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Protanic and Tank Integrity Services Unveil National Tank Tester Association. Protanic, Inc., of Milwaukee Wisconsin and Tank Integrity Services, Inc. of North Royalton, Ohio announced today the launching of the National Testing Contractors Association LLC, (NTCA) a nationwide consortium of petroleum storage tank testing vendors.

According to Steve Purpora, President of Protanic and co-founder of the association, the new organization was formed in response to the needs of companies who own stations in multiple locations throughout the continental United States.

Dennis Oberdove, President of Tank Integrity Services and co-founder of the association, says experience and dedicated testers are what set their group apart.

Unlike a large national testing company, NTCA serves as a central point of contact for over 22 independent testing firms, essentially creating a national network of testing vendors. The firms act independently but coordinate scheduling, testing and billing through one central location.

"NTCA coordinates with regional vendors nationwide from one toll free number" says Purpora. "We can provide local testers who already know their customers, already have a working relationship with government inspectors and already understand the local rules."

National corporations with multiple locations throughout the country can negotiate a rate for each facility over a wide range of states through one central location. NTCA is not limited to tank and line testing. They offer a wide variety of services including Stage II Vapor Recovery systems, 24-hour help desk, compliance assistance inspections, trouble shooting, service calls, corrosion testing and even training.

Purpora and Oberdove's long-term goal is to ensure that quality testing services are provided nationwide. With the absence of any prior network of testers, there has been no mechanism to ensure consistency of that quality says Purpora. He adds that NTCA wants to ensure there is a "culture of quality" within the retail petroleum testing industry.

An added feature of NTCA is the immediate availability of important testing and compliance information. The company maintains a web site where clients can access their account 24 hours a day through a secure internet site. The web site is www.ntcallc.com

Oberdove says "NTCA's commitment to our vision of quality is driven by the passion of our people for excellence and innovation. This passion drives everyone within the organization to never settle for mediocrity or being second best."

Protanic has been in the tank testing business for over 30 years. They have trained and certified over 3,000 testers and 400 companies. Protanic has also tested over 200,000 tanks and 650,000 lines since 1972. Tank Integrity Services has been in business for over 15 years and has tested thousands of tanks and lines through the Mid-West.

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