

ARIZONA-SPECIFIC UST OPERATOR TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Underground storage tank (UST) operators are required to have Arizona-specific training under Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) § 49-1083(F). *If you received operator training that did not include information on Arizona specific regulations – this is your written notice of these requirements.*

- In Arizona, operators are required to renew their operating training every three years.
- In 2017, Arizona developed an Arizona-specific operator training program that is free to current operators of regulated UST facilities. The training is available both in classroom and online formats.
For more information: <https://azdeq.gov/ust/operatortraining>

We encourage you to complete Arizona-specific training as soon as possible to ensure full compliance.

What you need to know:

Bringing USTs into operation -

UST Notification forms must be submitted 30 days prior to a new installation and within 30 days after:

- Bringing new piping component into operation
- Bringing under-dispenser containment into operation
- Upgrades or repairs to the UST system
- Temporary closure
- Return to service
- Permanent closure, change in service (i.e. change of product in tank)
- Change in leak detection status.

A person who sells a tank for use as an UST is required to notify the purchaser of UST notification requirements and to provide documentation of the notice given to ADEQ.

UST related work and testing -

An ADEQ-certified service provider is required to conduct work on any part of a UST system, including: installation, repair, reconfiguration, closure (decommissioning), tank tightness testing, and cathodic protection testing. The service provider must be ADEQ-certified for the appropriate category of work.

UST Financial Responsibility (FR) -

State regulations require that UST owners and operators maintain FR until the USTs are permanently closed and, if applicable, until any associated contamination is addressed (release(s) are closed).

In addition, in Arizona -

Owners/operators must submit documentation demonstrating FR compliance that includes: a schedule of covered tanks, and a Certification of Financial Responsibility and for insurance, a copy of the policy currently in effect. An owner or operator that satisfies FR requirements through insurance must have policy coverage that extends to one of the following:

- The date of the most recent baseline assessment conducted pursuant to section A.R.S. § 49-1052; or,

comparable site characterization as determined by the department;

- The date of the underground storage tank system installation; or
- The earliest retroactive coverage date of the previous insurance policy or alternative financial responsibility mechanism.

If you have questions about your requirements as an UST operator in Arizona, please contact the Community Outreach Coordinator at pacheco.aaron@azdeq.gov or 602-771-4196