The Washington State Pollution Liability Insurance Agency (PLIA) provides an effective and efficient government funding model that helps owners and operators meet financial responsibility and environmental cleanup requirements for underground storage tanks.

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Gasoline-Diesel
- Underground Storage Tank Revolving Loan and Grant Program
- Commercial Underground Storage Tank Reinsurance Program
- Financial Responsibility Program
- Technical Assistance Program

Heating Oil
- Pilot Heating Oil Revolving Loan and Grant Program
- Heating Oil Insurance Program
- Technical Assistance Program

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PLIA serves as a reinsurer to commercial petroleum UST owners and operators. This provides pollution liability insurance that is more available and affordable. From 1989-2022, PLIA has paid $81.4 million in claim payments.

PLIA insures up to $60,000 for currently registered heating oil tanks. Claim funds pay for cleanup of releases from a heating oil tank. Since the program’s inception, PLIA has paid $95.4 million in claim payments. Over the past ten years, the average number of claims opened per year was 263. There are over 50,000 registered heating oil tanks in Washington State.

PLIA provides financial assistance of up to $2M to gasoline-diesel UST owners and operators needing to replace or upgrade aged fuel systems, clean up past contamination caused by an underground storage tank release, or upgrade infrastructure to dispense alternative fuels. PLIA partners with the Department of Health on financial administrative portions of the program.

In 2022 Q1:
- 9 claims opened.
- 6 claims closed.
- $2.5 million paid.

In 2021:
- 50 claims opened.
- 36 claims closed.
- $2.3 million paid.

In 2021 Q1:
- 50 claims opened.
- 36 claims closed.
- $2.3 million paid.

In 2021:
- 16 applications received.

*The UST Loan and Grant Program suspended new applications in 2021 due to limited funding.

Data retrieved from Ecology Integrated Site Information System database, April 2022.

This graph shows the increase in the number of heating oil claim payments made through the Heating Oil Insurance Program over time.

This map shows the number and location of accepted loan applications from 2017-2020.

This graph shows the number of UST reinsurance claim payments made through the Commercial UST Reinsurance Program over time.

This map shows the number of loan applications received from 2017-2020.
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