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**USTIF BULLETIN #7**  
**INCOMPLETE WORK PLAN**

In 2008, the Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund (the “fund”) instituted the requirement to submit a Work Plan in the early stage of the remediation process. The fund, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Counsel of Professional Geologists (“PCPG”) held a round of seminars introducing and explaining the Work Plan requirement. The objective of the Work Plan is to foster the generation and use of basic information by the consulting firm at the outset of characterization work in order to improve the quality of site characterization for which USTIF makes reimbursements. The information requested in the Work Plan is consistent with PADEP regulations and constitutes good professional practice.

Most consultants are complying with this requirement and hopefully are benefiting from the comments offered by the Fund’s reviewers. However, there are a few consultants whose Work Plan submittals are substantially incomplete and demonstrate a lack of understanding of the requirements and application of Chapter 245.

The Fund will request that the owner/operator competitively bid the site characterization at these sites.