

Storage Tank Advisory Committee

Bureau of Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields
Division of Storage Tanks

09/02/2026



Membership

- Call to Order, Introductions, Attendance, and Quorum
 - Robert May, Chairperson
- Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes: June 3, 2026
 - Robert May, Chairperson

Membership

- Public Comment
 - Robert May, Chairperson
- STAC Membership List and Updates
 - Randy Martin, Storage Tank Program Manager, Division of Storage Tanks



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USTIF Update

- Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund
 - Benjamin Lorah, Executive Director, Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund, Pennsylvania Insurance Department



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DEP Update

- Program Statistics
 - Randy Martin, Storage Tank Program Manager, Division of Storage Tanks

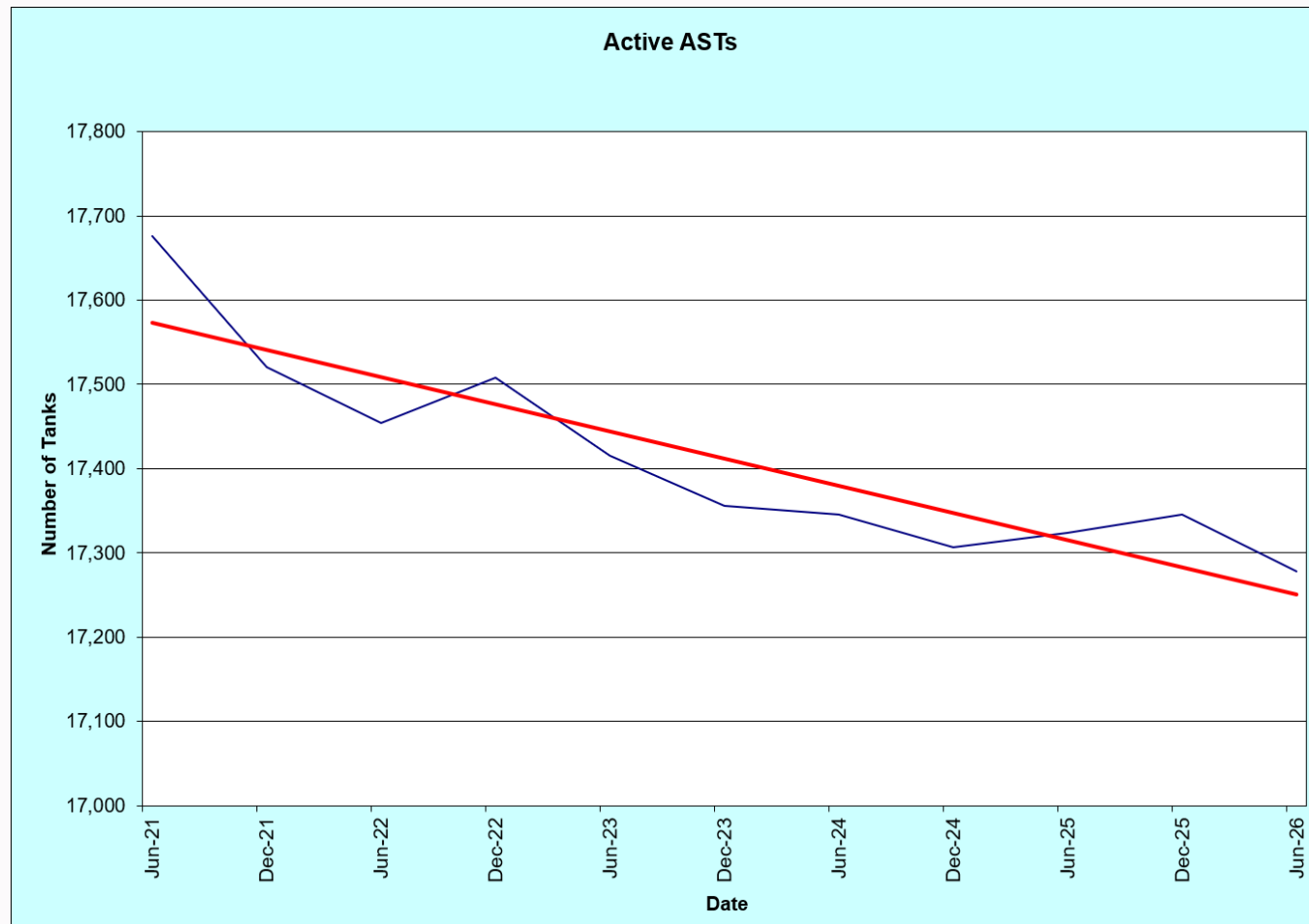
Program Statistics

AST - Active Tanks as of 6/30/2026

Tank Capacity in Gallons	12/31/22	6/30/23	12/31/23	6/30/24	12/31/24	6/30/25	12/31/25	6/30/26	% Change 3 Years	% Change 1 Year
251 to 5,000	8,643	8,621	8,653	8,676	8,734	8,764	8,794	8,738	1.36%	-0.30%
5,001 to 50,000	7,316	7,276	7,206	7,181	7,104	7,096	7,092	7,083	-2.65%	-0.18%
50,001 to 500,000	800	782	768	763	751	747	745	743	-4.99%	-0.54%
500,001 to 2,000,000	436	428	428	426	419	418	418	416	-2.80%	-0.48%
2,000,001 and Greater	313	308	301	300	299	299	297	298	-3.25%	-0.33%
Total for ASTs	17,508	17,415	17,356	17,346	17,307	17,324	17,346	17,278	-0.79%	-0.27%



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AST - Active Facilities and Tanks 7/13/2026

Region	Facilities	Tanks
4100 – SERO	1,154	3,578
4200 – NERO	801	2,375
4300 – SCRO	1,405	3,862
4400 – NCRO	513	1,406
4500 – SWRO	1,145	3,645
4600 – NWRO	656	2,432
Statewide Totals	5,674	17,298



