



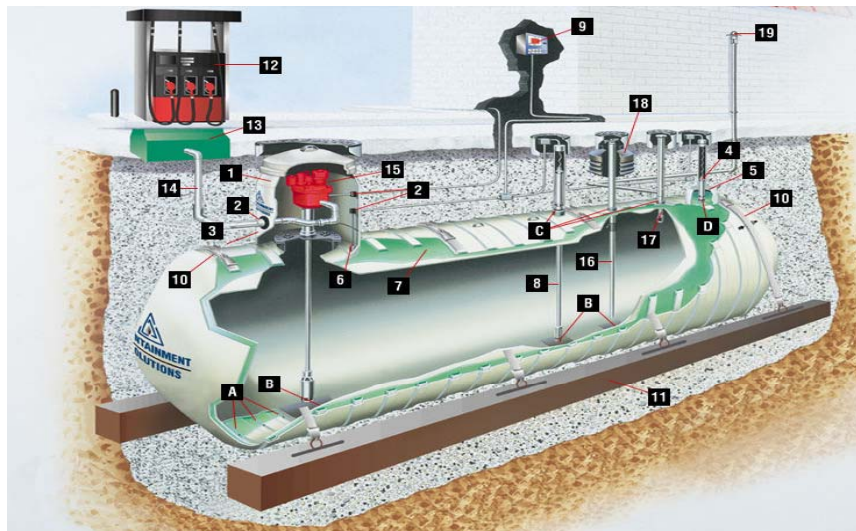
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Storage Tank Systems for Petroleum Products and Allied Petroleum Products Regulations



