Washington State Pollution Liability Insurance Agency Flooding Guidance

In response to the historic flooding that has occurred across Washington State in December of 2025, the Financial Assurance (FA) Program Assessment Team at the Washington State Pollution Liability Insurance Agency (PLIA) is available to help underground storage tank (UST) owners and operators identify next steps to reduce tank leaks and safely resume operations.

PLIA will also be adjusting FA Program deadlines for you if you have experienced recent flooding. The agency is also working to proactively reach out to stations in the FA Program that may need additional guidance.

Please contact PLIA's Lead UST Assessor, Sonya O'Brien at sonya.obrien@plia.wa.gov, if you're an FA Program Participant that has experienced flooding at your gas station and would like assistance deciding on next steps.

Steps to Take If Your UST Facility is Flooded

Please coordinate with PLIA and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) if you've experienced flooding at your UST facility.

- Please report the leak to Ecology if you suspect a UST leak has occurred.
  - Ecology can be contacted at eroertscoordinator@ecy.wa.gov
  - You can also report online at: https://ecology.wa.gov/footer-pages/report-an-environmental-issue/statewide-reporting-form-erts.
- Note your product inventory - follow your normal reporting procedures to Ecology and PLIA if you have a loss of product.
- Take pictures of the flooded facility and UST system.
- Contact your service provider to schedule tightness testing and repairs. Piping and tanks could have moved during the flood.
- Monitor all devices including fill pipes, sump, sensors and dispensers.
- Schedule next steps to get your facility back into service.

Washington State 2025 Flood Map

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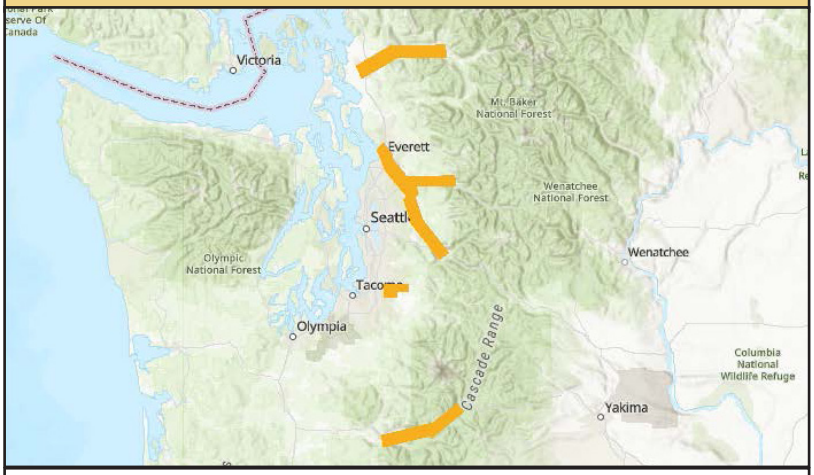

Areas of Significant December 2025 Flooding

PLIA-Identified Areas of Extreme Flooding Risk

- Green River Valley
- White River
- Napavine
- Naches/Yakima Valley
- Skagit Valley
- Snoqualmie Valley
- Whatcom Valley

Some Additional Safety Notes

If your facility is flooded:

- Shut off the facility power to avoid electrical shock.
- Evacuate the area - the area around your tank field can be unstable.

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