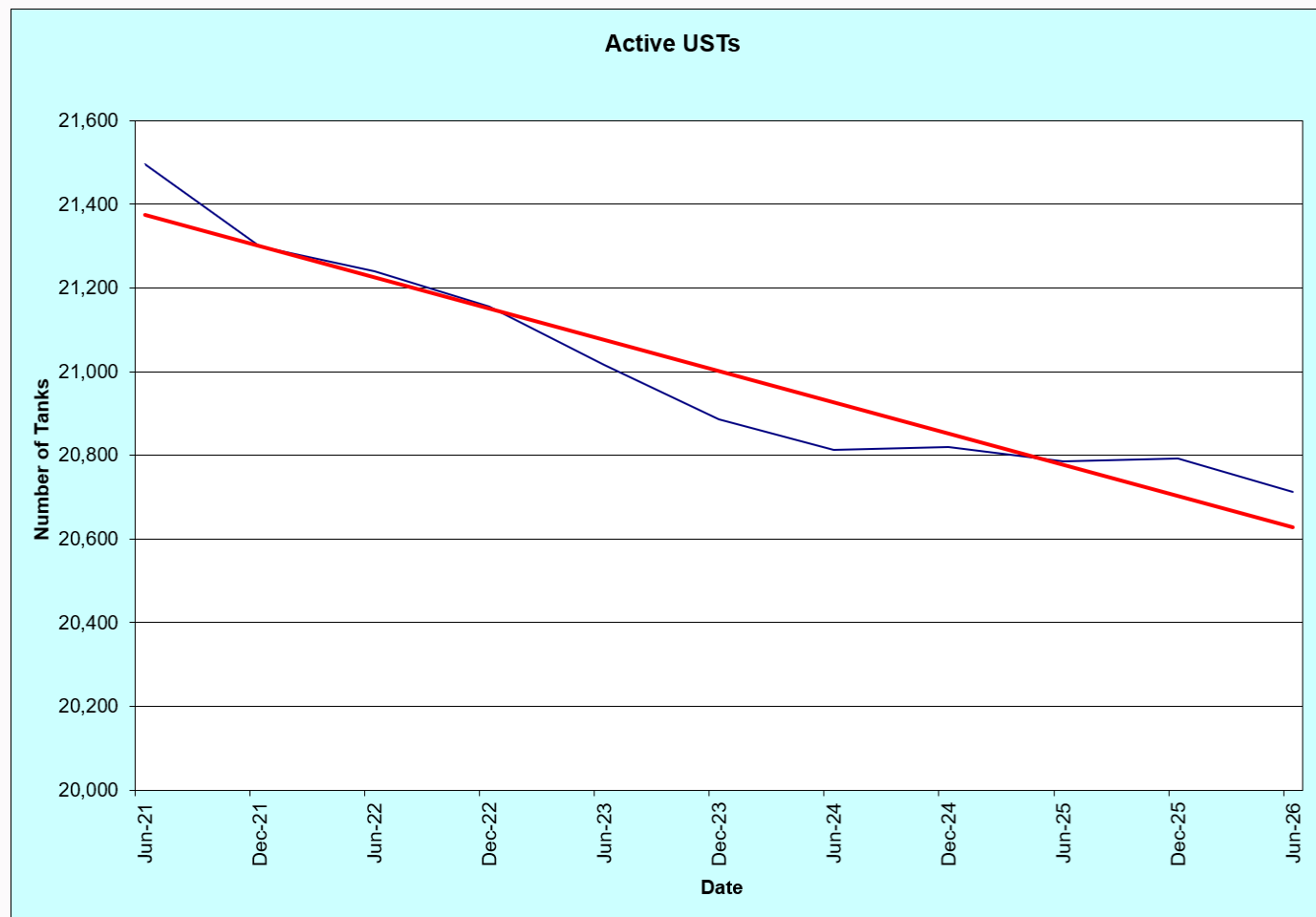
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UST - Active Tanks as of 6/30/2026

Tank Capacity in Gallons	12/31/22	6/30/23	12/31/23	6/30/24	12/31/24	6/30/25	12/31/25	6/30/26	% Change 3 Years	% Change 1 Year
111 to 5,000	4,927	4,855	4,780	4,720	4,659	4,636	4,618	4,542	-6.45%	-2.03%
5,001 to 10,000	10,598	10,517	10,434	10,389	10,378	10,344	10,296	10,242	-2.61%	-0.99%
10,001 and Greater	5,630	5,645	5,671	5,703	5,782	5,806	5,878	5,928	5.01%	2.10%
Total for USTs	21,155	21,017	20,885	20,812	20,819	20,786	20,792	20,712	-1.45	-0.36%



