



CAN YOU SELF-CERTIFY?

The annual filing of UST compliance self-certification is almost due. Do you meet the requirements to self-certify? Owners/Operators of regulated USTs must self-certify that each listed UST system (tank & lines) is compliant with certain administrative and technical requirements in order to receive a TCEQ delivery certificate. In order to self-certify you must meet the following requirements:

- Is your UST registration complete, accurate and up to date?
- Are your facility fees current?
- Does your Financial Assurance coverage meet TCEQ requirements, for first-party corrective action, third-party bodily injury, and third-party property damage in the event of a petroleum release from these UST systems? If you are insured with TOMIC, you can answer yes to all these questions in Section X. and your insurance policy provides \$1,000,000 coverage for third party liability & corrective action.
- Are the regulated UST systems at this facility in compliance with the technical standards of the TCEQ, for corrosion protection, release detection, spill and overfill prevention & control?

If you can answer yes to all of the above you can self-certify. If you are unsure of the requirements, contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Petroleum Storage Tank Registration Team at (512) 239-2160. If you require assistance with technical standards contact the UST technical Specialists Team at (512) 239-2182. If you have a question about Section X., please call Tank Owners (800) 336-1338.

Mark Your Calendar for December 9

2004 UST MANAGEMENT & COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE SEMINAR

Red Lion Hotel
Austin, Texas

Learn
how to
comply with
PST regulations
on a daily
basis!

SEMINAR TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Tank & Line Testing
 - UST Registration/Self Certification
 - Cathodic Protection
 - Spills/Releases
 - Automatic Tank Gauging & Inventory Control
- and many more!

For More Information:
Anton Rozsypal 512-239-2001

How Flexible is Your Piping?

Tank Owners Mutual Insurance Company has received a number of claims involving the failure of flexible piping. In some instances, the line leak detectors have failed to stem the release! The causes of this are many, involving fungal decay, or chemical reactions with the petroleum and the polyethylene pipe construction materials. The piping can expand and swell causing kinks, weakness, and balloons in the piping length- which eventually lead to catastrophic failure. How can you prevent a similar scenario and the resulting problem and interruption of your business?

- Inspect the facilities for signs of impending failure.
- Test the secondary containment and release detection system.
- Consider adding additional redundant piping release detection systems.
- If failing flexible piping is found, take it out of service immediately.

For more information please see the Flexible Piping-Failure Prevention Checklist found on our website at www.tankowners.com

New SPCC Deadline

The US-EPA announced on its website (www.epa.gov/oilspill) today, an 18 month extension of the compliance deadline for revising Spill Prevention Control and Containment plans and extended the deadline for implementing the new plans.

Deadline One – For a facility that is in operation before 8/16/2002 you must revise current plans no later than February 17, 2006. New facilities will have an additional 6 months.

Deadline Two – All facilities must have their SPCC Plans implemented by August 18, 2006.

Does SPCC apply to you? If you store 1320 gallons of petroleum products in above ground systems and 42,000 gallons in below ground systems (Texas Regulated USTs are exempt) then you are required to have a Spill Prevention Control & Countermeasures Plan.

MYTHBUSTERS

Many times retail gasoline stations get “BAD” information about the rules and regulations that apply to their underground storage tanks. There have been many myths and rumors that with the new rules and the installation of an automatic tank gauge you will not have to continue with monthly inventory reconciliation. That is definitely not correct. Not only are you required to reconcile inventory every 30 days not to exceed 35 days, but it is also useful to help you catch thefts or losses from your tank system. Avoid fines by TCEQ by reconciling inventory monthly!

SPILL AND LEAK REPORTING

Has there been a release or spill at your site? Did you know that you are required to report all spills and releases immediately? For assistance with emergency petroleum or hazardous substance spills call the:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Hotline: 800-832-8224
National Response Center: 800-424-8802

AND

Tank Owners Mutual Insurance Company: 800-336-1338

DO NOT DELAY in reporting incidents to the regulators and TOMIC. Failure to notify promptly can lead to costly environmental clean-ups, fines and violations. It can also result in claim denials!!!

Contact Changes at Tank Owners

The contact for General Information has changed to Dbyrne@tankowners.com! The Important Phone Numbers are the same:

TOMIC Member Service Team

(817) 336-1336 or 800-336-1338
www.tankowners.com (website)
Service@tankowners.com (email)

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

TCEQ-PST Registration Team
512-239-2160
TCEQ UST & Stage II
Technical Specialist
512-239-0300
TCEQ General Help Line
512-239-2038
www.tceq.state.tx.us

TCEQ INSPECTORS! They're Back!

The inspection data from TCEQ website shows the numbers of retail gasoline station inspections is still increasing!

2003 Inspections

Notices of Violation – 855

Formal Actions for Petroleum Storage Tanks – 181

Administrative Orders – 344

Fines Assessed – \$2,481,777.00

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

TCEQ-PST Registration Team
(512) 239-2160

TCEQ-UST & Stage II Technical Specialists
(512) 239-0300

TCEQ-Help Line
(512) 239-2038
www.tceq.state.tx.us

EPA Office of Underground Storage Tanks
(703) 603-7171

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