

# SD OIL & LP GAS CHRONICLE NEWS



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## EPA UST Owner/Operator Training Issue

In this issue, I will review the requirements for the newest upgrades to Underground Storage Tank systems as required by EPA. In South Dakota, the EPA has designated South Dakota as the enforcement agency.

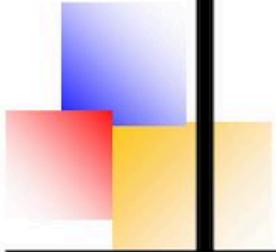
These rules became effective on **October 13, 2018**. The information in this issue was compiled courtesy of R & A Risk Professionals which is used in the EPA Owner/Operator Training Course which is offered through the association.

In this issue, I will cover Monthly and Yearly requirements, generator requirements and alternative fuel compatible and reporting requirements. **The compliance deadline for these upgrades is October 13, 2021.**

If you haven't attended a course in the last couple of years, please consider attending as the training focuses heavily on these **new MANDATORY requirements** for ALL regulated UST Systems.

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# Inspecting Your Facility

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## Benefits of Frequent System Inspections

- Professional evaluation/opinion
- Routine confirmation of system status (example: you can determine how long something has been problem)
- Catching problem before **BIG** problem

## “Compliance” Inspections

- Required every 3 years
- Conducted by **DENR**
- Meet EPA designated SOC’s

## Why?

- Become familiar with facility
- Inspect all recent repairs and installations
- Routine confirmation of system status (example: you can determine how long something has been problem)
- Find leaks that LD system is missing!
- Catching problem before **BIG** problem
- NEW...walkthrough inspections becoming mandatory by EPA



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# Walkthrough Checklist -- Monthly

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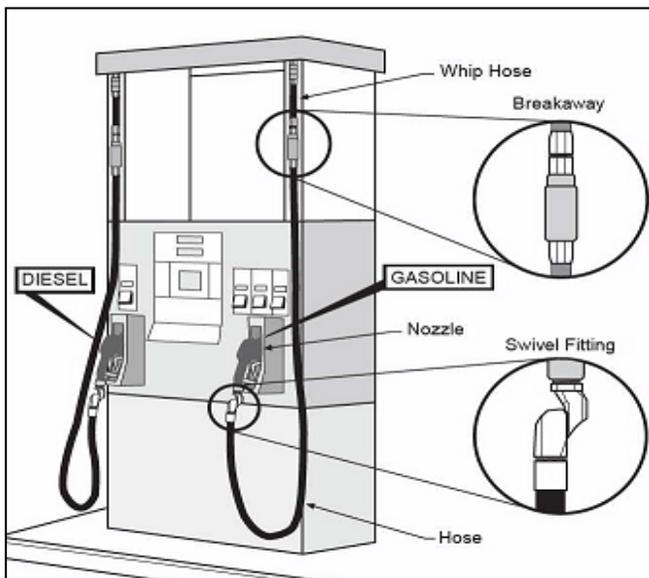
## Spill prevention equipment

- Visually inspect spill prevention equipment for damage.
- Remove liquid or debris.
- Visually inspect fill pipes and remove any obstructions.
- Ensure the fill cap fits securely on the fill pipe.
- Visually inspect spill prevention equipment with interstitial monitoring and ensure there is not a leak in the interstitial area.
- For UST systems receiving deliveries less frequently than every 30 days, the spill prevention equipment inspection may instead be conducted before each delivery.

## Leak detection equipment

- Ensure release detection equipment is operating properly.
- Ensure release detection equipment is not indicating an alarm or any other unusual operating condition.
- Ensure release detection records are reviewed and current.
- Owners and operators monitoring release detection systems remotely may review release detection equipment and records, provided release detection systems are in communication with remote monitoring equipment.

