

## Putting the "Service" Back in Service Station Reconstruction.

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Over the years, service station owners have added various improvements to make pumping gasoline as quick and convenient as possible. And when it comes to installing those improvements, the owners appreciate service providers who offer superior speed and convenience as well.

In the fall of 2002, S.M. Miller Construction Co., a general contractor headquartered in Grove City, Ohio, demolished a 30-year-old British Petroleum (BP) service station near downtown Columbus to make room for a modern service station/mini-mart. Part of that demolition involved removing two 30-year old underground storage tanks that had been in place since the station's construction. Because these tanks had been filled with

gasoline, both had to be classified as special waste, cleaned in accordance with federal, state and local environmental guidelines, crushed and then taken to a Subtitle "C" landfill for disposal.

The initial phase of the operation went according to schedule. The tanks were hoisted to the surface, a special waste contractor flushed and crushed the containers, and the remains were declared ready for disposal. And that's when the problem occurred.

The waste provider originally chosen for the job reluctantly reported that it wouldn't have the proper equipment available for anywhere from four to five days. In the meantime, construction at the site would have to be suspended. Because of the station's busy urban location, this would have been particularly inconvenient. This is when S.M. Miller decided to call Waste Management.

Having worked with Waste Management in the past, S.M. Miller placed an emergency call to the Canal Winchester office and asked if it would be possible to remove the crushed tanks any sooner than the original hauler had suggested. With access to the widest range of solid waste collection and disposal trucks in the Columbus market, Waste Management confidently replied that it would have a crew on site the first thing the next day. Which is exactly what they did.

The following morning, Waste Management removed the crushed gasoline storage tanks in accordance with all regulatory guidelines and trucked them to a nearby Subtitle "C" landfill for permanent disposal. Thanks to Waste Management's quick response and immediate access to the necessary equipment, reconstruction of the BP service station and mini-mart was able to continue safely and on schedule.

**Quickly removing special waste takes a company that knows how to "step on the gas."**

*From everyday collection to environmental protection, Think Green. Think Waste Management.*



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