WAC 296-307-45515  Provide bottom drains.

Exemption:  A bottom drain is not required if:
– The viscosity of the liquid makes it impractical to empty the tank by gravity or pumping
OR
– The dip tank has an automatic closing cover that meets the requirements of WAC 296-307-45530.

You must:
• Provide a bottom drain on all dip tanks that hold more than five hundred gallons of liquid
• Make sure the bottom drain:
  – Is properly trapped
  – Will empty the dip tank during a fire
  – Has pipes large enough to empty the tank within five minutes
  – Uses automatic pumps if gravity draining is not practical
  – Is capable of both manual and automatic operation
  – Discharges to a safe location.

Note:  Discharges to a safe location could be a:
• Safe location outside the building
  OR
• Closed, properly vented salvage tank or tanks that can hold more than the dip tank.

You must:
• Make sure manual operation of the bottom drain is performed from a safe and easily accessible location.

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