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BOARD OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK INSTALLERS



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ANNUAL REPORT

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To the Commissioner of the
Department of Environmental Protection

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(Fiscal Year 2026)

I. Introduction

The Board of Underground Storage Tank Installers (Board or BUSTI) operates under the authorities established in *Underground Oil Storage Tank Installers*, 32 M.R.S. §§ 10001- 10016. The purpose of the Board is as follows:

In order to safeguard the public health, safety and welfare, to protect the public from incompetent and unauthorized persons, to ensure the highest degree of professional conduct on the part of underground oil storage tank installers and inspectors and to assure the availability of underground oil storage tank installations and inspections of high quality to persons in need of those services, it is the purpose of this chapter to provide for the regulation of persons offering underground oil storage tank installation and inspection services.

Thus, the Board has three major responsibilities:

- A. Certifying Underground Storage Tank Installers and Inspectors (CTIs);
- B. Managing and accrediting continuing education for CTIs; and
- C. Taking disciplinary actions against CTIs who violate its enabling statutes and rules.

By statute, the Board is also charged with submitting an annual report to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection in accordance with 32 M.R.S. § 10004(6). This report is designed to fulfill that mandate for the Fiscal Year (FY) of 2026, covering the following subject areas:

- Board Membership and Staff Support
- Board Meetings
- Underground Storage Tank Installer and Inspector Certification
- Board Approved Continuing Education Accreditation
- Board Website
- Rulemaking
- Enforcement
- Miscellaneous
- Financial Statement

II. Board Membership and Staff Support

Board members are eligible to serve up to two, three-year terms.

Members of the Board and Representation
<i>Chair, Certified Underground Storage Tank Installer or Inspector</i> Keith Lindstrom – Reappointed 10/02/2025
<i>Maine Department of Environmental Protection</i> Joseph Maisonave – Unlimited term ²
<i>Certified Underground Storage Tank Installer</i> Tony Couture – Appointed 05/22/2024
<i>Maine Energy Marketers Association</i> Elwin (Scottie) Scott – Second term expired 12/31/2015 ¹
<i>Maine Fire Chief's Association</i> Bernard Williams – Appointed 05/22/2024
<i>Public Member</i> Kirsten Hebert – Reappointed 12/19/2025
<i>Public Member</i> Vacant
<i>Staff Support – Maine Department of Environmental Protection</i> Matthew Shank
<i>Legal Counsel – Office of the Maine Attorney General</i> Kelsey Gagnon – AAG

¹ Pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 10003(2), a member may serve until a successor is appointed.

² The representative from the Department has no limit on the number of terms they may serve in accordance with 32 M.R.S. § 10003(2).

III. Board Meetings

Two regular meetings were held in FY 2026.

IV. Underground Storage Tank Installer and Inspector Certification

At the end of FY 2026, Maine had 53 certified underground storage tank installers and 42 certified underground storage tank inspectors, in comparison to 60 underground storage tank installers and 34 certified underground storage tank inspectors in FY 2025.

A. Written Examinations

Written examinations are scheduled upon request from applicants interested in becoming certified as underground storage tank installers or inspectors. The Board offered twenty-four (24) written examinations in FY 2026. Examinations are scheduled by appointment only at the Department by interested applicants. A total of fourteen (14) applicants sat for either the initial or final underground storage tank installer certification examinations or the underground storage tank inspector examination. Out of the fourteen, twelve applicants passed examinations to become apprentices, tank installers, or inspectors.

The Board offered applicants who failed an examination the opportunity to review the questions they answered incorrectly along with the correct answers. These reviews were conducted at the office of the Department of Environmental Protection by appointment prior to the next examination or the morning of the examination. Applicants have informed staff that they found this opportunity to review failed examinations very helpful. Subsequent examinations issued to these applicants contain similar, but not duplicate, questions.

B. Underground Storage Tank Installer Apprenticeships

Six apprentices continue to work to complete their apprenticeship requirements in order to qualify to take the final examination to become a Certified Underground Storage Tank Installer.

V. Board Approved Continuing Education Accreditation

Table 1 outlines the continuing education courses approved by the Board during FY 2026. The list of the approved courses is also available on the [Board's webpage](#).

Table 1. Continuing Education Accredited by the Board

Program	Credits	Sponsor	Date Approved
2025 Training Workshop	4	Maine DEP/BUSTI	08/19/25

VI. Board Website:

The [Board's homepage](#) on the Department's website includes a summary of the Board's program and provides online services to Maine's Certified Underground Storage Tank Installers, Inspectors and other interested parties. The website is continually maintained and regularly updated.

VII. Rulemaking:

No Rulemaking was conducted in FY 2026.

VIII. Enforcement:

There were no enforcement cases in FY 2026.

IX. Miscellaneous:

Two Board members, Kirsten Hebert and Keith Lindstrom, received overdue reappointments in FY 2026.

There was a significant increase in the number of examinations given in FY 2026, as staff recognizes the need for new installers and inspectors.

X. Financial Statement

The Board's financial statement for FY 2026 is presented in Table 2.

Table 2. Financial Statement

Income:	
Program Income	\$ 14,167.05
Ground and Surface Waters Clean-up and Response Fund	\$ 78,457.43
Total:	\$ 92,624.48
Expenses:	
Personnel Services ³	\$ 49,123.91
Fringe	\$ 30,212.98
All Other ⁴	\$ 13,287.59
Total Expenses	\$ 92,624.48

³ Personnel Services refers to personnel services, fringe benefits and longevity.

⁴ Other refers to facility rentals, training materials, supplies, mileage, publications, refreshments, and office supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lindstrom, Chairman

Date: _____