## Underground Tank Installers/Closers Justification

The Licensing requirements are effective because the tanks are being installed and closed in manners that are protecting the public safety and the environment. If the permitted individuals were not licensed there could be great harm to the public during the closer processes because the tanks must be properly rendered inert to avoid the tanks exploding. Also, there are very specific processes that must be followed to ensure that there has been no leaking which could cause environmental concerns. This level of concern is large enough that there is a separate fund devoted to the cleanup and remediation efforts if leaks are found during the closure. The testing requirements prior to licensing help ensure that the individuals are fully knowledgeable of the requirements for both installation and closer. The license holder is responsible for their work and the testing allows for a level of professional knowledge to the tank owner that all the necessary steps are followed.