

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CLASS A, B and C OPERATOR REQUIREMENT

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All UST facilities (including those with tanks in temporary-out-of-use [TOU] status) must have at least one **Class A and a Class B Operator**.

- The Class A Operator and the Class B Operator may be the same person or they may be different people.
- If a facility does not have a certified Class A and B Operator, they cannot complete tank registration and will be in violation of the Georgia Rules for Underground Storage Tank Management.

All active UST facilities must also have one or more **Class C Operators**. Each designated Class C operator may be trained by a Class A or Class B operator or complete a training course.

- The Class C Operator must be an employee that is physically present at the facility.
- Most UST facilities will have more than one Operator C.

Training Courses:

Approved Georgia Training Courses:

<https://epd.georgia.gov/underground-storage-tank-technical-guidance> and refer to the list of "Approved Third-Party Operator Training Courses". This list includes classroom courses and online courses.

Approved South Carolina Training Course:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/LW/UST/PC/RequiredOperatorTraining/>. This course is an online "combined" Operator A & B course.

Approved Tennessee Training Course:

<https://apps.tn.gov/ustop/>. This course consists of separate online courses for Operator A and B. **Be sure to complete ALL the modules in the Operator B course.**

Submittal of Operator Certificates:

- Mail copies of your Operator Certificates to EPD along with the "Notification of Class A, B, and C Operators" form available here: <https://epd.georgia.gov/underground-storage-tank-forms>. The mailing address is provided on the form. If the training course you completed did not provide a certificate number, EPD will assign one to you. Submittal of a Reciprocity Form is no longer required.

Operator Class Definitions:

- **Class A Operators** may not be the person directly responsible for a task but they are ultimately responsible for ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements.
- **Class B Operators** are responsible for the day to day aspects of operating, maintaining, record keeping, and informing the proper persons when repairs or maintenance is needed.
- **Class C Operators** must have the knowledge and skills to take appropriate actions (including notifying appropriate authorities) in response to emergencies or alarms caused by spills or releases from the UST system.