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## PA UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK OPERATOR TRAINING REQUIREMENTS DEADLINE IS SOON!

Press Release

PA rules require that underground storage tank operators (UST) operators must be designated by tank owners and trained no later than Aug. 8, 2012.

In order to comply with the operator training requirements, tank owners must designate at least one Class A, Class B and Class C operator for each of their facilities. The Class A operator has primary responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the UST system and facility and must receive formal training in general UST system requirements. The Class B operator oversees the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the USTs at the facility. The Class B must successfully complete a training course that includes an in-depth understanding of UST systems and related regulatory requirements. The Class C operator is the person responsible for responding to alarms and emergencies, such as spills, at the facility. The Class C operator is not required to attend formal training. Instead, Class C operators are to be trained by the tank owner, Class A operator, or Class B operator. The training must enable the Class C operator to take appropriate action in response to emergencies, and must include a review of written instructions or procedures for the Class C operator to follow in the event of an emergency. These written instructions or procedures were to be developed and available for each facility after June 28, 2010.

A list of approved training courses and providers is available on the Division of Storage Tanks website. The department urges tank owners who have not designated and trained operators to take action immediately and have their operators complete the required training. In contemplating operator designees, keep in mind that a person may be designated for more than one class of operator at a facility, more than one person may be designated for each class of operator at a facility, and a person may be designated to serve as an operation at more than one facility. After Aug. 8, 2012, compliance with the operator training requirements will require that each owner of an UST facility must have a list of their designated Class A, B and C operators, and a copy of the certificates of training for the Class A and B operators.

For more information on the UST operator training requirements and to view the list of approved training courses and vendors, visit [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us), keyword: Storage Tanks. From the Division of Storage Tanks homepage, click on "Underground Storage Tank Operator Training Information under "What's New in Storage Tanks."

The Division of Storage Tanks may also be contacted at 1-800-42TANKS (in PA only) or 717-772-5599, or via email at [eptanks@pa.gov](mailto:eptanks@pa.gov).



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