

# Maine Department of Environmental Protection

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## What are some of the Responsibilities of an UST Owner or Operator?

### Registration Information

State Law requires the Department of Environmental Protection be notified within 10 business days when registration information changes. This includes ownership and operator changes, going temporarily out-of-service, or returning to service.

### Annual Inspections

A **passing** annual inspection must be submitted to the Department every twelve months. The inspection must be conducted by a Maine Certified Underground Oil Storage Tank Installer or Inspector. The owner is responsible for submitting the annual inspection within 30 days of its completion.

### Statistical Inventory Analysis (SIA)

Owners and operators that are required to conduct and reconcile daily inventory as the method of leak detection for their tanks and/or piping must also submit a SIA annually.

### Leak Detection Method

The method of leak detection for your facility will depend on how old your system is, and whether the tank and piping are single or double-walled. Be aware of what method(s) you are required to use and what constitutes evidence of a possible leak.

### Reporting Requirements

*Spills:* All spills are required to be immediately cleaned up to the Department's satisfaction. The Department's satisfaction includes reporting spills to the Department.

*Spill Log:* Spills less than 10 gallons that occur on pavement or concrete and are immediately cleaned up may be logged. By properly logging a spill you fulfill the reporting requirement. Spill logs must be made available to the Department upon request.

*Evidence of a Possible Leak:* Evidence of a possible leak must be reported to the Department within 24 hours of discovery. This includes monitoring system alarms for water or oil in a piping sump or interstitial space, monthly reconciled daily inventory where "over and shorts" are greater than 1% of throughput, pump hesitation/slow flow, or an actual discharge of oil.

### Spill Reporting

Calls from in-state, 24 hours	(800) 482-0777
Calls from out-of-state. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	(207) 822-6300
Out-of-state, nights, weekends, holidays	(207) 657-3030

### DEP Compliance Inspection Information: What to expect

Inspections begin with a review of the underground oil storage tank paperwork the facility owner is required to maintain, including but not limited to annual inspections, daily inventory, Statistical Inventory Analyses, spill logs and electronic alarm history printouts. The inspection concludes with a review of DEP staff findings, which may include a Notice of Violation for any violations identified during the inspection. A Notice of Violation will include corrective action deadlines for bringing the facility into compliance with the underground oil storage tank rules.

### Where to get more Information

MeDEP UST Tank Program: [www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/ust/index.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/ust/index.htm)  
Underground Tanks Staff Contact: (207) 287-2651