Changes to NJDEP Rules for Underground Storage Tanks Officially Adopted

These Rules affect all healthcare facilities with underground storage tanks.


The new rules require owners and operators to comply with the new regulations no later than October 13, 2018; this includes the new requirement of having Licensed Operators at the facility. To be a licensed operator, you must attend a class at Rutgers University administered by the NJDEP and pass an ICC examination.

The new rules and amendments relate to:

- secondary containment
- operator training, designation and duties
- partially regulated UST systems
- field constructed tanks and airport hydrant systems
- operation and maintenance walkthrough inspections
- UST registration
- notification
- UST service provider certifications
- civil administrative penalties

The proposed rules apply to tanks that store:

- motor fuel
- liquid petroleum products
- waste oil
- all heating oil tanks of 2,001 gallons or more
- or other hazardous substances for on-site consumption at businesses or commercial operations