
TASTP/TCEQ Q & A

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Q. 1) Did the recent legislative session produce any bills that had an effect on the petroleum storage tank program?

A. 1) Yes, the Sunset Bill. It provided for common carrier liability and it extended the PSTR Fund indefinitely. The Sunset Bill was HB 2694 for reference.

Q. 2) Are there already training facilities for the Operator certifications? If so, will there be a list sent out?

A. 2) Four companies are in the process of being certified. The names will be put on the TCEQ website when they are certified

Q. 3) Can E10, E15 or E85 vents be manifolded to Unleaded or Premium tanks?

A. 3) It is acceptable, but is not recommended because of the fire hazard.

Q. 4) Will the state file a revised SIP to remove Stage II requirements if the proposed EPA rule is promulgated that would set June 30, 2013 as the date when ORVR will be in widespread use allowing for the removal of Stage II Vapor Recovery?

A. 4) TCEQ is not looking at the removal of Stage II requirements at this time.

Q. 5) A site with multiple single wall 30,000 gallon USTs used to supply boilers that does not have a way to determine how much diesel the boilers are using able to use any of the following methods for leak detection? Since these methods are for generators only, do they have any other vapor monitoring or installing meters on the product lines at the boilers? Those methods are Monthly tank gauging and Automatic Tank Gauging inventory control using the emergency tanks only exemption

A. 5) They are exempt because they are fueling boilers.

Q. 6) Waste Oil UST piping question: We have a location that has an existing waste oil UST with a remote fill pipe going into the building. They want to remove the existing waste oil UST and replace it with a new UST. If they leave the existing single wall remote fill pipe inside the building and connect to the new piping on the outside of the building, do they have to comply with the 35% piping regulation on a waste oil UST? Would it change any requirement if they also replace the containment manhole on the existing remote fill pipe inside the building? Does the remote fill line have to be double wall piping if the complete pipe is replaced?

A. 6) This fill pipe is regulated. If replace with same pipe and less than 35%, then good to go. If more than 35%, then you get into double wall piping.

Q. 7) At the last meeting, it was said that the facilities being inspected were 80% in compliance, is this still the case?

A. 7) Yes, it is still at 80%.

Q. 8) What is the percentage of facilities inspected to meet the 3 year requirement? Will the UTA continue to do these inspections as it is clear the TCEQ does not have enough manpower to meet the 3 year inspections?

A. 8) On target to be at 6000 facilities for the year.

Q. 9) For Class C Operators, are there any online courses that they could take if the B Operator agrees, that have been reviewed by the TCEQ and that the TCEQ would have no objections to being used?

A. 9) TCEQ will not review C courses. TCEQ will review only A and B courses.