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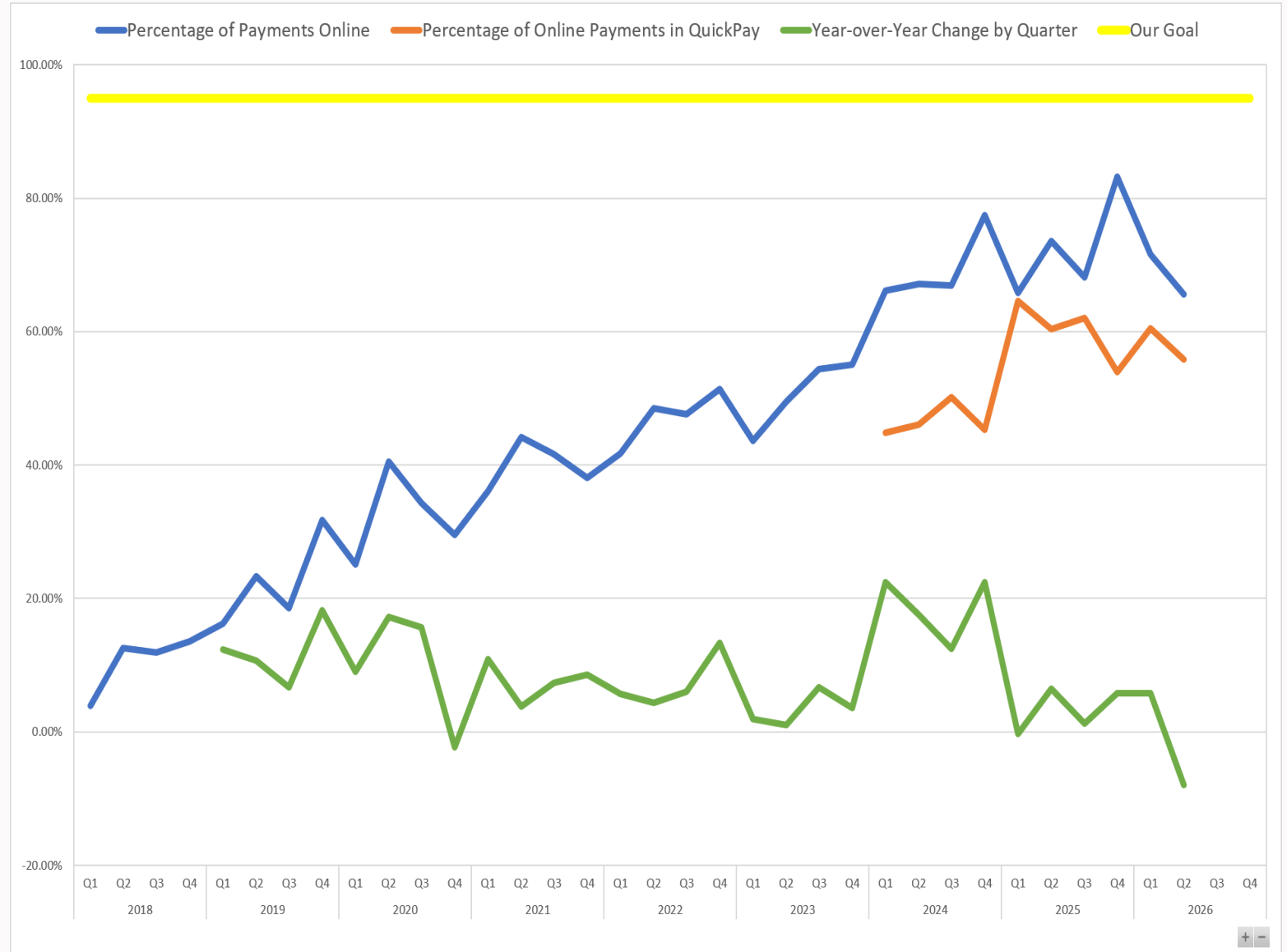
UST Active Facilities and Tanks 7/13/2026

Region	Facilities	Tanks
4100 – SERO	1,420	4,079
4200 – NERO	1,213	3,614
4300 – SCRO	1,570	4,826
4400 – NCRO	632	2,083
4500 – SWRO	1,241	3,706
4600 – NWRO	737	2,401
Statewide Totals	6,813	20,709



