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**Public Notice of Petroleum Release, Spill or Overfill**

Local health departments are required by statute (IC 12-23-16) to inform the public of the discovery of released regulated substances at an underground storage tank site or in the surrounding area under 329 IAC 9-4-1 (1) or a spill or overfill under 329 IAC 9-4-4 (a). The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) was notified on October 2, 2020 of such an incident from the owner or operator of the Former Roger Emmons Gas facility located at 12915/12947 U.S. Hwy 6 in or near Lapaz, Indiana in Marshall County.

The site reportedly operated as a gas station until the mid-1980s, but there was no reported closure of the petroleum tanks. In January 2020, an investigation began on the property which included the advancement of six soil borings and the collection of soil and groundwater samples across the site. The property investigation entered into the Indiana Brownfields Program in February 2020 and remedial actions of soil excavation took place in May. The petroleum tanks were not discovered and appear to have been removed as previously thought, although a 1,000-gallon steel heating oil UST tank was removed.

For further information on the Leaking Underground Storage Tank program, please go to [www.in.gov/idem/tanks/2333.htm](http://www.in.gov/idem/tanks/2333.htm) or contact IDEM at (317) 232-8900 or [LeakingUST@idem.in.gov](mailto:LeakingUST@idem.in.gov).

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