



Licensed Underground Storage Tank Contractors

Selecting the proper contractor to work on your UST system

This is a general guide to laws and regulations about underground and aboveground storage tanks and an aid in minimizing potential risks; it does not replace those laws and regulations, which take precedence over any information contained herein. If your tank system is located in Kinney, Uvalde, Medina, Bexar, Comal, Hays, Travis, or Williamson County, additional requirements related to the protection of the Edwards or the Trinity Aquifer may apply (Title 30, Texas Administrative Code [30 TAC], Chapters 213 and 214). In addition to the laws and TCEQ rules, local governments and other state and federal agencies may have rules that apply. The owner and operator are responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Who Should I Hire?

The TCEQ regulates occupational licenses and registrations with regard to underground storage tanks. It is important that you contract with the appropriate company or person to perform any necessary work. See 30 TAC 30 (Occupational Licenses and Registrations), Subchapters E (Leaking Petroleum Storage Tank Corrective Action Project Managers and Specialists) and I (Underground Storage Tank On-Site Supervisor Licensing and Contractor Registration).

Why do I need a Licensed Contractor?

Licensing and registration requirements exist because working on a UST system requires detailed technical knowledge. Be sure to check the expiration date on the contractor's license and ask for proof of liability insurance before allowing work to begin on your UST system. This guide should help you to determine when to use a licensed person to perform work on your UST system.

Definitions

Underground storage tank contractor. A person (business or individual) that installs, repairs, or removes a UST (or offers to, or self-represents as able to, do so) and meets registration requirements.

On-site supervisor. An individual who supervises the installation, repair, or removal of a UST and who meets licensing requirements. There are three levels of licensing, each with its own responsibilities.

Critical juncture. Any of the following steps:

- repairing the tank bedding immediately before receiving a tank
- setting a tank and its piping, including placement of anchoring devices, backfilling to the level of the tank, and strapping
- connecting piping systems to a tank
- pressure testing a UST and its associated piping during installation
- completing backfill and filling the excavation
- any repair involving connection (or reconnection) of a piping system to a tank and related testing of the tank or its associated piping
- removal of the UST

Corrosion specialist. An individual who has a professional degree and related experience, and is certified by the National Association of Corrosion Engineers International or is licensed as a professional engineer in Texas in a branch of engineering that includes education and experience in corrosion control of metal tanks and piping.

Corrosion technician. A person who is qualified by training and experience and who is certified by the National Association of Corrosion Engineers International, employed under the direct supervision of a corrosion specialist, or certified as a cathodic-protection tester by the NACE or the Steel Tank Institute.

Corrective action. Any cleanup of contamination, or assessment (after discovery), monitoring, or investigation of its extent.

LPST Corrective Action Specialist (CAS). A company registered with the TCEQ to perform regulated corrective actions at LPST sites that has two years of experience.

LPST Corrective Action Project Manager (CAPM). A person who is licensed with the TCEQ to perform or supervise regulated corrective actions at leaking petroleum storage tank sites.

Contractors for Leaking Petroleum Storage Tanks

Once a leak is confirmed, an LPST contractor is needed to perform regulated corrective actions on the underground storage tanks. A corrective action specialist must be registered with the TCEQ in order to perform corrective actions at an LPST site. In general, a corrective action project manager is required to be on the LPST site while work is conducted there. Registered LPST corrective action specialists are required to maintain at least \$1 million of liability insurance. For more information, reference module RG-475h, *Suspected Releases from Petroleum Storage Tanks*.

Table 1 indicates which licensees can perform various tasks related to a UST system.

Table 1. UST license levels and work the license holders can perform.

<i>UST Contractor License</i>	<i>On-Site Supervisor A</i>	<i>On-Site Supervisor B</i>	<i>On-Site Supervisor Class A/B Combination</i>	<i>Corrosion Specialist</i>	<i>Corrosion Technician</i>
UST Installation	X		X		
Repair (upgrades and replacements)	X		X		
Removal		X	X		
Design of corrosion protection system				X	
Corrosion testing				X	X
Pressure testing (during installation and repair)	X				
Secondary containment	X		X		
Installation or replacement of vent lines	X		X		
Installation or replacement of submersible pumps	X		X		
Installation of equipment to test tightness of tank or piping	X		X		
Installing permanent release detection and monitoring equipment	X		X		
Adding or replacing spill or overfill equipment	X		X		
Installation of stage I or stage II equipment	X		X		
• A registered UST contractor is required to maintain \$1 million liability insurance. • A UST contractor must have a supervisor on-site at all times during critical junctures of installation, repair or removal. • A UST contractor must prominently display his or her registration number on all bids, proposals, offers, and installation drawings.					

Exceptions from Licensing

The following activities do not require using licensed companies or individuals:

- emergency actions to stop leaks or ruptures
- work on a UST system under the direct supervision of a licensed on-site supervisor
- work on a system that is not regulated under 30 TAC 334

Where do I find more information?

TCEQ Rules—30 TAC 30, Subchapters E and I:

<[http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=30&pt=1&ch=30&sch=E&rl=Y](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=30&pt=1&ch=30&sch=E&rl=Y)>

<[http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=30&pt=1&ch=30&sch=I&rl=Y](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=30&pt=1&ch=30&sch=I&rl=Y)>

Complete online list of licensed contractors:

<www5.tceq.texas.gov/oce/olwe/>

About field citations:

<www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/field_citation>

Sample field citation:

<www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/compliance/field_ops/citation/20270pst-web-version.pdf>

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