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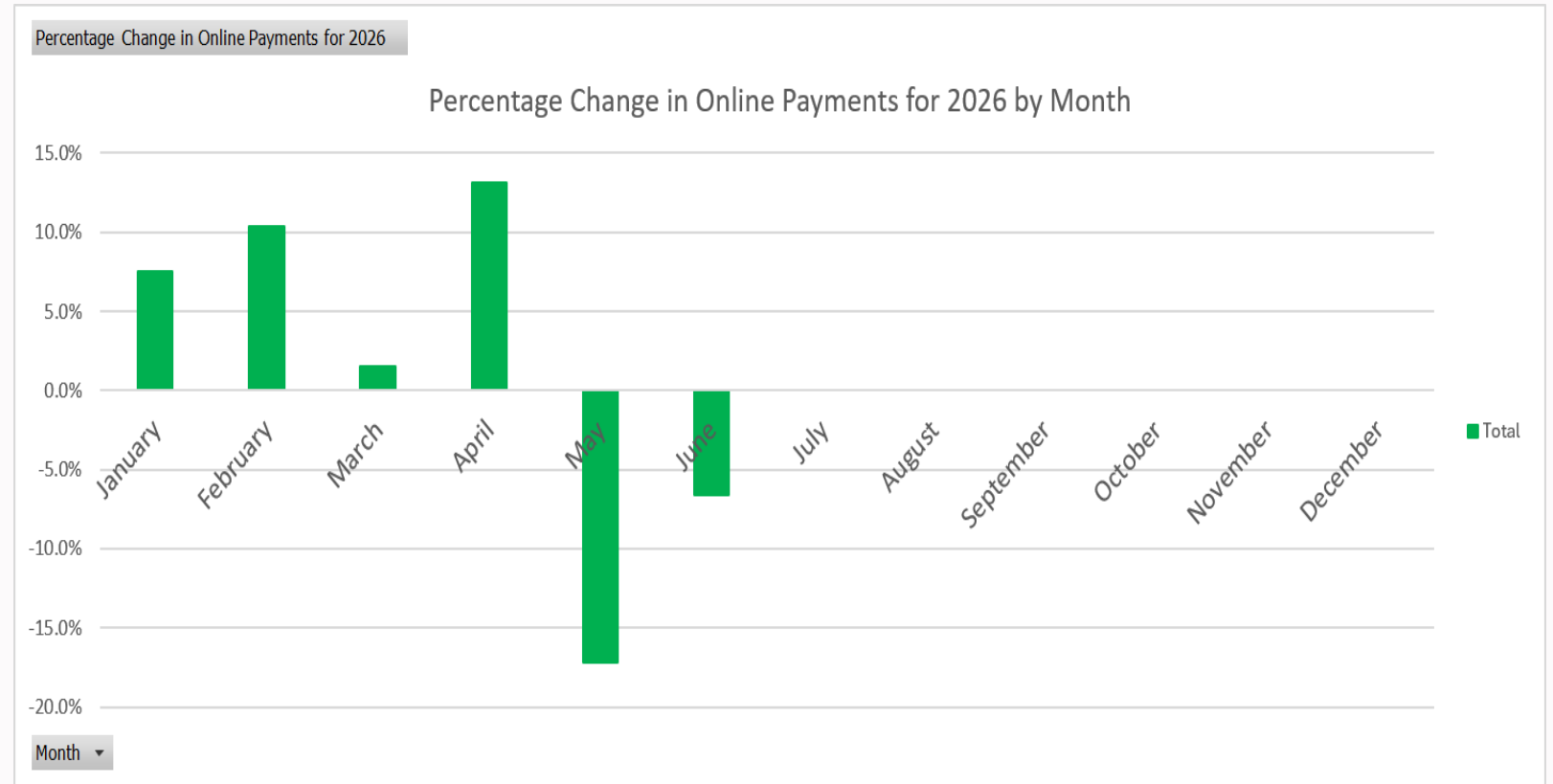
- Since January 2026, 71.0% of all storage tank registration fees were paid online
- Since January 2026, 58.2% of those online payments were made through “Quick Pay”





