor information.

Q. How might an inspector find equipment on the List if only outdated vendor information is available at the time of an UST inspection?

A. The individual equipment-listing data sheets always display the current vendor information in the lower left corner along with a revision date in the upper left corner. In addition to the current vendor information, the List cross-references vendors in the "Vendor by Alpha" indices pages.

Former vendors continue to be listed with cross-referenced links to the new vendor(s) and equipment. Current vendors that have made simple name-only changes reference the original vendor in parentheses (e.g., see Coggins Systems, Inc. whose equipment is now listed under Varec, Inc.). For larger acquisitions, each acquisition and its associated equipment are listed under the vendor that acquired the equipment

from a previous vendor (e.g., see OPW or Veeder-Root).

Once equipment is listed under a vendor or brand name, that vendor or brand name is forever on the "Vendor by Alpha" list. No matter what name you use to look up something (if it was a valid name at any point in time), you will find this name in the Alpha List, but you may be redirected to the current vendor or brand name to find the actual listing.

If all else fails, the website search engine, located at the top right corner of the work group home page, can always be used to find specific leak-detection equipment and/or vendor information.

About the NWGLDE

The NWGLDE is an independent work group comprising ten members, including nine state and one USEPA member. This column provides answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) the NWGLDE receives from regulators and people in the industry on leak detection. If you have questions for the group, please contact NWGLDE at questions@nwglde.org.

NWGLDE's Mission:

- Review leak-detection system evaluations to determine if each evaluation was performed in accordance with an acceptable leak-detection test method protocol and ensure that the leak-detection system meets USEPA and/or other applicable regulatory performance standards.
- Review only draft and final leak-detection test-method protocols submitted to the work group by a peer review committee to ensure they meet equivalency standards stated in the USEPA standard test procedures.
- Make the results of such reviews available to interested parties.



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