



Underground Storage Tank Compliance Rules Due Dates in 2020

Revised UST rules became effective on June 1, 2018 and apply to all owners of regulated USTs in Oregon. The implementation date for most of the new rule amendments begins on **Oct. 1, 2020**. Please see the table below for a complete schedule of all of the 2018 rule revisions:

2018 DEQ Requirements	Implement By
To change tank owner, permittee or property owner information Notification now required 30 days of change from previous 60 days	Required since June 1, 2018
Changing tank contents to an alternative fuel greater than 10% ethanol or 20% biodiesel ♦ Notification now required 30 days before changing the tank contents ♦ The “UST Alternative Fuel Compatibility Form” is required for both new installations of tanks containing alternative fuels and changes in content to alternative fuels	Required since June 1, 2018
Flow restrictors in vent lines may no longer be used to meet the overfill prevention requirement at new installations and when an existing flow restrictor is replaced	Required since June 1, 2018
Testing following a repair	Must begin meeting these requirements after Oct. 1, 2020
For previously deferred UST systems: ♦ Release detection for UST systems that store fuel solely for use by emergency power generators or for both emergency power generators and heating	
Spill prevention equipment testing	
Overfill prevention equipment inspections	
Containment sump testing for sumps used for piping interstitial monitoring	
Release detection equipment testing	Must conduct the first test or inspection by Oct. 1, 2020
Walkthrough inspections	

DEQ developed a directive, *Underground Storage Tank Compliance Program 2018 Rule Changes and Other Related Guidance Directive*, to assist UST staff in implementing these rules. They will also help UST operators and service providers achieve compliance with the following revisions:

- Walkthrough inspections;
- Overfill prevention equipment inspections;
- Spill prevention equipment tests;
- Containment sump tests; and
- Operability tests for release detection equipment.

You can view the directive on DEQ’s website on our [Tanks Forms page](#). DEQ encourages owners and permittees to take the necessary steps to comply with the new requirements now. We anticipate service providers to be very busy as the due dates approach.



Contacting DEQ UST Inspectors

DEQ assigns inspectors for every county in the state. Please refer to the table below:

Northwest Region Portland		Western Region Eugene		Western Region Coos Bay	Western Region Medford
700 NE Multnomah Ave (Suite 600) Portland, OR 97232		165 East 7 th Ave (Suite 100) Eugene, OR 97401		381 N Second St. Coos Bay, OR 97420	221 Stewart Ave (Suite 201) Medford, OR 97501
Mark Drouin	Eric Kelley	Dylan Eckert	Bill Brady	Eric Clough	Andrea Garcia
503-229-5496	503-229-5048	541-686-7517	541-687-7359	541-269-2721 ext. 231	541-776-6003
Counties:	Counties:	Counties:	Counties:	Counties:	Counties:
Columbia Hood River Multnomah	Clatsop Clackamas Tillamook Washington	Benton Crook Deschutes Gilliam Grant Jefferson Lane Morrow Sherman Wasco Wheeler	Baker Linn Marion Polk Umatilla Union Wallowa Yamhill	Coos Curry Douglas Lincoln	Harney Jackson Josephine Klamath Lake Malheur

Annual Tank Fee Reminder

Law governing USTs, passed by the 2017 legislature (HB 2168), increased the annual tank fee from \$135 per year to \$325 per year over 4 years using this schedule:

- For calendar year 2018, \$195 per tank
- For calendar year 2019, \$245 per tank
- For calendar year 2020, \$295 per tank
- For calendar year 2021 and for each subsequent calendar year, \$325

Financial Responsibility Reminder

Permittees are reminded that demonstration of financial responsibility **is required annually** to renew your operating certificates on July 1 of each year. Permittees, or their insurance agents acting on their behalf, should email a copy of the Certificate of Insurance upon renewal of their pollution liability insurance policy to: financialresponsibility@deq.state.or.us. Permittees using mechanisms other than insurance are also encouraged to email their annual documentation, such as letters from chief financial officers, to the same e-mail address listed above. DEQ encourages emailing of documentation because it is fast, efficient, and saves postage costs and paper. The UST program can also receive financial responsibility documentation via fax at 503-229-6977 and mailed documentation to:

DEQ Attn: Underground Storage Tank Program
700 NE Multnomah Street Suite 600
Portland OR 97232-4100

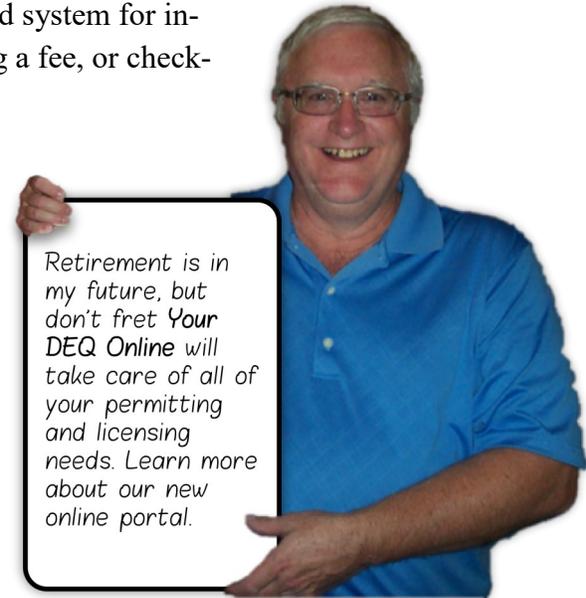
For additional assistance, do a web search of the EPA's publication "Dollars And Sense: Financial Responsibility Requirements For Underground Storage Tanks" which provides a plain language summary of UST owners' and operators' financial responsibilities under federal UST regulations.

Your DEQ Online

Steve Paiko is right – we are modernizing the way we accept, process, and share information with our stakeholders, including underground storage tank permit holders. Although the change is many months away, we want to make sure you know what's coming and how you will benefit. *Your DEQ Online* is a new, web-based system for interacting with DEQ, whether you are submitting permit renewals, paying a fee, or checking on the status of an application.

What does that mean for the UST community?

- A new online permitting system – no more filling out and mailing paper forms.
- New login and password criteria that comply with federal electronic reporting rules
- Online payments – bye-bye mailed-in paper checks
- One-stop dashboard



Our projected implementation date for the Underground Storage Tank program is early 2021, which gives you time to prepare and learn more. As we get further along in the project, we will have sample online forms to demonstrate just how the new system will work. We are excited about *Your DEQ Online* – it offers a way to streamline and upgrade interactions with DEQ for years into the future. Among the goals of this project are:

- To make our services more accessible to our stakeholders and the public
- To save applicants time and resources on application submissions
- To reduce the ongoing costs of collecting and maintaining submission data
- To provide faster turnaround time for issuing licenses/certifications/permits
- To meet federal electronic reporting standards
- To improve transparency and management of publicly available environmental data