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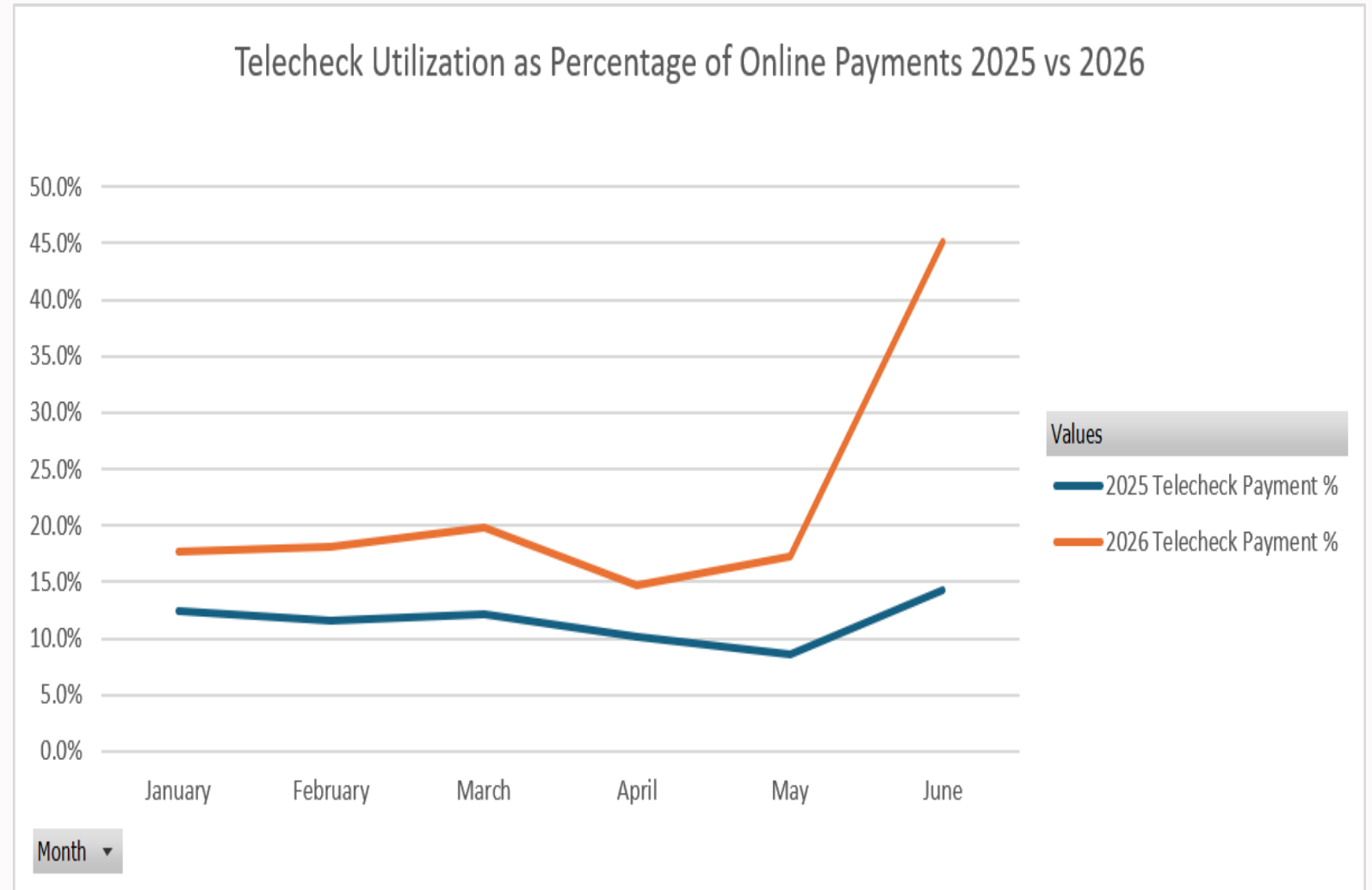
- Beginning May 1, 2026, there was a sharp decline in online payments due to the 2% credit card processing fee that was implemented agency-wide





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- Beginning May 1, 2026, there appears to be a transition occurring where Telecheck is the preferred online payment method



