

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

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IMPORTANT NOTICE
Signatures

The Department has recently investigated numerous occurrences in which signatures affixed to Department documents were not signed by the individuals themselves. These documents include, but are not limited to, the Registration/Permitting Application Form, UST and AST modification report forms, tank inspection report forms, and Installer/Inspector and Company Certification Applications. Documentation submitted to the Department must be reviewed and signed by the proper individual(s), acknowledging the legal statements preceding the signature field(s) in the document.

Under no circumstances should any other person sign the name of a certified individual, tank owner, or company officer.

The Department takes this issue seriously. The submittal of fraudulent signatures to the Department can result in enforcement, such as suspension or revocation of Installer/Inspector or Company Certification. Criminal penalties can be considered under the guidelines set forth in 18 Pa. C.S. §4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

If you have questions or desire clarification of the above, please contact Eric Lingle with the Division of Storage Tanks at (717) 772-5599.