**Remember: 95% of the leaks found during the inspection are at dispensers!**



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# Walkthrough Checklist -- Annual

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## Secondary containment sumps

- Visually check for damage, leaks to the containment area, and releases to the environment.
- Remove liquid from containment sumps.
- Remove debris.
- For double walled sumps with interstitial monitoring, check for leaks in the interstitial area.

## Hand-held release detection equipment

- Check devices such as tank gauge sticks or groundwater bailers for operability and serviceability.

## **Deferred Fully Regulated Tanks - *NOTE this Change*** **Emergency Generator Tank**

Leak Detection NOT required

Remaining ARSD Apply

- New regulation now requires compliance with **LEAK DETECTION**

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# UST Rules - 2018 Changes

*This document summarizes the revised UST rules adopted by the State of South Dakota. Details are also posted at [denr.sd.gov/tanks](http://denr.sd.gov/tanks).*

## Tank Operator Training

- 1) All new owners/operators (Class A/B) must be trained within 30 days of assuming operation.
- 2) Class C operators must be trained prior to assuming duties.

## Release Detection Equipment

*Owners/operators must have electronic and mechanical components of their release detection equipment tested for proper functionality every year.*

## Owner/Operator Walk-Through Inspections (Class A/B)

- 1) Monthly inspections of release detection and spill prevention equipment.
- 2) Annual inspections of secondary containment sumps.
- 3) Maintain walk-through inspection records for one year, including an inspection checklist verifying proper operation and a description of activities taken if corrective action is required. The initial walk-through inspection must be completed prior to October 13, 2021.

## Secondary Containment Equipment

Owners/operators with containment sumps used for the interstitial monitoring of piping must have equipment tested for liquid tightness every three years. The initial testing must be completed prior to October 13, 2021.

## Notification Required

Notification is now required 30 days prior to switching to fuels greater than 10% ethanol or greater than 20% biodiesel. Documentaion of system compatibility with the new product must be submitted with the notification form.

## Spill Prevention Equipment

Owners/operators must have spill prevention equipment (spill buckets or catchment basins) tested for liquid tightness every three years. The initial testing must be completed prior to October 13, 2021.

