

Red Lake Department of Natural Resources  
Environmental Response Program

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### Field Site Investigation Form

**Property owner/resident:** Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians / Craig Sayers Assignment  
**Address:** From Red Lake Foods Grocery Store, Travel west on Highway 1 for 9 miles. The site is on the right. Abandoned Bigstone Convenience Store/Gas Station.

**Nature of Investigation:** Follow up to EPA Underground Storage Tank inspections  
**Received From:** US EPA  
**Date/Time:** 10/27/2011  
**GPS Coordinates:** N 47 52.161 W 095 00.357  
**Township/Section/Range:** TWP 151, RNG 35  
**County:** Beltrami

**Staff Assigned:** John LeBlanc / Jennifer Godwin  
**Person Conducting Site Visit:** John LeBlanc / Jennifer Godwin  
**Date of Site Visit:** 10/27/2011  
**Photos Taken (Y/N):** Yes  
**Number of photos:** 7  
**Site use:** Abandoned store and gas station

**Neighboring Property types:** Residential and woodlands  
**Distance to Nearest Waterway:** 550 feet  
**Type of Waterway:** Lake  
**Amount/Area of Impact:** 1 acre +  
**Suspected nature of contamination** Abandoned Underground Storage Tank, possibility of petroleum leak

**Are there any known institutional controls in place?**  
**(If so, provide description):** None

**Date of Reinspection:**

**Comments:** This site was abandoned for some time and the Tribe has now taken back the land assignment. The Environmental Response Program secured US EPA funding to have an Environmental Site Assessment done including removal of the UST. The assessment was completed 11/13/13 and we are awaiting lab test results to determine the extent of contamination. Additional testing was conducted on 11/18-19/2014 to determine if excavation will be necessary or if the risk is minimal enough that natural remediation will suffice. The RL ERP is awaiting the test results.

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**Property owner/resident:** Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians / Robin Stately Assignment  
**Address:** From Junction of Hwy 1 and Indian Service 40, travel East on Hwy 1 for 0.4 miles, Sites on north side of Hwy 1 (2 adjacent lots)

**Nature of Investigation:** Input from a tribal member  
**Received From:** Anonymous call received at RL DNR  
**Date/Time:** 10/27/2011  
**GPS Coordinates:** N 47 52.980 W 094 52.400  
**Township/Section/Range:** TWP 151, SEC 21, RNG 33  
**County:** Beltrami

**Staff Assigned:** John LeBlanc / Jennifer Godwin  
**Person Conducting Site Visit:** John LeBlanc / Jennifer Godwin  
**Date of Site Visit:** 10/27/2011  
**Photos Taken (Y/N):** Yes  
**Number of photos:** 37  
**Site use:** abandoned sites for residential use

**Neighboring Property types:** Residential and woodlands  
**Distance to Nearest Waterway:** 1,000 feet  
**Type of Waterway:** Lake  
**Amount/Area of Impact:** 15 acres  
**Suspected nature of contamination:** Industrial/Military lubricant barrels, auto parts, tires, scrapped vehicles, solid waste, scrap metals, destroyed and/or burned mobile homes

**Are there any known institutional controls in place?**  
**(If so, provide description):** None

**Date of Reinspection:**

**Comments:** There is considerable concern for the health and safety of the residents, especially children residing and/or visiting this location. Red Lake Environmental Response Program had a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) completed in September 2013 and it was determined there is enough risk to human health and environment to perform a Phase II ESA. RL ERP had the Phase II ESA conducted October 6-8, 2014. The ESA did not find extremely high levels of contamination. There were some areas with surface contamination related to petroleum and the 2 burned trailers have asbestos concerns. This site does NOT pose a significant environmental hazard and remains an aesthetic and visually unappealing problem only.

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### Field Site Investigation Form

**Property owner/resident:** Reginald Graves / Preston's T&T  
**Address:** Site is on north side of Hwy 1 East in Redby, travel east past RL Fisheries and cross small bridge over Mud River, first driveway on left, follow all the way back to the house

**Nature of Investigation:** Underground Storage Tank out of service for several years  
**Received From:** US EPA Inspector  
**Date/Time:** 3/2/2011  
**GPS Coordinates:** N 47 52.927 W 94 54.307  
**Township/Section/Range:** TWP 151, SEC 32, RNG 33  
**County:** Beltrami

**Staff Assigned:** Timothy Neadeau / John LeBlanc  
**Person Conducting Site Visit:** Timothy Neadeau / John LeBlanc  
**Date of Site Visit:** 3/2/2011  
**Photos Taken (Y/N):** None  
**Number of photos:** 0  
**Site use:** Site was formerly a convenience store with a fuel dispenser which has been closed for several years.

**Neighboring Property types:** Residential, Commercial Fishery and spawning stream, woodlands  
**Distance to Nearest Waterway:** 60 feet  
**Type of Waterway:** Spawning Stream  
**Amount/Area of Impact:** 1 acre +  
**Suspected nature of contamination** Petroleum Products

**Are there any known institutional controls in place?**  
**(If so, provide description):** None

**Date of Reinspection:** 10/27/2011

**Comments:** Red Lake Environmental Staff attempted to provide UST Compliance Assistance the owner to address compliance issues to protect the surface and groundwater resources but the owner was unwilling to work to correct compliance deficiencies. The US EPA is the regulatory agency on all Native American Trust Lands. The US EPA determined that due to the facility being out of compliance for so long, there was significant risk of contamination and the US EPA conducted an Environmental Site Assessment on November 20-21, 2014 which included the removal of tanks and piping. Initial testing indicates significant contamination is present and additional sampling will be required. The US EPA will fund the additional sampling once their funding is available and the ground is thawed so boring samples can be obtained.

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**Field Site Investigation Form**

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Property owner/resident: Darrell Seki Sr  
Address: Reservation Hwy 18

Nature of Investigation: Underground Storage Tank  
Received From: US EPA as Regulatory Agency on Tribal Lands  
Date/Time: 5/20/14 / 9:00 am  
GPS Coordinates: 48 01'36.83" N 94 57'41.46"W  
Township/Section/Range: T 153 S R 34  
County: Beltrami

Staff Assigned: John LeBlanc  
Person Conducting Site Visit: John LeBlanc  
Date of Site Visit: 7/8/2014  
Photos Taken (Y/N): Yes  
Number of photos: 1/4/1900  
Site use: Former Convenience store next to owner's residence

Neighboring Property types: residential/ woodlands  
Distance to Nearest Waterway: 1,490 feet  
Type of Waterway: Lower Red Lake  
Amount/Area of Impact: 1 acre  
Suspected nature of contamination Petroleum

Are there any known institutional controls in place?  
(If so, provide description): None

Date of Reinspection: 10/13/2014

Comments: This site was out of use for several years and was not kept in compliance with US EPA regulations during that time. As a result, the US EPA required the UST system to be removed. The owner voluntarily complied with the order and worked with the Red Lake Environmental Response Program to have the system properly removed. The tank, piping and dispenser were all removed on October 13, 2014. Soil samples are always taken as part of a UST removal. The samples were tested and no contamination was found at this location.