

Occupational Licensing Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installers/Closers EPA Region 7

There are Federal Code Requirements governing Underground Storage Tanks. 40 CFR 280.20 (e) Performance standards for new UST systems states “...(e) Certification of installation. All owners and operators must ensure that one or more of the following methods of certification, testing, or inspection is used to demonstrate compliance with paragraph (d) of this section by providing a certification of compliance on the UST notification form in accordance with §280.22.

- (1) The installer has been certified by the tank and piping manufacturers; or
- (2) **The installer has been certified or licensed by the implementing agency;** or
- (3) The installation has been inspected and certified by a registered professional engineer with education and experience in UST system installation; or
- (4) **The installation has been inspected and approved by the implementing agency;** or
- (5) All work listed in the manufacturer's installation checklists has been completed; or
- (6) The owner and operator have complied with another method for ensuring compliance with paragraph (d) of this section that is determined by the implementing agency to be no less protective of human health and the environment.”

In Nebraska our adopted Regulations in Title 159 require both (2) and (4). The other states in our region utilize this federal regulation as the basis for their requirements as well. Other regions have differing requirements per state but the above requirements must be met in some form.

Iowa- “Requires license”

UST Licensing and Certification Program

The Underground Storage Tank (UST) Licensing and Certification Programs can be found in Chapter 567--134.18(455B) of the Iowa Administrative Code (see below). These rules require UST professionals to be licensed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and ensures compliance with the technical requirements for UST systems.

UST-licensed professionals include installers, installation inspectors, compliance inspectors, removers, testers (product lines, tanks and vapor recovery systems) and liners. Individuals who work with cathodic protection systems must be certified by NACE or STI and maintain that certification as well as maintain licensing requirements with the DNR. UST Professionals must be certified by the DNR’s UST Section in order to install new underground storage tank systems or to install technical upgrade existing regulated UST systems in Iowa.

The DNR updated the Iowa Administrative Code for an increase in liability coverage for UST Professionals from \$250K to \$1M.

Kansas “requires license and charges 100 per application”

28-44-21. Underground storage tank installer and remover licensing. (a) Any individual may apply for one or a combination of licenses. The requirements for an installer license and a remover license shall be those specified in the department's "Kansas storage tank program document," as adopted in KA.R.

28-44-15 (b)(l) For each initial license, each applicant shall submit a nonrefundable license fee of \$100.00. Each initial license shall be effective for two years from the initial licensing date.

(2) For license renewal, each individual shall submit a nonrefundable annual renewal fee of \$50.00 for the 12-month period beginning on the effective date of each renewal license. (Authorized by and implementing KS.A. 65-34,105; effective Nov. 26, 1990; amended July 6, 2020.)

Missouri: “requires to be registered then lists out the other requirements in 14 steps \$ are located below.”

10 CSR 26-2.019 New Installation Requirements - prior to commencing installation activities. (2) Installers must document compliance with all manufacturer certification or training requirements for tank, piping, release detection equipment, and spill and overfill equipment installed. (3) Installers and manufacturers must be properly registered with the Missouri Department of Agriculture and have a current financial responsibility mechanism that complies with the requirements of 2 CSR 90-30.085. (4) Prior to installation of an underground tank and/or UST system piping intended to be used for storage of a regulated substance, the tank and/or piping must be tested, inspected, and measured in accordance with the manufacturer’s requirements and in accordance with the pre-installation inspection, testing, and/or backfilling sections of either.