


MEMORANDUM

TO: Underground Storage Tank (UST) System Owners/Operators

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SUBJECT: Reminder of New Testing Requirements for Underground Storage Tank Systems

DATE: December 15, 2020

The North Dakota UST Program is reminding you that there are new testing requirements for your UST systems that have been in place since April 1, 2018. In general, these new tests require that all leak detection equipment gets tested annually and that all spill, overfill and piping sumps get tested for functionality every three years. These tests are due by April 1, 2021 and are described in the North Dakota Administrative Code 33.1-24-08. Testing requirements will differ depending on the equipment at your facility.

According to N.D.A.C. 33.1-24-08, all tanks that are used to power emergency generators will NO longer be exempt from leak detection requirements and will now be required to provide leak detection on the tanks and piping by April 1, 2021. Also, it has come to the Department's attention that some facilities may not have included these tanks on their prior notification form (SFN 10980). Please submit an updated notification form if necessary. The tank contractors that perform this work have been very busy, so please schedule these tests as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Lastly, as a reminder, you must notify the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Fund (PTRCF) at 701-328-5191 and North Dakota UST Program **at least thirty days** before the tanks are removed from the ground. **This is the responsibility of the facility owner and/or operator(s)**. Any money spent to cleanup a leaking tank may not get reimbursed by the fund if they have not notified the fund in advance.

If you have questions on this requirement, please contact the Underground Storage Tank Program at 701.328.5166.

Thank you for your cooperation.