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Purpose of the Regulations

Reduce leaks into environment

Reduce impact of spill events

**SOIL AND GROUNDWATER
PROTECTION**

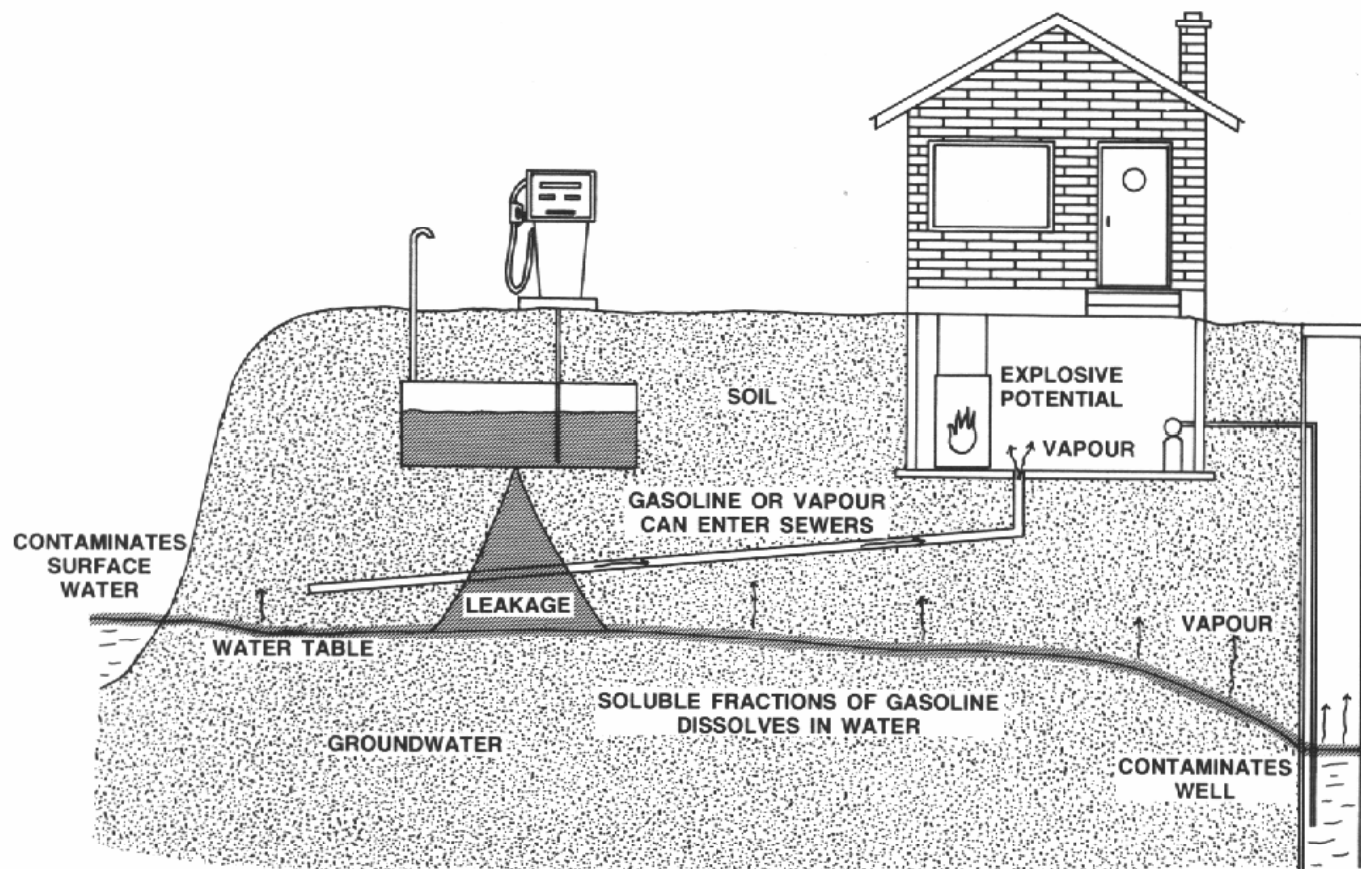


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Purpose of the Regulations

LEAKING UNDERGROUND PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS TANK LEAKAGE CAN CAUSE A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS



Purpose of the Regulations

Soil and groundwater contamination affect our health

"Why should I care about future generations?
What have they ever done for me?"

~ Groucho Marx ~

Treat the earth well.
It was not given to you by your parents,
it was loaned to you by your children.
We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors,
we borrow it from our Children.

~ Ancient Indian Proverb ~



Authority

Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (CEPA)

- Government of Canada's primary legislation for control of harmful substances in the environment
- Storage Tank Systems for Petroleum Products and Allied Petroleum Products Regulations created under Section 209 of CEPA, 1999
- Maximum penalties include fines of up to \$1 million a day for each day an offence continues, imprisonment for up to three years, or both.
- Enforcement tools range from warnings to prosecutions.



The application of the Regulations

- 1. Aboveground and underground storage tank systems**
- 2. Petroleum products and allied petroleum products**
- 3. Selected Federal House (CEPA 1999, s. 207(1))**
 - *Federal departments, boards and agencies*
 - *Crown corporations*
 - *Airports, railways and ports*
 - ***Federal lands and Aboriginal lands***

Application

Which systems are covered by the Regulations?

- All underground storage tank systems
- For aboveground storage tank systems:
 - outdoor and connected to a heating appliance or emergency generator tanks larger than 2500 liters*
 - all other outdoor tanks

*2500 liters = 550 Imperial Gallons



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Application

Exceptions s.2(2)

- Indoor storage tank systems
- Unprocessed petroleum products
- Tanks lesser than or equal to 2500 liters in capacity **AND** connected to heating appliance or emergency generator
- Tank systems regulated under the *National Energy Board Act* or the *Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act*



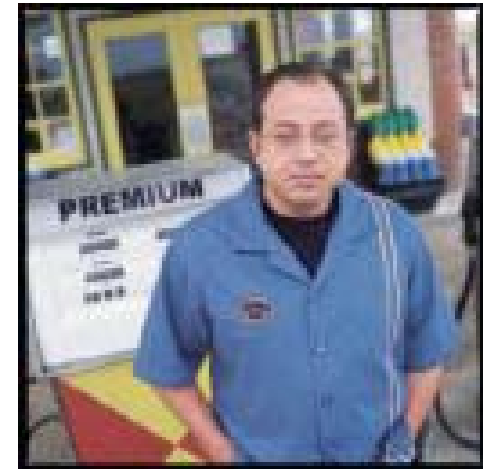
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Responsibility

Roles of owner / operator:

- Addressing out-of compliance issues
- Installation as per requirements
- Identification / record keeping
- Leak detection
- Withdrawal of systems
- Operation / maintenance
- Spill responses/emergency planning



