

Dependable Petroleum Service wanted to update you on some of the changes MassDEP has made to the Underground Storage Tank program. On January 2, 2015, the MassDEP made changes to the Underground Storage Tank (UST) regulations. Some of the requirements took effect immediately and others have implementation dates in the near future.

In August 2015, MassDEP rolled out a new on-line Database Management System (DMS). All UST owners and operators must utilize this system.

Listed below are the new requirements and when they must be complied with.

On-line Database Management System: Facility Owners/Operators must create an account and update their UST facility information before their next Third Party Inspection or Compliance Certification, whichever comes first. The first step will be to set up a user account and obtain signatory rights. Information on how to do this can be found at;
<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/toxics/ust/massdep-underground-storage-tank-ust-forms.html>.

The following functions will be performed with this new system.

- UST Facility Registration
 - This will replace the existing FP290 form
 - The new registration requires additional information about the UST facility to be submitted
 - Updates to the registration will be submitted electronically
- Third Party Inspections
 - Inspection reports will be submitted electronically
 - A Return to Compliance plan will allow an additional 30 days to correct any issues that could not be corrected by the inspection date
- Compliance Certification
 - This will be completed by the Owner/Operator
 - You will need to answer 16 questions to ensure your facility is in compliance
 - The certification will be submitted electronically

Requirements effective 1/2/2016:

- UST Overfill Protection is now required to be tested annually
- There are additional Record Keeping requirements
 - Records can be kept electronically or in hard copy
 - UST Monitor Alarm Tracking
 - Financial Responsibility Certification Statement
 - Emergency Response Guidelines
 - Monthly Inspection Reports
 - The time records must be retained has changed
- Third Party Inspections must be completed and any issues identified must be corrected by the due date
- Ball Floats will not be allowed to be used for primary overfill protection. Existing Ball Floats can remain, but cannot be replaced

Requirements effective 1/2/2017:

- Containment Sump integrity testing
- Spill Bucket integrity testing
- Stage II Vapor Recovery Decommissioning
- Stage I Vapor Recovery upgrades

Requirements effective 8/7/2017

- Single Wall Steel Tanks must be removed from the ground

Requirements effective 1/1/2019

- All submersible pumps that are not installed in a containment sump, must have one installed

Dependable Petroleum Service is aware of the new requirements and has developed programs to help you comply. If you have any questions regarding the new changes or would like to know how we can assist you, please call or email us at 508-747-6238 or info@dependablecompany.com.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bruce Garrett", written over the typed name.

Bruce Garrett
President