

**Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Storage Tanks**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**NEW STORAGE TANK REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE
DECEMBER 22, 2018 WILL DIRECTLY AFFECT YOU!**

On December 22, 2018, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) adopted revisions to the Storage Tank Regulations found at 25 Pa. Code, Chapter 245. Some key elements of the revisions may be found here:

Beginning **December 22, 2019**: At least every 30 days, the owner and operator must document and visually check all:

- 1) spill prevention equipment for damage and must remove any liquid or debris found in them
- 2) fills to ensure that the fill caps are tight and that no obstructions are found
- 3) release detection equipment; such as, an automatic tank gauge to ensure it is operational

Beginning **December 22, 2019**: At least annually, the owner and operator must document and visually check all:

- 1) containment sumps for damage and must remove any liquid or debris found in them
- 2) handheld release detection equipment; such as, tank gauge sticks or groundwater bailers operability and serviceability

Between **December 23, 2019** and **December 21, 2021**, and **prior** to your next Facility Operations Inspection, the owner and operator must have:

- 1) an appropriately DEP-certified individual document and test all electronic and mechanical components of the release detection equipment. This documentation and testing will be due annually thereafter.

Between **December 23, 2019** and **December 21, 2021**, and **prior** to your next Facility Operations Inspection, the owner and operator must have:

- 1) an appropriately DEP-certified individual document and test all overfill prevention devices, all spill prevention equipment, and all product piping containment sumps used for interstitial monitoring. This documentation and testing will be due every 3 years thereafter.

In order to prevent future generations of leaking underground storage tank systems, correct installation of all storage tank equipment is extremely important. If you have questions or desire clarification of the above, please contact the Division of Storage Tanks at (717) 772-5599 and ask to speak with a member of the Underground Storage Tank Unit.