



**OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS  
STATE FIRE MARSHAL**

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3/2/2026

Grip Oil Company Inc.  
C/O Mr. Ahmad Muhammed  
602 North Locust Street  
Sterling, IL 61081

In Re: Facility No. 1007257  
IEMA Incident No. 20250402  
Sterling Citgo  
602 N. Locust Street  
Sterling, Whiteside, IL 61081

Dear Applicant:

The Reimbursement Eligibility and Deductible Application received on February 12, 2026 for the above referenced occurrence has been reviewed. The following determinations have been made based upon this review.

It has been determined that you are eligible to seek payment of costs in excess of \$5,000. The costs must be in response to the occurrence referenced above and associated with the following tanks:

Eligible Tanks

- Tank 1 10000 gallon Gasoline - Premium
- Tank 2 10000 gallon Gasoline - Regular
- Tank 3 10000 gallon Gasoline - Mid-grade

You must contact the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to receive a packet of Agency billing forms for submitting your request for payment.

An owner or operator is eligible to access the Underground Storage Tank Fund if the eligibility requirements are satisfied:

1. Neither the owner nor the operator is the United States Government,
2. The tank does not contain fuel which is exempt from the Motor Fuel Tax Law,
3. The costs were incurred as a result of a confirmed release of any of the following substances:
  - "Fuel", as defined in Section 1.19 of the Motor Fuel Tax Law
  - Aviation fuel
  - Heating oil
  - Kerosene
  - Used oil, which has been refined from crude oil used in a motor vehicle, as defined in Section 1.3 of the Motor Fuel Tax Law.
4. The owner or operator registered the tank and paid all fees in accordance with the statutory and regulatory requirements of the Gasoline Storage Act.

5. The owner or operator notified the Illinois Emergency Management Agency of a confirmed release, the costs were incurred after the notification and the costs were a result of a release of a substance listed in this Section. Costs of corrective action or indemnification incurred before providing that notification shall not be eligible for payment.
6. The costs have not already been paid to the owner or operator under a private insurance policy, other written agreement, or court order.
7. The costs were associated with "corrective action".

This constitutes the final decision as it relates to your eligibility and the set deductible. We reserve the right to change the deductible determination should additional information that would change the determination become available. An underground storage tank owner or operator may appeal the decision to the Illinois Pollution Control Board (Board), pursuant to Section 57.9 (c) (2). An owner or operator who seeks to appeal the decision shall file a petition for a hearing before the Board within 35 days of the date of issuance of the final decision, (35 Illinois Administrative Code 105.504(b)).

For information regarding the filing of an appeal, please contact:

Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board  
State of Illinois Center  
100 West Randolph, Suite 11-500  
Chicago, Illinois 60601  
(312) 814-3620

The following tanks are also listed for this site:

Tank 4 4000 gallon Gasoline  
Tank 5 4000 gallon Gasoline  
Tank 6 3000 gallon Gasoline

Your application indicates that there has not been a release from these tanks under this incident number. You may be eligible to seek payment of corrective action costs associated with these tanks if it is determined that there has been a release from one or more of these tanks. Once it is determined that there has been a release from one or more of these tanks you may submit a separate application for an eligibility determination to seek corrective action costs associated with this/these tanks.

If you have any questions, please contact our Office at (217) 785-1020.

Sincerely,



Deanne Lock

Division of Petroleum and Chemical Safety