

TANK OWNERS

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Are Your Tanks Registered and Certified



Beginning this fall, the Texas Legislature requires registration and self-certification of your Underground Storage Tank (UST) Systems. **This new law also prohibits a common carrier from making a delivery of a regulated substance (petroleum products) into a UST unless there is a valid current delivery certificate for the facility. Implementation of this law will begin this winter and you will have 60 days from the effective date to submit your paperwork to the TNRCC.** In short: **NO CERTIFICATE – NO GAS!** Keep your eyes open for a TNRCC mailer for these specific dates. For further information, please contact the TNRCC Registration Team at (512) 239-2160.



Check your renewal certificate cover letter or invoice for your renewal premium credit amount. For the past few years, credits have been substantial and ranged from 20% to 40% of the gross premium. Contact our office to discuss your eligibility.

TOMIC On-Site Inspection



We have expanded our original Loss Control Pilot Program and have continued to visit Texas facilities. This program is a wonderful opportunity for you as owner/operator to learn more about your tank system compliance issues.

The inspectors are verifying inventory control records, monthly and annual testing records. They may inspect accessibility to your tank systems, dispensers, and testing equipment in an attempt to help our policyholders control conditions that can cause costly losses.

Our inspection team hopes you find this information beneficial:

- ▶ **Locks for fill pipes** - Review your situation to assure the security of your tank system accessibility.
- ▶ **Spill containment basins** - Bucket should fit tight and not leak water & fuel mixtures into the soil. Please verify that you have a tight spill basin, and review proper disposal of any spilled fuel and water that may accumulate in the buckets.
- ▶ **Rectifier boxes for cathodic (corrosion) protection systems** - Please verify your box has a power source, and that you are maintaining a current rectifier reading log.

- ▶ **The inspectors have been removing the dispensers and checking the shear or impact valves (also called emergency shutoff valve) pertaining to a pressurized line system for proper installation.** In the event a fire, collision, or other emergency occurs at the dispenser and of the pressurized line, these valves provide a safe shutoff of product flow. **Please check that these valves are properly anchored to the base of the dispenser.**

Thank you to all who participated in this year's inspections. We welcome comments regarding this service. For more information regarding compliance go to the TNRCC Web Site at <http://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us>

ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANKS

Tank Owners offers Third Party Liability Coverage for Aboveground Storage Tanks which meet our underwriting guidelines.

Note: Pollution Liability Coverage is not a State requirement. Please contact your city government for any coverage requirements.

Maintain Good Records

You should keep copies of reports, testing and maintenance or repair records made to your tank system for compliance verification, inspections or suspected release. Please provide all records to a new owner/operator.



MAINTENANCE REMINDERS

- ▶ **Continuous (Monthly) Leak Detection** – Should maintain a minimum of (1) monthly report, log or printout for each tank with a passing result.
- ▶ **Cathodic (Corrosion) Protection** – System should be certified by a NACE corrosion expert or qualified professional engineer every 3 years. Rectifier readings on an Impressed Current System – Logged every 60 days.
- ▶ **Pressurized Lines** – Annual or monthly tightness test required (may be included with certain forms of monthly leak detection).
- ▶ **Mechanical and Electronic Line Leak Detectors (pressurized lines)** – Shall be tested at least once per year for performance and operational reliability.
- ▶ **Suction Lines** - Tightness test may be required every 3 years. Check with installer or tester to verify if this pertains to your system.

- ▶ **Overfill Protection and Spill Containment or catchment basin installed.**
- ▶ **Stage II Vapor Recovery** – Don't forget about daily and monthly equipment check lists and the annual pressure decay test. Are you in a county that requires Stage II? Contact the TNRCC for any questions at (512) 239-2182.

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK RELEASE PREVENTION



EARLY WARNING SIGNS FOR A POSSIBLE RELEASE:

- ▶ Erratic behavior of dispensing pump.
- ▶ Leak detection monitoring results and/or testing indicating a leak. This includes any inconclusive or failing results.
- ▶ Complaints from neighbors of water that tastes and/or smells like petroleum or strong petroleum vapors.

- ▶ If you suspect that a release has occurred, please notify us by filling out an Incident Report and returning it immediately. You should contact the TNRCC or local implementing agency at once.



FYI:

TOMIC Member Service Team at
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