



# Underground Storage Tank (UST) Temporary Closure Fact Sheet

## STEPS TO FOLLOW:

1. Owners/operators must contact the local building department, obtain a building permit, and comply with any local inspection requirements. If the locality does not issue building permits for temporary closure, then the owner or operator must complete a [DEQ Building Permit Certification Form](#).
2. Owners/operators must decide whether to empty the UST(s). USTs that are temporarily closed and empty are not subject to as many requirements (see table). The UST system is empty when no more than 1 inch of residue, or 0.3% by weight of the total capacity of the UST system, remains in the system. Owner/operators must submit evidence to DEQ that the tank has been properly emptied (e.g., disposal manifest and contractor verification).

### Temporarily Closed Tank Operational Requirements

Temporarily Closed Tank - <u>Empty</u>	Temporarily Closed Tank - <u>Not Empty</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Corrosion Protection</li><li>• Financial Responsibility</li><li>• Empty tank status</li><li>• Secured equipment</li><li>• Vent lines must remain open</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Corrosion Protection</li><li>• Financial Responsibility</li><li>• Release Detection</li><li>• Release Detection Equipment Testing</li><li>• Operator Training</li><li>• Secured equipment</li><li>• Vent lines must remain open</li></ul>

3. Cathodic protection tests must continue to be conducted every 3 years for cathodically protected tanks and/or piping. Likewise, impressed current systems must remain “on” and the rectifier read every 60 days and records kept. Internal lining inspections must continue to be conducted 10 years after liner installation and every 5 years thereafter.
4. Spill and Overfill Prevention equipment testing is not required while USTs are temporarily closed.
5. The owner or operator of a UST must submit a UST Notification Form (Form 7530) to DEQ within 30 days following cessation of use of that UST. The owner/operator may provide notice for several tanks at the same facility using one notification form, but owners or operators with temporary closed tanks at more than one facility must file a separate notification for each facility.
6. Once a UST system has been temporarily closed for three months, the product lines, pumps, manways, and ancillary equipment must be capped and secured; the vent lines must remain open and functioning.
7. Owners/operators of new or upgraded USTs may remain in temporary closure indefinitely as long as all requirements are being met.

For additional information, please contact DEQ’s Petroleum Program staff:

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