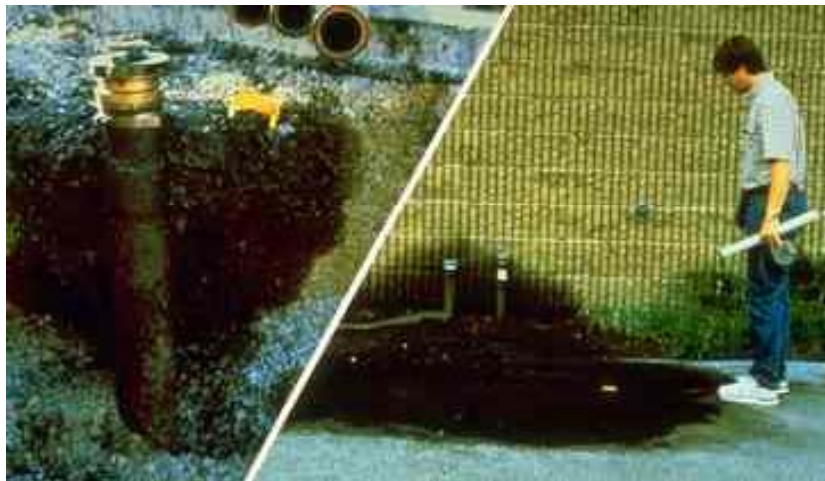
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Responsibility

Suppliers' responsibilities...

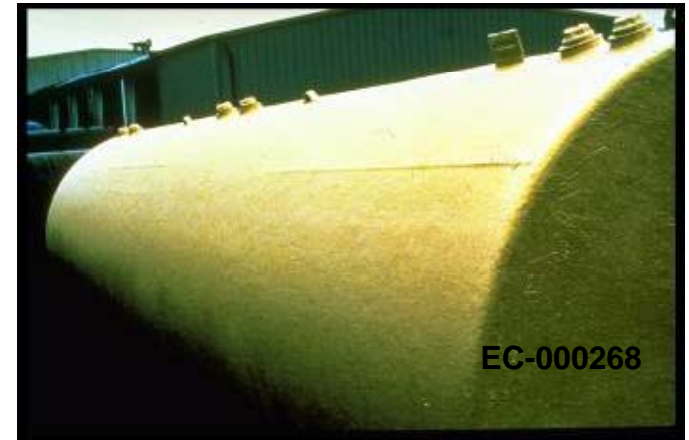
- Not transfer products into storage system unless ID visible and record ID
- Immediately notify the operator of spill or leak



Definitions

Definition: Storage tank

- Closed container
- Capacity larger than 230 liters
(227 liters = 50 Imperial gallons)
- Designed to be installed in a fixed location



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Definitions

Definition: Storage Tank System

- One or more commonly connected tanks and components:
- Piping and vents
- Pumps and sumps
- Diking
- Overfill protection devices
- Spill containment devices
- Oil water separators



Overview of the Regulations

- Withdraw leaking systems
- Remove 'high risk' systems
- Mandatory compliance with technical requirements for 'new' systems
- Leak detection for components without secondary containment
- Identification with EC
- Containment of spills at product transfer areas



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Overview cont'd...

- Transfer of product to ID'd systems only
- Emergency plans
- Approved installers
- Operation and maintenance requirements
- Spill reporting
- Record keeping



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Overview of the Regulations

What is the identification process?

- Identify storage tank system to EC:
 - **Before first fill for new tank systems**
 - **Before June 12, 2010 for existing tank systems**
 - If tank systems not all identified by June 12, 2009, then the owner must submit a progress report to EC
- On-line, or mail or Fax (819-953-7253)
- Receive ID number from EC
- Display ID number on or near tank system



Overview of the Regulations

On-line

“FIRSTS”



The screenshot shows the Environment Canada website interface for the FIRSTS (Federal Identification Registry for Storage Tank Systems). The page features a green header with the Environment Canada logo and the URL www.ec.gc.ca. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for Français, Home, Contact Us, Help, Search, and canada.gc.ca. A login form is present on the left side, with a text input field for the username (user@domain.ca) and a Submit button. A warning message in a yellow box states: "Warning: Your session will timeout after 20 minutes of inactivity. This means once 20 minutes has elapsed since you last saved or requested a page your session will close and you will have to log in again. Any unsaved data will be lost." The main content area is titled "Welcome to the Federal Identification Registry for Storage Tank Systems" and contains a detailed explanation of the registry's purpose and how to use it. It mentions that the registry is Environment Canada's inventory of storage tank systems of the federal house and that all storage tank systems covered by the regulation must be identified to this system. It also provides instructions on how to obtain an account and how to identify a tank system to FIRSTS. A photograph of three large white storage tanks is shown on the right side of the page. The footer of the page includes the date modified (2007-05-09) and a link to Important Notices.

