

CHANGE OF TANK STATUS for Underground Storage Tank Systems

Placing a UST Temporarily Out of Service (Indefinitely)

When a UST system is taken temporarily out of service indefinitely (TOSI) the tank owner/operator shall:

1. Submit to MDEQ a completed Notification of Underground Storage Tanks Form for the UST system change in tank status,
2. Remove all petroleum product from the TOSI UST system (no more than one (1) inch of petroleum product may remain in the UST system),
3. Cap and secure all piping, pumps, manway, and other related equipment,
4. Leave vent lines open and functioning, and
5. Maintain corrosion protection, if applicable, during TOSI status for all tanks, piping, and piping terminations.

TOSI UST systems with a cathodic protection system for corrosion protection must continue the three (3) year cathodic protection evaluations in accordance with the MDEQ Guidelines for Evaluation of Underground Storage Tanks Cathodic Protection System. Additionally, if the cathodic protection system is an impressed current system, the tank owner/operator must maintain the electricity to the impressed current system during TOSI status, continue to monitor the rectifier every 60 days, and address any abnormal voltage, amperage, or hour meter readings to maintain the cathodic protection system.

TOSI UST systems remain in the Compliance Assistance program (CAP) and the tank owner/operator will continue to receive the CAP notification reminders for the cathodic protection system testing requirements.

When the UST system is brought back into operation, it is the tank owner's/operator's responsibility to notify MDEQ by the completion of a Notification of Underground Storage Tanks Form.

Bringing a UST System Back Into Service

As long as the corrosion protection for a TOSI UST has been maintained during the temporarily out of service time period and all water is removed from the TOSI UST system, a TOSI UST system can be brought back into service (barring any restrictions from local city/county codes or ordinances). Within 30 days of bringing the UST system back in service, the tank owner/operator shall:

- Submit to MDEQ a completed Notification of Underground Storage Tanks Form for the UST system change in tank status,
- Resume all required monthly leak detection for tanks, piping, and sumps,
- Ensure all required annual testing has been completed within the last 12 months by securing copies of the annual testing results. If annual testing has not been conducted within the last 12 months or records of this testing are not available, annual testing must be completed. If you are unsure of your annual testing requirements, please contact MDEQ at (601) 961-5171,
- Pay all applicable annual tank fees. An invoice will be sent to the registered tank owner/operator upon receipt of the Notification of Underground Storage Tanks Form if annual tank fees are due,
- Continue the maintenance of the UST system corrosion protection system, if applicable,
- Ensure a certified Compliance Manager has been designated for the facility, and
- Ensure a certified UST Operations Clerk will be onsite at any time the UST system is in operation and ensure an updated Log of Certified UST Operations Clerk is maintained at the location.

If the applicable corrosion protection system for a TOSI UST system **was not** maintained during the temporarily out of service time period, contact MDEQ to determine if the UST system can be brought back into service.