



Division of  
Underground  
Storage Tanks



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## Tennessee Tank Talk



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### Welcome!

Welcome to the eleventh edition of *Tennessee Tank Talk*.

While the primary purpose of this newsletter is to bring you information about training and education opportunities over the new rules that became effective on October 13, 2018, we'd be remiss not to acknowledge the catastrophic flash flooding that resulted in lives lost and property damage that occurred in middle Tennessee this past weekend. The primary counties affected were Dickson, Hickman, Houston, and Humphreys, with the City of Waverly being heavily impacted. Some petroleum underground storage tank facilities were also impacted. Our sincere empathy and concern go out to all.

As part of Tennessee's response to provide recovery resources, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency has set up a resource page that lists a variety of assistance references that can be found [here](#). Additionally, on August 22, 2021, the Division of Underground Storage Tanks issued an enforcement [discretion policy](#) that remains in effect until September 30, 2021.

The information below continues our compliance education outreach efforts. October 13, 2021, is coming just around the corner. Be sure to take advantage of the webinars offered by the Division. Also, you can [contact](#) any of our staff to request assistance or email us at [Tanks.UST@tn.gov](mailto:Tanks.UST@tn.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stan Boyd'.

Stan Boyd  
Director

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## New Rules Webinars

The Division began hosting the second series of weekly Thursday webinars on August 19, 2021, on spill and overfill requirements. If you weren't able to join us you can always download the presentation and/or listen to the webinar recording on our *New Rules* [webpage](#). The next webinar is being held tomorrow on sump testing. Click [here](#) to register. Attending during the webinar does offer the advantages of meeting our staff and the ability to ask specific questions as topics are presented.

These 1.5 hour-long webinars are presented by Division staff for the purpose of reviewing the 2018/2021 TN UST New Rule requirements at a contractor/vendor and an owner/operator audience level to encourage discussions and clarifications of the new requirements. The Division is encouraging participation and feedback on any issues encountered going forward. The goal is to provide an open forum of communication between inspectors, service providers, tank owners and/or operators, and any other interested parties. The participation password for each webinar is **newrule**.

Our schedule (subject to change without notice) is as follows:

### Contractor / Vendor

- Thursday, August 26, 2021 | 10 a.m. ET/ 9 a.m. CT | Sump Testing | [Register](#)
- Thursday, September 2, 2021 | 10 a.m. ET/ 9 a.m. CT | Release Detection | [Register](#)
- Thursday, September 9, 2021 | 10 a.m. ET/ 9 a.m. CT | Walkthroughs | [Register](#)
- Thursday, September 15, 2021 | 10 a.m. ET/ 9 a.m. CT | Generators / Dual Use UST Systems | [Register](#)

### Owner / Operator

- Thursday, September 23, 2021 | 10 a.m. ET / 9 a.m. CT | General New Rule Overview | [Register](#)
- Thursday, September 30, 2021 | 10 a.m. ET / 9 a.m. CT | General New Rule Overview | [Register](#)
- Thursday, October 14, 2021 | 10 a.m. ET / 9 a.m. CT | General New Rule Overview | [Register](#)

Participants are encouraged to contact their local field office inspectors or email us at [Tanks.UST@tn.gov](mailto:Tanks.UST@tn.gov) for more information and assistance if necessary. The webinars are recorded and available on the Division's *New Rules* [website](#). Upon request, the Division can provide onsite and/or remote meetings and webinars for tank owners/operators and interested parties.

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## Spill and Overfill Three-Year Testing and Recordkeeping Requirements

**Testing must be conducted prior to October 13, 2021!**



### Spill Prevention Devices:

Single wall spill prevention equipment must be integrity tested at least once every three years or use a double-walled spill bucket monitored with an interstitial sensor.

### Overfill Prevention Devices:

Overfill prevention equipment must be inspected for functionality at least once every three years.

### Repair and Replacement:

If the device manufacturer does not have an approved method to repair the damaged or defective spill or overfill prevention device, the equipment must be replaced. Repaired or replaced spill and overfill prevention devices must be integrity tested or tested for functionality within thirty days of the repair or replacement.

Flow Restriction Overfill Devices (Ball Float Valves) **cannot be repaired or replaced** if found damaged or defective. Another method of overfill prevention must be installed within thirty days. (Automatic Shutoff Device or High-Level Alarm). If the ball float device is not removed and an automatic shutoff flapper valve is installed, the flapper valve must activate at 90%, and below the length of ball float piping in the tank.

### Recordkeeping:

The spill and overfill test results must be maintained for three years.

Records for double-walled spill prevention monitored with an interstitial sensor must be maintained for as long as the equipment is in use. Conduct an integrity test within thirty days of discontinuing the interstitial sensor monitoring.

All post-repair and replacement testing must be conducted within thirty days and maintained for three years.

All repair documentation must be maintained for the life of the UST system.

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## Implentation Date Countdown

October 13, 2021 New Rules

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## Helpful Resources

[UST- New Rules Web Page](#)

[UST New Contact Information](#)

[Contact Your Local Field Office](#)

[2018 Federal Rule Change Quick Reference Guide](#)

[Current Tennessee UST Rules](#)

[EPA -Must For USTs](#)

[TDEC Underground Storage Tanks Home Page](#)

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