



## NJDEP PROPOSES UPDATES TO UHOT RULES

NJDEP is moving forward with several long-awaited steps to more reasonably deal with unregulated heating oil tanks. Thousands of cases have been held up throughout the state over this rulemaking, as NJDEP traditionally has had more stringent rules for these underground storage tanks than other states, including the regulation of tentatively identified compounds.

To view the latest information go to:

[www.nj.gov/dep/rules/proposals/20170717b.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/dep/rules/proposals/20170717b.pdf) (copy of proposed rules)

[www.nj.gov/dep/srp/unregulatedtanks/](http://www.nj.gov/dep/srp/unregulatedtanks/) and [www.nj.gov/dep/srp/unregulatedtanks/uhot\\_guidance.htm](http://www.nj.gov/dep/srp/unregulatedtanks/uhot_guidance.htm)

RT's experience with the proposed rules, which are pending adoption, indicate that many tank discharge cases that have remained open for years could soon be closed.. Approaches to close out sites which show that little contamination of concern remains at UST sites, including residential sites, can be implemented using more sound scientific and technical regulatory approaches, which is good news for many owners of old USTs. In one case in Vineland, New Jersey, we expect to be able to close out a site where more investigation would have been required under the basement of a house, but upon adoption of the new rules, the case can likely be closed out by performing more rigorous attainment evaluation of existing data.

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