

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY – UST BRANCH
Mississippi UST - 3 – UST Certified Contractor Changes
Effective August 23, 2018

New Contractor Certifications	
Added Certified UST Technician which means a person who has been certified by the Department to perform testing and non-invasive repairs to UST systems	
Added Certified Cathodic Protection Tester which means a person who has been certified by the Department to have successfully completed a Department approved 3 rd party examination to test Cathodic protection on a UST system	
Defined Non-invasive repair	
Added a definition of non-invasive repair to specify what work can or cannot be completed by specific UST certified contractor types.	
New General Requirements for UST Certified Contractors	
Implementation date of six months from date of regulation adoption where certification will be required for non-invasive repairs.	
Requires contractor’s UST equipment to be maintained, calibrated, and repaired in accordance with manufacture requirements	
Requires contractor to notify the tank owner/operator in writing whenever testing reveals a failure and notify the tank owner/operator of their responsibility to notify MDEQ	
Certified contractor shall be responsible for maintaining all applicable certifications for installing and testing specific equipment.	
Requires all UST equipment to be installed, altered, or non-invasively repaired in accordance with manufacture requirements.	
New Experience Requirements	
Certified Installation Contractor – 2 years *	Certified Cathodic Protection Technician – 6 months*
Certified Permanent Closure Contractor – 2 years*	Certified UST Technician – 6 months*
Note* unless otherwise approved by MDEQ	
Updated Continuing Education	
Added requirements for continuing education for the new tester certification and allowed a contractor to be only an installer, if requested, which reduces continuing education hours from 16 hours to 8 hours	
Administrative Changes	
Updated or added definitions for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical junctures • Employee • Permanent Closure • Sampling • Test or Testing 	
Clarification of general requirements for certified contractors.	