

## 2.13 UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REMOVAL/ABANDONMENT 30-DAY WRITTEN NOTIFICATION

- ❑ *Question: Am I planning on removing, or discontinuing the use of an underground storage tank (UST)? If so, does the UST contain, or was it ever used to store a regulated hazardous substance including all oil products?*

### Why do I need to submit this notification?

The purpose of the notification form is to inform the Oil Control Program 30 day's prior of the intent to permanently close underground tank systems that store, or have stored, regulated hazardous substances including all oil products. Confirmation of closure date and time must be made to the Oil Control Program 48 hours in advance of the planned closure.

### What laws or regulations give MDE the legal authority to require this notification?

FEDERAL: 40 CFR 280.22 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Subtitle I  
STATE: Environment Article, §4-411.1 Annotated Code of Maryland, COMAR 26.10.03.09H

### What is the process to submit this notification?

- 1) The 2-page notification form (MDE/WAS/COM.039) is completed with the owner, operator, or owner's agent signature, and mailed or faxed 30 days prior to closure of the tank(s) to: Maryland Department of the Environment Land and Materials Administration Oil Control Program 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 620 Baltimore MD 21230-1719 Fax: 410-537-3092
- 2) When received by the Oil Control Program, it is immediately directed to field staff to schedule the removal/closure of the UST with the owner, operator or owner's agent.

### Before I submit this notification, do I need to get any approvals from the local or federal government?

Local government agencies may require additional approvals (varies throughout the State) and must be contacted.

### Is this notification directly related or contingent on other approvals?

No.

### Are there any other requirements?

State regulations require the owner, operator or person in charge of an underground storage facility that stores regulated substances to notify the State, in writing, of

their intent to close the underground storage tank(s) 30 days prior to closure.

Underground tanks EXCLUDED from this notification requirement are:

- (1) single-family residence or farm tanks of 1,100 gallons or less capacity used for non-commercial or personal use;
- (2) septic tanks;
- (3) storm water or wastewater collection systems;
- (4) flow-through process tanks; or
- (5) storage tanks located in an underground area (such as a basement or vault) if the storage tank is situated above the surface of the floor.

### How long should I expect it to take once I submit a complete notification?

When received by the Oil Control Program, this form is immediately directed to the Environmental Compliance Specialist assigned to that area of the State to schedule the removal/closure of the UST with the owner.

### Once I get this approval, how long will it last?

N/A

### How much will this notification cost?

No fee.

### Do I need to know any additional information?

This completed 30-Day Written Notification (MDE/WAS/COM.039) along with an MDE Tank Removal/Abandonment form completed by the Environmental Compliance Specialist may be used as an amendment to the Notification for Underground Storage Tanks (2.14) for tanks currently on file with the Department. The Department reserves the right to require completion of the Notification for Underground Storage Tanks (2.14), if it is determined necessary to properly update Department records.

This form CANNOT be used for new underground storage tank system installations, which must be reported on the Notification for Underground Storage Tanks (2.14).

### Who do I contact with additional questions?

Compliance Division  
Oil Control Program  
(410) 537-3442

Related Link:

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Land/Pages/landpermits.aspx>