

Franklin Fueling Systems Approves the KWA LS-2003 Leak Detector Tester



Approval Applies to FE Petro, Incon, and EBW Leak Detectors

July 1, 2003 - Franklin Fueling Systems, the parent company of FE Petro, Incon, and EBW, has approved use of the KWA LS-2003 Leak Detector Tester for testing all models of FE Petro, Incon, and EBW line leak detectors.

The approval follows an evaluation performed by Franklin Fueling Systems engineers, which determined that the LS-2003 "could be used effectively to verify compliance of a 3.0 gal/h line leak per current EPA protocols." Currently, the EPA requires that functional testing be performed annually on all line leak detectors (electronic and mechanical). Line leak detectors manufactured by Franklin Fueling Systems that can be verified for functionality in the field using the LS-2003 include the following models:

<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Device Model</u>
FE Petro	STP-MLD Mechanical Line Leak Detector Series
Incon	TS-LS300 Electronic (Pressurized) Line Leak Detector Series
Incon	TS-LLD Electronic (Volumetric) Line Leak Detector Series
EBW	AutoStik/BulkStik II Electronic Quad Line Leak Modules

Jeff Wilcox, environmental engineer with KWA and LS-2003 trainer, stated the importance of receiving manufacturer approval. "We are pleased that Franklin Fueling Systems has recognized use of the LS-2003 as a legitimate method that technicians can help tank owners meet federal law. Without EPA certification requirements for leak detector testers, manufacturer approval may be the most effective way that technicians can determine what equipment to use for functional testing."

Ken Wilcox, president of KWA and developer of the LS-2003, explained that while the LS-2003 is a great piece of equipment, it is important not to underestimate the value of technician training. "It has been KWA's policy to certify users of the LS-2003 equipment. The LS-2003 may be the easiest and most accurate leak detector tester ever built, but that doesn't mean it can't be used incorrectly. Technicians need to understand how to make leaks and what the requirements are or they can test leak detectors incorrectly. We try to minimize mistakes and improve technicians understanding of leak detectors by putting them through our training program."

About the KWA LS-2003 Leak Detector Tester

Designed to help service organizations and tank operators meet EPA guidelines requiring annual testing of all line leak detectors, the LS-2003 is capable of testing any mechanical or electronic line leak detector. The unit works by introducing leaks into pipelines at rates of 3.0, 0.2, and 0.1 gal/h to determine if a leak detector can correctly identify the presence of a leak. The LS-2003 incorporates technology that KWA has used since 1989 to conduct third-party evaluations of leak detection methods.

About Franklin Fueling Systems

The Franklin Fueling Systems group was formed in 2000 by Franklin Electric Company of Bluffton, Indiana. Franklin Fueling Systems is comprised of FE Petro, EBW, Incon, and APT. Franklin Fueling Systems offers customers the broadest range of products in the fueling systems industry and is capable of supplying all the equipment required for an underground fueling system.

About Ken Wilcox Associates, Inc. (KWA)

KWA was founded in 1989 by Ken Wilcox as an independent testing laboratory. Located in Grain Valley, Missouri, KWA provides third-party evaluations and R&D facilities for manufacturers of leak detection equipment. Since 1989, KWA has evaluated hundreds of different leak detection methods. KWA's facilities include operational underground storage tank and pipeline facilities as well as standard laboratory facilities. KWA manufactures several UST related products including the LS-2003 Leak Detector Tester. For more information, please refer to <http://www.kwaleak.com> or contact Ken Wilcox at 816.443.2494.