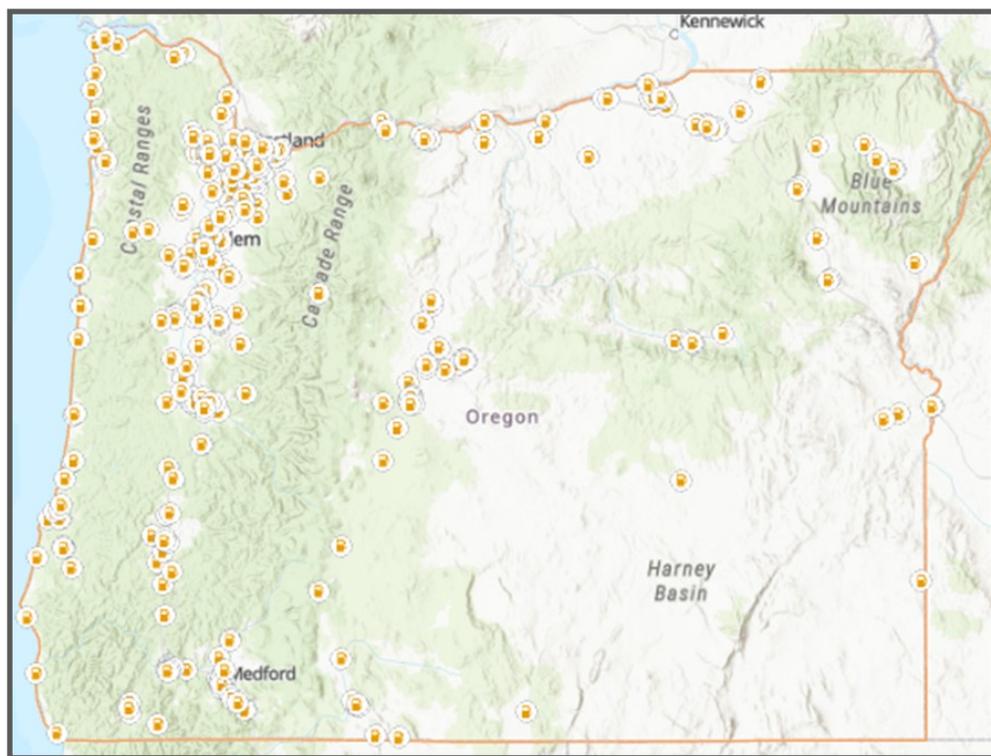


We encourage you to stay informed and participate in opportunities to test the new electronic data management system by signing up to receive text messages or emails regarding this project. To sign up, and for more information, visit the [Your DEQ Online web page](#).

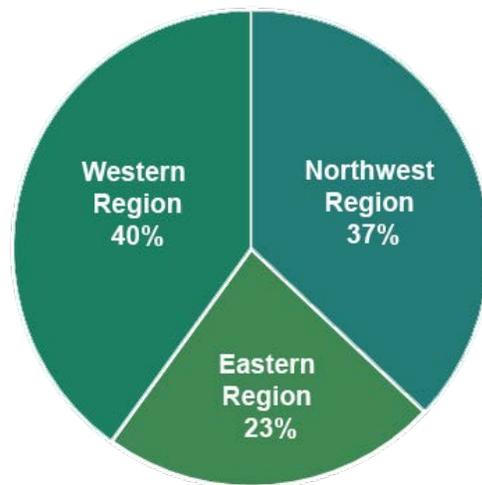
Aging Tanks

Based on a 2019 data analysis, Oregon has roughly 1,707 facilities which are home to over 5,249 active tanks. Of the state's 5,249 active tanks, there are 1,723 "aging tanks" (tanks 30 years in age or older) across 504 facilities. This means that nearly 30% of all UST Facilities have active aging tanks. The research is clear, aging tanks are more likely to leak and this fact means obtaining financial responsibility is harder for facilities with aging tanks. Program staff recently completed a detailed mapping showing all the USTs in Oregon and possible impacted resources should one or more tanks leak. We have shared this information with other DEQ staff, including Regional Solution Team members, to educate and have information to share with impacted stakeholders and communities as the need arises.

We recognize there continues to be a need for information development and sharing. Therefore, we will continue to get the word out about the need to address these high-risk, aging tanks. Equally important, we will develop a plan to work with other agencies and organizations to help us address aging tanks. These efforts will include examining different mechanisms and incentives to decommission the older tanks. Expect more interactions from the UST Compliance Program in 2020.



Percent of Facilities with Aging Tanks by Region



◆ 504 Facilities with Aging Tanks

◆ 29.5% of All Active Facilities have Aging Tanks

Alternative Formats

Documents can be provided upon request in an alternate format for individuals with disabilities or in a language other than English for people with limited English skills. To request a document in another format or language, call DEQ in Portland at 503-229-5696, or toll-free in Oregon at 1-800-452-4011, ext. 5696; or email deqinfo@deq.state.or.us.