

WAC 173-360A-0820 Change-in-service of UST systems. Owners and operators must undertake a change-in-service of an UST system in accordance with the requirements of this section.

(1) **Notice of intent.** Owners and operators must notify the department of their intent to undertake a change-in-service of an UST system at least thirty days, but no more than ninety days, before the planned start date using the applicable form provided by the department. Owners and operators must also confirm the planned start date with the department at least three business days before starting the change-in-service.

(2) **Decommission.** When an UST system undergoes a change-in-service, the system must be decommissioned in accordance with the requirements of this subsection.

(a) **Actions.** To decommission an UST system undergoing a change-in-service, the following actions must be completed, as applicable:

(i) Tanks must be emptied and cleaned by removing all liquids and accumulated sludge;

(ii) Piping must be emptied of all liquids; and

(iii) Any liquids or sludge removed from the tanks or piping must be designated and disposed of in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements.

(b) **Performance.** Decommissioning must be performed:

(i) By or under the direct supervision of a service provider certified in accordance with Part 9 of this chapter; and

(ii) In accordance with a code of practice. The following codes of practice may be used to meet this requirement:

(A) American Petroleum Institute, Recommended Practice 1604, "Closure of Underground Petroleum Storage Tanks";

(B) American Petroleum Institute, Standard 2015, "Safe Entry and Cleaning of Petroleum Storage Tanks, Planning and Managing Tank Entry from Decommissioning through Recommissioning";

(C) American Petroleum Institute, Recommended Practice 2016, "Guidelines and Procedures for Entering and Cleaning Petroleum Storage Tanks";

(D) American Petroleum Institute, Recommended Practice 1631, "Interior Lining and Periodic Inspection of Underground Storage Tanks";

(E) National Fire Protection Association, Standard 326, "Standard for the Safeguarding of Tanks and Containers for Entry, Cleaning, or Repair"; and

(F) National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Publication 80-106, "Criteria for a Recommended Standard: Working in Confined Spaces."

(c) **Reporting.** Decommissioning must be reported to the department within thirty days using the applicable checklist provided by the department. The checklist must be completed by the service provider.

(3) **Site assessment.** When an UST system undergoes a change-in-service, a site assessment must be performed around the system in accordance with WAC 173-360A-0730. Unless otherwise directed by the department, a site assessment is not required if:

(a) A release from the UST system had previously been confirmed and reported to the department; and

(b) Further remedial action is necessary to investigate or clean up the confirmed release under WAC 173-360A-0750(4).

(4) **Return of facility compliance tag.** If there are no UST systems in operation at the UST facility, the facility compliance tag must be returned to the department with the checklist required under subsection (2)(c) of this section.

(5) Partially exempt UST systems - Notice of change-in-service.

Owners and operators of a partially exempt UST system identified in WAC 173-360A-0110 (2)(a) must notify the department in writing within thirty days of the change-in-service of the UST system.

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