## Overfill Prevention Equipment

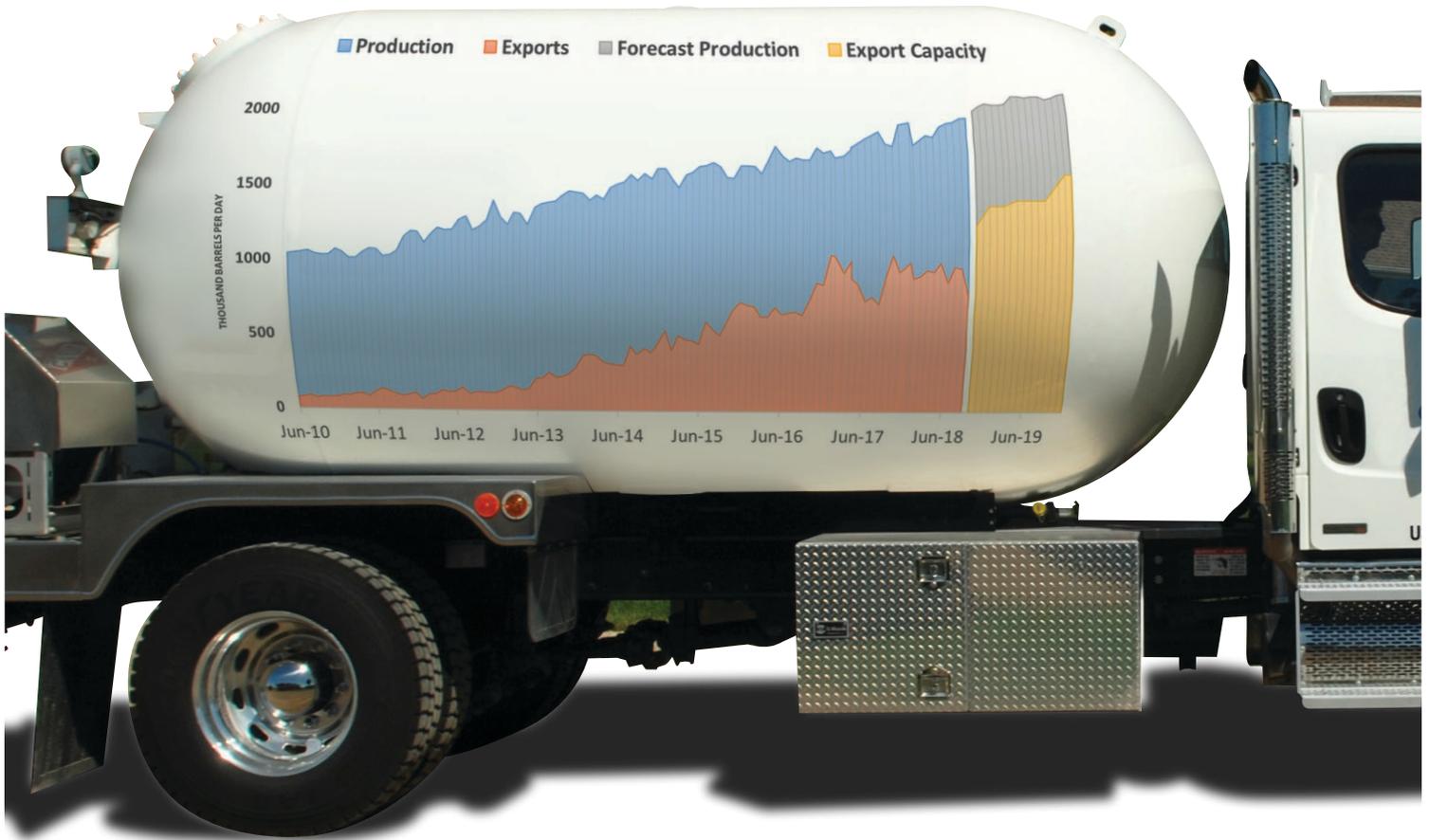
Owners/operators must have overfill prevention equipment (overfill valves, ball float valves, or overfill alarms) tested for proper functionality every three years. The initial testing must be completed prior to October 13, 2021.

## Ball-Float Valves

Ball float valves have been eliminated as an overfill protection option for new installations and upgrades. Existing ball float valves will be allowed to remain in use, provided functionality can be documented before October 13, 2021.

## Emergency Generator Tanks

Release detection is now required for emergency generator tanks in addition to previously existing requirements.



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# NACS News - Consumers Reveal Gas-Buying Behaviors Washington , DC

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – NACS has released new research on how convenience store customers buy gas, their driving habits and opportunities for retailers to change consumer behavior.

## **Key insights from the NACS report, “Consumer Behavior at the Pump,” reveal:**

- Consumers who are driving more are doing so because of a job or a longer commute.
- Price dominates where consumers choose to purchase fuel: 59% of those surveyed in 2019 cite lower prices as the reason they prefer a specific store or chain.
- Food quality and employees influence where consumers choose to shop.
- 44% of gas customers also come inside the store.

“Understanding how gas prices affect consumer behavior and their overall driving habits can help convenience retailers implement strategies for bringing more customers from the pump and inside the store,” said NACS Vice President of Strategic Industry Initiatives Jeff Lenard.

“Our latest research, based on consumer surveys, reveals interesting variations among younger and older consumers across different regions, which can ultimately help retailers go beyond the gas price sign and translate fuel purchases into in-store sales.”

Read the full report by downloading **“Consumer Behavior at the Pump.”**

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[Clean Diesel Program webpage](#). The

application deadline is **April 5, 2019**.

