

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law creates the Motor Fuels Underground Storage Tank Trust Dedicated Fund Account and provides for grants and loans to fund upgrades and improvements to storage tank sites.

New law requires that upgrades and improvements be completed within three years from approval.

Existing law provides that a grant or loan may only be made if all of the following apply:

- (1) The applicant is domiciled in Louisiana.
- (2) The site is registered with the department as a single wall underground storage tank system.
- (3) The applicant is in compliance with and has paid all fees assessed by applicable state law.

New law limits a grant or loan to underground storage tank systems installed prior to Dec. 20, 2008 and otherwise retains existing law.

Prior law prohibited issuance of a single grant or loan in excess of \$150,000, and limited the annual total of grants and loans to \$3 million.

New law requires that the single award and total award amounts be set by the board and limited to not exceed \$300,000 per award and 75% of the unobligated balance of the interest account of the Tank Trust Account.

Prior law limited applicants to one grant or loan per year.

New law removes the single grant or loan limit and requires the department to establish rules to ensure that an owner may participate in the program no more than once per fiscal year.

New law requires that an owner be the entity that owns the facility where the grant or loan project will be performed. Requires disclosure of applicant ownership structure.

New law provides that the board shall set the total number of grants or loans, not to exceed 20 per application period and 40 per fiscal year. Further provides for two application periods, July 1 to Sept. 30 and Jan. 1 to March 31.

New law is applicable to sites that receive approval on or after July 1, 2026.

Effective July 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 30:2195.2(A)(5) and (6)(a)(ii), (b), (c), (d), and (e); adds R.S. 30:2195.2(A)(6)(f) and (g))