

# December 8, 2021 Board Update

## Division of Consumer Equitability

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### Program Updates

- Metrology – As of November 21, 2021
  - FY22 total items calibrated: 392
- Petroleum Technology – As of November 21, 2021
  - FY22 total samples tested: 926
  - FY22 sample failures: 8
  - FY22 fuel quality consumer complaints: 6
- Weights and Measures – As of November 9, 2021
  - FY22 devices inspected: 11,427
  - FY22 package and price verification inspection hours: 56
  - FY22 repair orders issued: 431
  - FY22 stop-use orders issued: 9
  - FY22 weights and measures consumer complaints: 51

### Industry Impact

- During the September 8, 2021 Board of Agriculture meeting, inquiries were made about the possible reuse of underground storage tanks (UST) for agricultural purposes. After consultation with the Division of Environmental Protection of the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, it was determined that there is no explicit prohibition in state and Federal regulations concerning the reuse of USTs, but that in many cases, reuse is impractical.
  - Extracting underground fiberglass tanks can often result in unrepairable damage. Steel tanks, such as those used to store heating oil, cannot be cleaned effectively enough to be used for water or other commodities and could contaminate groundwater.
  - There are still opportunities to reuse USTs. If there is interest in this possibility, a company that removes USTs can be contacted directly. Companies that specialize in tank removal can be found at <https://ndep.nv.gov/land/underground-storage-tanks/heating-oil>. In the seventh paragraph there is a link to ‘Certified Tank Handlers as well as Certified Environmental Managers. Within the list, environmental managers are at the top, followed by tank handlers, then tank testers. Companies certified as tank handlers are those most likely to perform UST removal services.