

Most Common Violations Identified During An Inspection

- ◆ Failure to monitor tanks every 30 days (ATG, SIR, Interstitial Monitoring [IM])
- ◆ Failure to conduct annual operability test of IM device
- ◆ Failure to conduct annual line tightness test
- ◆ Failure to conduct line leak detector test
- ◆ Failure to test cathodic protection system every 3 years
- ◆ Failure to register tanks annually
- ◆ Failure to keep proof of overfill type and proper operation
- ◆ Failure to keep spill buckets and sumps clean and empty
- ◆ Failure to make necessary repairs to broken or damage equipment in the required timeframe
- ◆ Failure to report a suspected release (e.g. a failing test result)
- ◆ Failure to comply with temporary out of use (TOU) requirements

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UST: How a Compliance Inspection Works



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How a Compliance Inspection works.

Inspections are normally conducted on a 2-3 year basis.

The inspector will notify the tank owner to schedule the inspection approximately 3 - 5 days prior to the inspection.

It is important to keep your contact information updated with EPD.

Part 1: Records Review

The following is a list of the minimum records that will be needed for the review (*dependent upon equipment in place, methods in use, and manufacturer specifications*):

- Current Registration Certificate posted in a visible location
- A/B/C Operator Certificate
- Proof of Financial Responsibility:
 - * Environmental assurance fee payments for the GUST Trust Fund (i.e. gas invoices)
 - * Private Insurance Policy Certificate
 - * Proof of Self-Insurance
 - * Other
- Last three (3) years of passing monthly tank release detection records:
 - * Automatic Tank Gauge (ATG)
 - * Statistical Inventory Reconciliation (SIR)
 - * Interstitial Monitoring (IM)
 - * Groundwater Monitoring (GM)
 - * Manual Tank Gauging (MTG)
- Last three (3) years of passing monthly line release detection records:
 - * Interstitial Monitoring/Sump Sensors (IM,SS)
 - * Electronic Line Leak Detector (ELLD)
 - * Statistical Inventory Reconciliation (SIR)
- Last three (3) years of passing annual Interstitial Monitoring Sensor functionality test records.
 - * Tank Sensors
 - * Sump Sensors

Part 1: Records Review, continued

- Last three (3) years of passing annual line testing records:
 - * Line Tightness Test
 - * Mechanical Line Leak Detector function test
 - * Electronic Line Leak Detector function test
 - * Sump Sensor function test
- Cathodic protection records:
 - * Two most recent system tests (due every three years)
 - * Most recent 3 years of rectifier box inspections (60-day log)
- Any maintenance and/or repair information
- Current fuel supplier name and address

Part 2: Walk-through of the Associated UST System Equipment

It is the tank owner's responsibility to make sure there is someone present to assist the inspector in accessing all equipment and that all keys to locked equipment are available. The following items will be inspected:

- Spill buckets & Fill ports
- Overfill protection
- Vapor recovery ports and equipment (if present)
- Submersible turbine pumps and corresponding equipment (if present)
- ATG ports (if present)
- Underneath all dispensers
- Vent lines
- Rectifier box (if present)
- Cathodic protection wiring throughout parking lot (if present)

Part 3: The Inspector will issue one of the following:

- A Notice of Compliance (NOC), or
- A Notice of Violation (NOV)

If an NOC is issued, the facility is in compliance with the regulations and no follow-up is needed.

If an NOV is issued, follow-up is required. The NOV will require compliance within a specified timeframe.

* An Additional Information Request Form may also be provided at the time of inspection. If this form is provided, follow-up is required.

If compliance with the NOV is not achieved within the required timeframe **OR** if a violation pertaining to release detection, registration, or financial responsibility was noted, then the EPD Enforcement Unit will issue an Expedited Consent Order (ECO) with a penalty.

If compliance with the ECO is not achieved within thirty (30) days, the facility will be issued a Notice of Intent to Prohibit Fuel Delivery and Terminate GUST Trust Fund Coverage.

UST Technical Guidance Documents:

<https://epd.georgia.gov/underground-storage-tank-technical-guidance>

UST Forms:

<https://epd.georgia.gov/underground-storage-tank-forms>

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<http://www1.gadnr.org/dnr/ustform/app>