



Tennessee Tank Talk

Permanent Closure of UST Systems

Steps to Closing Your UST Tank & Piping Systems

- Submit [Permanent Closure Application](#) (PCA) to Closure.Application.UST@tn.gov.
 - An approved copy of the PCA must be available onsite during all closure activities.
 - ALL applications must be approved prior to beginning any site closure activities.
 - Division approval of the Application for Closure of Tank Compartment(s) is only valid for 12 months from the date of approval. Also, the approval cannot be transferred to another person during that 12-month approval time.
- Contact the Division at least one working day prior to implementing any closure or sampling activities.
- If laboratory results show contamination levels exceed Initial Screening Levels (ISLs) at closure, report to the Division at Releases.UST@tn.gov within 72 hours and submit a fund application to UST.Fund@tn.gov within 60 days of confirmed release.
 - **All Fund eligible work shall be conducted and/or overseen by a [UST Approved Corrective Action Contractor](#).**
- Submit a Permanent Closure Report (PCR) and sample results to the Division within 60 days of sample collection.



***NOTE:** 15 days prior to installation of new or replacement tanks or piping, submit a [Pre-Installation Notification](#)

What Information is Required for Your PCA?

- Tank number, including size and product type and date last used
- Piping material, trench length, and product type
 - All piping trenches must be numbered
- Dispenser number, products dispensed, and date last used
- Detailed site map
 - The application will not be processed without a complete site map.
- Laboratory name for sample analysis
- Company / person performing the UST system closure
- Company / person obtaining soil / water samples
- Management of excavated material
- Management of contaminated soil and/or water

***NOTE: In selecting sample types, sample locations, and measurement methods, owners, operators, and/or other responsible parties shall consider the method of closure, the nature of the stored substance, the type of backfill, the depth to groundwater, and other factors appropriate for identifying the presence of a release.**

Register for Our Upcoming Tank School!

We're excited to offer an in-person TN Tank School on August 12, 2025, at the TDEC Nashville Field Office (711 R.S. Gass Blvd, Nashville, TN 37216). We hope you take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about operational compliance. Participants with a passing exam score will receive an A/B operator certificate.

[Registration](#) is simple; click [here](#) to register!

Helpful Links for Your Permanent Closure

[Closure Assessment Guidelines](#)

[Chemicals of Concern](#)

[Sampling and Reporting Requirements for Excavated Material](#)

[Initial Screening Levels \(ISLs\)](#)

[Current Tennessee UST Rules](#)

[Permanent Closure Application](#)

[Permanent Closure Report](#)

[Fund Eligibility and Reimbursement](#)

[Current list of Approved Corrective Action Contractors](#)

UST RESOURCES

[UST Forms and Guidance](#)

[UST Contact Information](#)

[Contact Your Local Field Office](#)

[Division Updates and Outreach](#)

[Current Tennessee UST Rules](#)

[UST Documents in Other Languages](#)

[TDEC Underground Storage Tanks Home Page](#)

[EPA- Underground Storage Tanks Home Page](#)

DIRECT UST EMAILS

Report Suspected Release - Releases.UST@tn.gov

Submit Fund Eligibility Application - UST.Fund@tn.gov

Submit Closure Application - Closure.Application.UST@tn.gov

Submit Notification Form - Notification.Fees@tn.gov

Submit Reimbursement Claim - UST.Reimbursement@tn.gov

Submit Newsletter Topics & Feedback - Tanks.UST@tn.gov

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