We could use another 12-15 applications. Please pass this information on to anyone you think might be interested. This information has also been added to our Volkswagen

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# 2018 EPA Regulations on Alternative Fuels

## Information provided by R & A Risk Professionals

1) **Notify their implementing agency** at least 30 days prior to storing one of the following:

Regulated substances containing greater than 10 percent ethanol;

Regulated substances containing greater than 20 percent biodiesel; or

Any other regulated substance identified by the implementing agency.

2) In addition, owners/operators storing one of these regulated substances must **demonstrate compatibility** of the UST system.

3) **Keep records that document compliance** with the compatibility requirement for as long as the UST system is used to store these regulated substances.

**South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Alternative Fuel Compatibility Notification Form**

Instructions: This form is to be completed and submitted to the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources at least 30 days prior to changing the contents of an underground storage tank (UST) to alternative fuels greater than 10% ethanol or greater than 20% biodiesel. This form will be used to verify the compatibility of UST system with the substance stored. The tank, pipe, and dispenser information should be completed by someone knowledgeable of the tank system in question. Note: Tanks with interior lining will not be approved for alternative fuel storage.

A completed form can be submitted to the DENR by mail, online, or fax:  
South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Ground Water Quality Program  
523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501  
Phone: (605) 773-3295; Fax: (605) 773-6035  
<https://denr.sd.gov>

<b>Facility Information</b>	<b>Owner Information</b>
Facility ID#: _____	Name: _____
Facility Name: _____	Company Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City: _____ Zip code: _____	City: _____ Zip code: _____
County: _____	Phone: _____ Fax: _____
	Email: _____

<b>Contractor Information</b>	<b>Tank Information</b>
Contractor Name: _____	Size (gal.): _____
Address: _____	Manufacturer: _____
City: _____	Tank material: _____
State: _____ Zip code: _____	Tank single/double wall: _____
Phone: _____	Installation date (year): _____

**Tank leak detection method**

Automatic Tank Gauge       Interstitial Monitoring       Inventory Control  
 Manual Tank Gauging       Statistical Inventory Control

Ethanol percentage: \_\_\_\_\_ %      Biodiesel percentage: \_\_\_\_\_ %

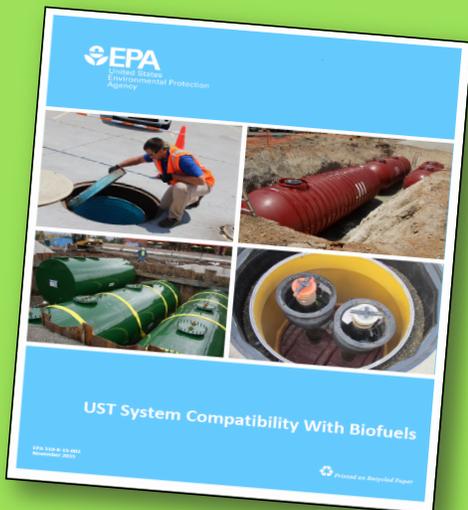
Identify the Manufacturer, Model/Brand, and whether the piece of equipment is Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed or Manufacturer approved for utilization with the alternative fuel indicated above.

Tank	Manufacturer	Model/Brand	UL/Manufacturer approved?		
			UL (Y/N)	UL number	Man. (Y/N)
Spill Bucket			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Overflow Device			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Drip Tube			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Submersible Pump/ Suction Pump			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
ATG Probes			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Liquid Sensors			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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**NOTE: Already required to be compatible ARSD 74:56:01:17.**

**Compatibility.** Owners or operators shall use an UST system made of or lined with materials that are compatible with the substance stored in the system.



