

FAQs from the NWGLDE

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

Getting the Most Out of the NWGLDE Website

In this LUSTLine FAQs from the National Work Group on Leak Detection Evaluations (NWGLDE), we look at the information that is accessible from the NWGLDE website at www.nwglde.org. Note: The views expressed in this column represent those of the work group and not necessarily those of any implementing agency.

Q. Other than a list of accepted leak detection equipment, what other information is available from the NWGLDE website?

A. A variety of leak detection information is available on the NWGLDE website, covering a wide range of topics.

Besides the listings of types of leak detection equipment currently evaluated by the work group under "Test Methods" on the left side of all the NWGLDE web pages (the most used tab on the website), the website includes an alphabetic listing, by vendor, of leak detection equipment (e.g., Vendors: A-F). These pages also include a helpful alphabetic "Outdated Vendor" cross-reference, tracking outdated names to current names.

The "Downloads" tab, also located in the left margin of every NWGLDE web page, provides links to downloadable information, such as annual additions of the NWGLDE list, minutes from all NWGLDE meetings, and NWGLDE policy memos, and links to utilities used on the NWGLDE website. Past meeting minutes provide a good history of discussions and decisions made by the work group.

The next tab on the left side of the page, "Links," provides links to websites with leak detection information such as evaluator, states and USEPA, vendors, and other miscellaneous sites. Also included is reference information that can be valuable for use by UST inspectors.

The "Disclaimer" tab on the left side of the website is frequently overlooked, but very important. All the NWGLDE list disclaimers are included here. A good discussion of the NWGLDE disclaimers can be found in LUSTLine Bulletin #55 (June 2007), which can be found on our website under the "Library" tab with all the other LUSTLine articles written by the work group.

The next tab on the left side of the page, "News and Events," lists changes and/or additions to listings since the last annual NWGLDE hard-copy list was added under "Downloads." On the right margin of this page there are also links to information regarding future NWGLDE meetings and other events relevant to the subject of UST leak detection.

On the bottom of the website pages, several other pages can be accessed. Clicking on "Email" will allow you to email questions to the work group regarding the website, listings, or other pertinent subject matter. Clicking on "Protocols" brings up a list of all leak detection equipment evaluation protocols currently available. "Checklists" contains ATG and line-leak detector maintenance checklists. The "Glossary" contains important definitions that help clarify information on the NWGLDE list.

Very important information for leak detection equipment manufacturers can be found under "Listing Procedures and Requirements" on the home page just above the NWGLDE Chairperson's name. This provides a list of information that must be provided to the work group when submitting a protocol for review.

If you are looking for a specific item and are not sure where to find it on the website, you can perform a search from the link in the top right margin of all website pages.

If you have not visited the NWGLDE website, check us out at www.nwglde.org. ■

■ 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, contact them at questions@nwglde.org.

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