Program Statistics

Registration Forms Processed

Month	FY 22-23	FY 22-23 e-permits	FY 23-24	FY 23-24 e-permits	FY 24-25	FY 24-25 e-permits	FY 25-26	FY 25-26 e-permits
July	130	10	102	15	150	15	97	14
August	130	12	137	18	124	136	55	16
September	111	27	91	17	171	33	70	39
October	118	18	117	17	135	27	119	46
November	114	16	92	20	102	173	51	25
December	106	36	107	19	104	28	97	26
January	95	35	157	15	110	24	85	39
February	145	12	123	15	98	37	90	48
March	182	10	139	24	90	18	107	35
April	120	17	160	24	95	12	75	33
May	120	20	116	22	107	19	50	42
June	108	14	97	50	92	21	133	44
Total	1,479	227	1,438	256	1,378	543	1,029	407

Program Statistics

Third Party Inspection Review/Entry

Month	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
July	315	475	361	417	351	315	424	390
August	350	307	318	366	366	293	514	310
September	407	374	299	348	375	392	402	326
October	264	376	387	423	356	318	445	405
November	290	287	296	331	260	292	334	338
December	235	193	263	344	398	273	338	346
January	408	346	264	367	306	283	384	214
February	200	241	229	204	268	235	417	222
March	149	209	330	412	258	341	339	281
April	211	301	335	510	214	318	376	267
May	520	317	285	358	301	344	423	299
June	515	304	333	367	278	335	415	337
Total	3,864	3,730	3,700	4,447	3,731	3,739	4,811	3,735

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Modification Report Review/Entry

Month	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
July	252	671	361	525	569	347	378	355
August	286	583	318	547	607	406	396	296
September	204	415	573	560	597	293	297	309
October	611	746	540	593	533	431	332	349
November	267	497	548	678	518	354	274	288
December	299	360	543	537	663	339	265	336
January	146	303	497	578	609	192	282	289
February	73	479	472	326	438	306	222	239
March	48	297	587	328	443	478	381	392
April	247	670	482	864	434	430	334	319
May	604	587	547	544	394	344	333	312
June	327	488	632	481	381	350	287	311
Total	3,364	6,096	6,100	6,561	6,186	4,270	3,781	3,795



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DEP Update

- LUST Cleanup Backlog and ASTM E3488-25 Standard Guide for Moving Sites to Closure (MStC) for Petroleum Underground Storage Tank (UST) Releases Guidelines
 - E. Alex Eckman, Environmental Program Manager, Site Remediation Division
 - Tom Schruben, Physical Scientist, Office of Underground Storage Tanks, United States Environmental Protection Agency

LUST Cleanup Backlog and MStC Guidance

JOSH SHAPIRO, GOVERNOR | JESSICA SHIRLEY, SECRETARY



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LUST Cleanup Backlog

- In 2021, re-evaluation of DEP's cleanup statuses and EPA's definition of 'cleanup complete,' increased DEP's LUST cleanup backlog from: 1,597 (8.7%) to 3,162 (17.3%).
- Since then, DEP has consistently reduced the backlog by about 0.75% per year.
- As of DEP's March 2026 mid-year report to EPA, the backlog was down to 2,625 (13.6%).



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Backlog Reduction

- To meet annual goals and to close backlog cases faster and more efficiently, DEP is exploring the following:
 - Pilot program involving GTAC contractor review of inactive cases in one DEP region.
 - Partnership with EPA to train DEP staff on ASTM E3488-25 “Standard Guide for Moving Sites to Closure (MStC) for Petroleum Underground Storage Tank (UST) Releases,” and to implement into DEP processes where possible.



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MStC Guidance

- The key player in information exchange and training related to MStC has been Tom Schruben with EPA's Office of Underground Storage Tanks.
- Thanks in advance to Tom for giving us today's overview of the MStC Guidance.



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STAC Business

- Old Business – Robert May, Chairperson
- New Business – Robert May, Chairperson



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STAC Business

- Adjourn – Robert May, Chairperson
- Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 2, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 105, Rachel Carson State Office Building, Harrisburg PA 17105 and via Microsoft Teams



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