
TASTP/ TCEQ Q& A

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1. If an owner wants to temporary remove his UST from service is there any work that needs to be performed in 334.54 (Temporary Removal from Service) that an owner needs an A/B licensed person to perform or can they perform the work themselves?

Answer: You do not have to use a licensed contractor for temporary removal from service.

2. We had a TCEQ inspector on a stage II inspection at an AST site tell the owner that he had to put paper in their ATG. He referenced rule 115.242(3)(K) on the TCEQ exit form. The ATG is used by the owner to monitor the site remotely from their main office using their network. I thought this rule was for vapor recovery monitoring equipment and not an ATG. Is the owner required to keep paper in the ATG at an AST site? He also told them that they need to install spill buckets on the AST but did not add to the exit form. Is there a TCEQ requirement that an AST needs to have spill buckets installed if they are not presently installed at the location?

Answer: There are no TCEQ requirements for ASTs. There may be stage II guidance and/or fire code requirements for having paper in ATG printer.

3. Are there any options under the current tank release detection methods for a site that has a 2,000 gallon single wall FRP used oil UST other than requesting a variance?

Answer: Yes...there are options: however, they are limited. They are ground water monitoring, vapor monitoring or ATG without inventory control.

4. What is the status of the SIP for removing stage II vapor recovery at existing locations?

Answer: The official comment period ended on June 10, 2013. There were only 5 official comments. Hopefully, stage II equipment can be removed starting in early 2014. The SIP goes to the TCEQ for approval in October, 2013.

5. What is the possibility of licensing AST construction, as it stands right now anyone can do it, I am seeing some very dangerous installs out there, not to mention potential environmental disasters. Oklahoma requires license for AST installation, we are losing a lot of work on this.

Answer: The TCEQ does not have technical requirements for ASTs. If one observes a dangerous situation with an AST, contact the local fire marshal.