Overview of the Regulations

**Mail or FAX
Hard Copy**

**Remember: no ID =
no delivery to new
systems now, no
delivery to existing
systems effective
June 12, 2010**

Identification of Storage Tank Systems for the Purpose of the Storage Tank Systems for Petroleum Products and Allied Petroleum Products Regulations		ENVIRONMENT CANADA USE ONLY	
Environment Canada (EC) Storage Tank System Identification Form		ID Number	
One form per storage tank system. Mailing instructions on last page.		Date Received	
		Date Entered	
		Entered By	
		Comments	
PART I: PURPOSE OF NOTIFICATION			
✓ Check all that apply:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Identification of new (not previously registered) system		<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary withdrawal (Part V)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Change in system (e.g. upgrade) (Part IV)		<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent withdrawal and removal (Part V)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):		<input type="checkbox"/> Change in tank contents (Part IV)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> New owner / operator (Part II & III)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Change in owner / operator address (Part II & III)	
PART II: OWNERSHIP OF TANK SYSTEM		PART III: LOCATION OF TANK SYSTEM	
A. Owner Name		H. Facility Name	
B. Owner Address (include: City, Province/Territory, Postal Code)		I. Street Address or location of system (if no street address provide latitude & longitude)	
		J. Street Address or location of tank system records (if no street address provide latitude & longitude)	
C. Name of Contact Person		K. Name of Operator (if different from owner)	
D. Title of Contact Person		L. Title of Operator (if different from owner)	
E. Phone Number ()	Fax Number ()	M. Operator Address (if different from owner)	
F. E-mail Address		N. Phone Number (if different from owner) ()	Fax Number (if different from owner) ()
G. Name of Previous Owner (if applicable)		O. E-mail Address (if different from owner)	

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Overview of the Regulations

Leaking systems

- A system that leaks must be ***withdrawn*** from service **immediately**
- After *repairs* and *leak detection*, system may be *returned to service*

OR

- *Removed*



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Overview of the Regulations

High-risk systems

- Leaking single-walled underground tanks and piping

Withdraw from service now and remove by June 12, 2010*

- Aboveground tanks installed underground
- Underground tanks installed aboveground
- Partially buried tanks
- Single-walled underground tanks without corrosion protection and leak detection
- Single-walled underground piping without corrosion protection and leak detection

**Permanent withdrawal & removal is required by
June 12, 2012**

Overview of the Regulations

- * If you have an existing single-walled underground storage tank system that isn't leaking, you may keep it in service for the life of the system, as long as it has existing (as of June 12, 2008):
 - leak detection and
 - corrosion protection



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New Systems

What are the design requirements for new systems?

- ASTs, USTs, and piping in accordance with clauses from CCME Code of Practice
- Tank system design stamped and signed by a professional engineer



New Systems

What are the installation requirements for new systems?

- System installation by:
 - provincially approved installer, where applicable
 - If not applicable, supervised by a professional engineer
- As-built drawings stamped and signed by a professional engineer



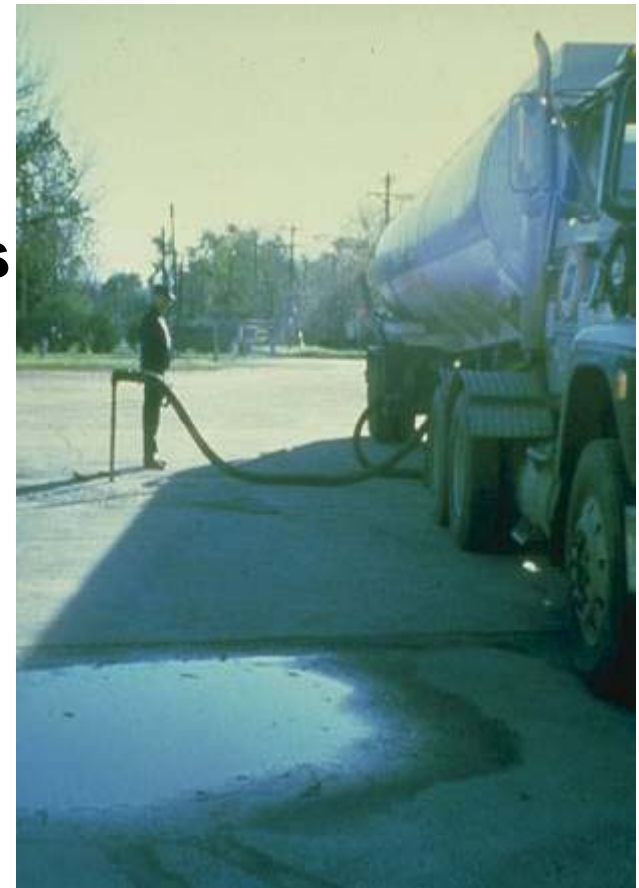
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Product Transfer Areas

