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WIECKOWSKI TO CHAIR ESTM COMMITTEE HEARING ON CLEANING UP UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

*HEARING IN SAN JOSE WILL EXAMINE HOW STATE AND LOCAL
AGENCIES WORK WITH TANK OWNERS TO CLEAN UP SITES.*

Sacramento - The state Assembly's Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee will hold a hearing Wednesday in San Jose on progress toward cleaning up thousands of leaking underground tanks that pose an environmental threat in California.

"Cleaning up leaking gas station tanks and restoring abandoned sites is critical to our local economies and environmental safety," ESTM Chairman Bob Wieckowski (D-Fremont) said. "We passed some important measures last year to fund clean-up efforts and this hearing will help us better address the challenges and impediments to restoring these sites in a timely way."

The committee will hear testimony from the State Water Resources Control Board, an official from Robinson Oil (Rotten Robbie), environmental clean-up firms, Santa Clara, Alameda, Calaveras and Merced county environmental health officials, and the California Independent Oil Marketers Association, among others.

In October, Governor Brown signed a two-bill package authored by Wieckowski and Assemblymember Cameron Smyth (Santa Clarita). Without the legislation, new claims to clean up sites would have been significantly delayed across the state.

WHO: Assemblymember Bob Wieckowski, ESTM Committee

WHAT: Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee Hearing

WHERE: Isaac Newton Senter Auditorium, (County Building) 70 West Hedding St. San Jose

WHEN: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Wednesday, November 30, 2011