

2.14 NOTIFICATION FOR UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

- ❑ *Question: Do I own or manage an underground storage tank (UST) that stores a hazardous substance including all oil products? **OR***
- ❑ *Question: Has your UST system been taken out of service, been upgraded, or had a change in product storage, owner, facility name or financial responsibility?*

Why do I need to submit this notification?

The purpose of the notification form is to identify and to evaluate underground tanks that store, or have stored, regulated hazardous substances including all oil products. It is expected that the information provided will be based on reasonably available record, or, in the absence of such records, knowledge, belief or recollection.

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: Environmental Article, § 4-411.1 Annotated Code of Maryland; COMAR 26.10.03.09

What is the process to submit this notification?

The notification form (MDE/WAS/PER.012) is completed expeditiously by the owner, operator or person in charge for all tanks currently and previously used to store regulated substances at each location owned. The completed notification form is then mailed to:

Maryland Department of the Environment
Land and Materials Administration
Oil Control Program
1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 620
Baltimore MD 21230-1719

Once documentation is reconciled, a Certificate of Registration is sent to the owner for all sites that have tanks currently in use.

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

No

Are there any other requirements?

State law requires that the owner, operator or person in charge of an underground storage facility that stores regulated substances must immediately notify the State of the existence of their tanks and register them on a form provided by the Department of the Environment. Underground tanks EXCLUDED from this notification 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.

Unless an underground oil storage tank facility is registered with the Department of the Environment in accordance with State law, no product may be sold to or received by the underground storage tank facility.

Is this notification directly related or contingent on other approvals?

Any person who owns or operates a stationary gasoline storage tank greater than 2,000 gallons and less than 20,000 gallons capacity is required to have an Air Quality General Permit to Construct (1.01).

A person who owns or operates a gasoline storage tank, 20,000 gallons or greater capacity, must apply for an individual Air Quality Permit to Construct (1.02).

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

30 days

Once this notification is approved, how long will it last?

The notification (registration) form is good until: any tank system is installed, becomes temporarily out of use or closed; the substance stored in any tank changes; the owner, operator or person in charge changes; the name of the facility changes; changes occur to the existing tank systems, such as upgrade; or the method of financial responsibility is changed. At that time a notification form must be submitted to include all changes that have occurred.

How much will this notification cost?

There is no fee.

Do I need to know any additional information?

Notify the Maryland Department of the Environment's Oil Control Program:

- (1) immediately if there are underground storage tanks in use and are not registered or have been taken out-of-service but are remaining in the ground;
- (2) prior to placing tanks in service, or
- (3) within 30 days after a change as described in the "Term of Permit". Submit an amended notification form (MDE/WAS/com .012) for any site change that affects information on a previously filed notification.

Who do I contact with additional questions?

For new underground storage tank sites:

Compliance Division

Oil Control Program

410-537-3442

For changes to existing underground storage tank sites:

Permits and Support Division

Oil Control Program

410-537-3442

Related link:

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