



Proposed Changes to Federal UST Regulations

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued proposed revisions to the 1988 UST regulations. The proposed regulations were published in the Federal Register on November 18, 2011. The comment period closed on April 16, 2012. The web link to the Federal Register and proposed UST regulations is:
<http://www.epa.gov/swerust1/fedlaws/proposedregs.html>.

LDEQ comments were submitted to EPA on April 13, 2012, and are available on the LDEQ website at:
<http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/DIVISIONS/UndergroundStorageTankandRemediationDivision/UndergroundStorageTank.aspx>.

EPA's proposal revises the UST regulations in 40 CFR Part 280 by:

- Adding secondary containment requirements for new and replaced tanks and piping
- Adding operator training requirements for UST system owners and operators
- Adding monthly walk through inspection of spill prevention equipment, sumps and dispenser cabinets, monitoring wells, cathodic protection equipment, and release detection equipment
- Adding annual testing of spill prevention equipment (or use double-walled spill bucket with interstitial monitoring)
- Adding testing of overfill prevention equipment every three years
- Adding secondary containment area testing every three years (interstitial spaces and sumps) or use specific continuous monitoring

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UST Regulations continued

- Adding a requirement to test release detection equipment (ATG, ATG probes, sump sensors, LLDs) annually to ensure equipment is operating properly
- Removing certain deferrals - specifically requiring release detection for emergency generator tanks, field constructed tanks, airport hydrant systems, and wastewater treatment tank systems
Eliminating flow restrictors (ball float valves) as an overflow prevention equipment option (preventing installing them on new systems and replacing them on existing systems)
- Adding a requirement to permanently close tanks that use internal lining as sole method of corrosion protection if the internal liner fails an inspection
- Adding a requirement to demonstrate compatibility of UST system components if storing greater than 10 percent ethanol or greater than 20 percent biodiesel
- Phasing out vapor and groundwater monitoring as release detection options within 5 years
- Adding a requirement to report interstitial monitoring alarms
- Adding a requirement to verify structural integrity of the interstitial space before returning tank/piping to service after repairs are made to secondarily contained UST systems
- Updating codes of practice and
- Making editorial and technical corrections

According to EPA Office of Underground Storage Tanks, the expected date for the final regulations is approximately May 2014. Once the federal regulations become final, LDEQ will have 2 years to adopt them into our own regulations. LDEQ will provide outreach training on the new federal regulations and prior to finalizing the state regulations.

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LUST Trust Fund

The LUST Trust Fund provides money to:

- Oversee cleanups of petroleum releases by responsible parties;
- Enforce cleanups by recalcitrant parties;
- Pay for cleanups at sites where the owner or operator is unknown, unwilling, or unable to respond, or which require emergency action; and
- Conduct inspections and other release prevention activities (*Source: U.S. EPA*).

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Underground Storage Tank and remediation Division (LDEQ/USTRD) uses Trust Fund money to support underground storage tank cleanup and prevention programs. LUST Trust Fund cleanup money is used to:

- oversee corrective actions by responsible parties; and
- clean up sites that require prompt action to protect human health and the environment and/ or where the responsible party is unknown, unwilling or unable to perform the cleanup.

The State's LUST Trust Fund prevention money is used to:

- inspect federally regulated UST facilities;
- conduct release prevention and compliance assurance activities; and
- pay for enforcement activities related to release prevention (*Source: U.S. EPA*).



UST Operator Training Seminar

Louisiana Class A & B Schedule

October 22, 2013

Kenner, LA

Doubletree Hotel
2150 Veterans Boulevard
Take Williams Airport Exit - Corner of Veteran's Blvd &
Williams
Kenner, LA 70062 [Map](#)
Cost: Free

October 23, 2013

Lafayette, LA

Hotel Acadiana
1801 W Pinhook Road
Lafayette, LA 70508 [Map](#)
Cost: Free

October 24, 2013

Baton Rouge, LA

Holiday Inn South
9940 Airline Highway @ I-12
Baton Rouge, LA 70816 [Map](#)
Cost: Free



Petro Classroom

Louisiana Class C
Operator Training as
required by the Energy
Policy Act of 2005 is
available online at:

<http://training.petroclassroom.com/LouisianaClassC>

The web-based course
takes approximately 30
minutes to complete. Upon
successful completion of
the course, a “Certificate of
Completion” will be issued
as a downloadable PDF
document.

For further information, please visit:

<http://www.petroclassroom.com/>

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Operator Training Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) can be located on our website at:

<http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/Portals/0/UndergroundStorageTank/Operator%20Training%20FAQ%20-%202-26-2013.pdf>