Product Transfer Areas – s.15

- Designed to *contain spills*
- Applies to storage tank systems larger than 2500 liters
- Applies June 12, 2012

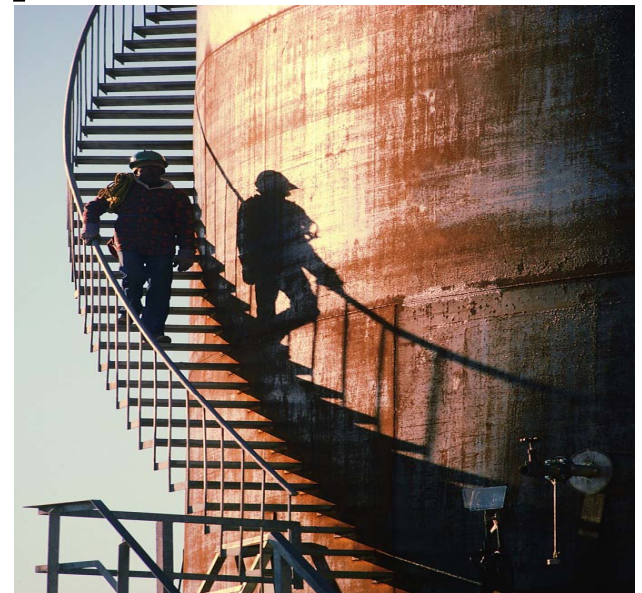


Leak Detection

What are the leak detection requirements?

For existing tanks or piping that is single-walled:

- one-time leak detection test by June 12, 2010, followed by various options for continuous leak detection



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Emergency Plans

Considerations for preparation of emergency plans s. 30(1)

- Properties and characteristics of product(s)
- Max. quantity product(s) stored at one time
- Characteristics of site and surrounding area
 - Sensitivity of environment or human health risks



Release Reporting

Spill reporting requirements **s.41**

- Verbal notification as soon as possible
- Written follow up for spills 100 liters or larger



***Will Use Existing Spill Reporting Lines Across
Canada***

***In Ontario – Spills Action Centre
1-800-268-6060***



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Record Keeping

ID & New installations

- ID of system **s.28(2)**
 - Information and certification **Schedule 2**
- Design and construction records
 - Installer or supervision by professional engineer * **s.33(2)**
 - Design plans, drawings & specifications * **s.34(1)**
 - As-built drawings * **s.34(2)**

**Keep these for
the life of the
tank!**

** Must be retained until system removed*



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Critical timelines



June 12, 2008

- Leaking storage tank systems must be withdrawn from service
- Release reporting for all systems
- Technical requirements for all new systems
- Product transfer area requirements for all new systems
- Emergency plans in place for all new systems

June 12, 2009

- Storage tank systems identified to EC
- Progress report to EC for all systems not identified



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Critical timelines

June 12, 2010

- All systems now identified to EC and display an ID number
- Emergency plans in place for all systems
- Product delivered only to systems that have ID displayed
- Initial prescribed leak detection test completed on all single-walled USTs and u/g piping, all ASTs and a/g piping without secondary containment, and all sumps
- Ongoing leak detection or monitoring programme in place for all single-walled USTs and u/g piping, all ASTs and a/g piping without secondary containment and all sumps



Critical timelines

June 12, 2012

- All "high-risk" systems removed
- Spill containment at product transfer areas in place for all systems



**These timelines
may all be found
in Tank Tips # 3**

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Available resources

Useful websites

- EC's Storage Tank website for Petroleum and Allied Petroleum Products – <http://www.ec.gc.ca/st-rs/>. Contains link to Regulations.
- CCME Environmental Code of Practice for Aboveground and Underground Storage Tank Systems Containing Petroleum and Allied Petroleum Products – <http://www.ec.gc.ca/ceparegistry/documents/regs/CCME/toc.cfm>
- Compliance and Enforcement Policy for the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* - <http://www.ec.gc.ca/CEPARegistry/documents/policies/candepolicy/toc.cfm>
- National Fire Code of Canada http://www.nationalcodes.ca/nfc/index_e.shtml



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