

STATE OF OREGON

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

UST Compliance Bulletin

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Installations, decommissionings, and modifications

Starting Feb. 1, 2024, Oregon DEQ will have new UST forms outlining construction notification and inspection requirements. Some of the changes are highlighted in this newsletter. These changes will help DEQ provide clearer communications with owners/operators and their contractors. All requirements and procedures will be explained on the notification and checklist forms. Updated notification submittals and checklists will be available on our website.

We will also be going through the process of updating our UST Compliance (OAR 340-150) and UST Contractor (OAR 340-160) rules. The rule updates are needed to ensure that the Oregon UST Program continues to effectively protect Oregonians' drinking water. Be on the lookout for future Gov Delivery notifications about this process and ways for you to get involved.



Contact the UST Duty Officer with questions, comments, or concerns, 503-229-5034.

Tank installations and piping modification notifications will require:

- ◆ Engineered plans for any work relating to the installation of a tank and/or piping
- ◆ Written scope of work of the project
- ◆ **All notifications sent to UST.dutyofficer@deq.oregon.gov for approval**

Decommissioning notifications will require:

- ◆ Written sampling plan that complies with Oregon UST and Cleanup requirements
- ◆ **Notifications sent to UST.dutyofficer@deq.oregon.gov for approval**



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DEQ Inspections

- Starting Feb. 1, 2024, installation, decommissioning and modification checklists will require DEQ inspections during various stages of site work. **Make sure to review checklists prior to starting work for proper DEQ notifications.**
- DEQ inspectors will require that workers have proof of manufacturer certifications on-site during periodic inspections.
- The DEQ UST Program will not allow facilities to operate without proof that piping was installed per manufacturer specifications, NFPA 30 and PEI 100 requirements. At a minimum, DEQ will require proof of the following:
 - ⇒ Twice the diameter between piping and six inches between piping and trench walls.
 - ⇒ In accordance with NFPA 30, in areas subject to vehicle traffic, the pipe trench shall be deep enough to permit a cover of at least 18 inches of well compacted backfill and pavement.
 - ⇒ Piping crossover should be avoided and proper separation will be required if crossover is unavoidable.
 - ⇒ Piping end radius not to be larger than the manufacturer specifications.
- **Contact the UST Duty Officer for all questions and site inspections.** Contractors may feel the desire to contact inspectors they are comfortable speaking with. While this is not discouraged, **the UST Duty Officer will make the determination if proper DEQ notifications and submittals were completed accurately.** Without communications with the UST Duty Officer, you risk the chance of your client not being able to operate their facility once you have completed the work.

Document Submittal to DEQ

- DEQ will only accept the most recent version of notifications and checklists. Refer to DEQ's [website](#) or contact the UST Duty Officer to ensure you are using the most recent version.
- **All submittals must be sent to UST.dutyofficer@deq.oregon.gov.**
- **Submittals sent to individual inspectors will NOT be reviewed.**
- Installation, decommissioning, and modification checklists will be reviewed within 30 days of submittal. The UST Duty Officer will determine if the checklist meets all requirements, after which time DEQ will issue an operating certificate, if applicable.
 - ⇒ ***With written approval, the UST Duty Officer can review documentation within 7-business days. It is the responsibility of the owner or contractor working on behalf of the owner, to ensure DEQ submittals are complete and accurate. Approvals will not be given with incomplete submittals.***
- Decommissioning checklists must be submitted within 30 days of the tanks being removed.
- **30-day Notification MUST be submitted at least 30 days prior to new installations, modifications, and decommissionings. Limited exceptions may be granted, in writing only, if there are extenuating circumstances.**

New forms will be available on our website starting Feb. 1, 2024.

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