

# Tankline Bulletin

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## Installations, decommissionings, and modifications

Starting in 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 and provide additional technical assistance during site work. Updated notification submittals and checklists will be available on our website.

The goal of the UST Compliance program is to protect Oregon's soil and groundwater from petroleum contamination, and these changes are meant to help us identify problems with UST equipment before it goes into use. A single point of contact for UST work will help DEQ review and approve applications and checklists in a timely manner and ensure consistency and correctness in the work that is performed.



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

### **Tank installations and piping modification notifications will require:**

- ◆ Site 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](mailto: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](mailto:UST.dutyofficer@deq.oregon.gov) for approval**

## DEQ Construction Inspections

- Starting in 2024, DEQ will request that operators, or their contractors, notify us during various critical junctures of any site work. This will allow the UST program to be on-site and offer technical assistance during site work which in turn will help operators with future compliance inspections.
- The DEQ will communicate these inspection requests with you and your contractor prior to any work commencing. The DEQ does not want to slow down construction work but wants to ensure that contractors are meeting the manufacturer specifications and industry standards when installing your equipment.
- As example, the DEQ has been observing many new UST and piping installations the past few years. One component for these requested inspections will to be on-site to ensure that all piping and ancillary equipment is installed per manufacturer specifications, NFPA 30 and PEI 100 requirements. From experience, the DEQ has observed that releases occur from piping equipment more often than a new UST. A system proper installation will help with future compliance inspections while protecting the environment from any new potential releases.
- DEQ will also request to be on-site during various testing stages during site work. This will allow the DEQ to ensure testing is being done consistently across the state and again allow us to provide an opportunity to assist operators with future compliance inspections.
- The DEQ UST program will also be modifying installation, decommissioning and modification checklists. These changes will require site specific information as well as various notification junctures. Make sure you and your contractor review checklists prior to starting work for proper DEQ notifications and documentation.
- The DEQ will be working with operators and contractors as we establish these new procedures to ensure Oregon's drinking water is protected from future releases.
- As always, the DEQ UST Program welcomes any questions or comments on ways to better serve you, the public and the environment
- Please contact the UST Duty Officer for all questions regarding this Tankline Bulletin, future site construction or any future inspection you may have.

## 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](mailto:UST.dutyofficer@deq.oregon.gov).**
- Installation, decommissioning, and modification checklists will be reviewed within 30 days of submittal. The UST Duty Officer is available to help you ensure the checklist meets all requirements.
- For installation and modifications it is imperative that the UST Program receive at a minimum all DEQ and manufacturer checklists, testing documentation, site plans, and a list of installed components. All requirements are defined in OAR 340-150 as well as the checklists available online.
  - ⇒ ***With written approval, the UST Duty Officer can review documentation within 7-business days. It is imperative the you or your contractor communicate with the UST Duty Officer to ensure all paperwork is submitted to ensure you are able to operate your facility.***
- Decommissioning checklists must be submitted within 30 days of the tanks being removed.

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