### EPA Resource

[https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-12/documents/ust\\_system\\_compatibility\\_with\\_biofuels.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-12/documents/ust_system_compatibility_with_biofuels.pdf)

### UST System Compatibility With Biofuels

- Covers ethanol blends and biodiesel
- Regulatory requirements for compatibility
- Notification requirements
- Sample compatibility checklist
- Other resources



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# NACS News - Fuels Institute Reports Examine Transition to High-Octane Gasoline Market

A high-octane standard for the U.S. gasoline market has been suggested as the fastest and most cost-effective way to enhance automotive fuel efficiency in the near term because it could be applied to vehicles produced in the next few years, as opposed to waiting decades for alternative-fuel vehicles like EVs to gain significant market share. Potential changes to the gasoline market could have significant implications for fuel retailers, from equipment upgrade requirements to consumer reactions. A pair of new reports by the Fuels Institute provide valuable insight into what could transpire under certain transition scenarios and how such scenarios might ultimately affect fuel retailers.

“The science clearly demonstrates that when higher octane gasoline is used in engines designed for it, those engines can deliver greater fuel efficiency and lower emissions,” said John Eichberger, executive director of the Fuels Institute. “The Fuels Institute **Board of Advisors** wanted to better understand how such a fuel might be produced, what modifications to the distribution system might be required to deliver it to consumers, what regulations might need to be modified to facilitate a transition, how long a transition might take and what the fuel might cost consumers. These new reports go a long way to help answering such questions.”

“**Transitioning the U.S. Gasoline Pool to a Single High-Octane Fuel: A Baseline Analysis**” and its companion white paper, “**Analysis of the Potential for Increasing Octane in the U.S. Fuel Supply**,” provide objective analyses of the capability of the fuels market to deliver higher octane gasoline to consumers, as well as the regulatory and market dynamics that such a transition would affect.

“Transitioning the U.S. Gasoline Pool to a Single High-Octane Fuel: A Baseline Analysis,” represents a benchmark analysis to help guide discussions concerning the options that might be available when considering a transition to higher octane gasoline.

“Our research team found that a high-octane market could be achieved but would likely require a federal mandate to be successful,” said Eichberger.

The report modeled high-octane fuels containing various levels of ethanol and found that ethanol could reduce production costs but simultaneously introduce compatibility issues within the distribution system that would require substantial investments to address. What’s more, if the fuel is not similar to an existing fuel, the regulatory and transition process could take 20 years or more, the report concludes.

A companion white paper, prepared at the direction of the Board of Advisors, presented the report’s analysis within the context of other octane-related research, the evolving market and regulatory discussions that occurred during 2018. The primary report evaluates technical and specific regulatory issues associated with the transition to a higher octane gasoline market, while the white paper aggregates various sources to put the research into perspective for those who might need to manage a market transition.

“Our white paper combines the learnings of our commissioned report with the findings of the Department of Energy’s Co-Optimization of Fuels and Engines Initiative, additional analysis released by U.S. CAR, and various consumer and market data analyses prepared by NACS to provide a high-level overview of the issue,” Eichberger explained. “The aggregation of these learnings, presented against the backdrop of policy discussions in Washington, D.C., provides context that is essential to understanding the complexities of this issue.

“These new publications show that transitioning to a high-octane market is feasible, but there are hurdles that must be acknowledged and accommodated. The white paper specifically makes it clear that consumer education prior to initiating the transition is critical because consumers are very sensitive to fuel prices and don’t understand what octane is,” said Eichberger.

Both reports published by the Fuels Institute can be downloaded free at [www.fuelsinstitute.org/research](http://www.fuelsinstitute.org/research).



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November 5-6 December 3-5	Basic Principles and Practices 2.2 Propane Delivery	Mitchell Mitchell

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March 28	8 am - Noon	SD Retailers Bldg. - 2nd floor conference room <b>Pierre</b>
May 8	8 am - Noon	Ramkota Hotel - <b>Rapid City</b>
May 9	8 am - Noon	Ramkota Hotel - <b>Sioux Falls</b>
August 27	1- 5 pm	Ramkota Hotel - <b>Sioux Falls</b>
August 28	8 am - Noon	Ramkota Hotel - <b>Aberdeen</b>
August 29	8 am - Noon	Highland Conference Center - <b>Mitchell</b>
November 6	8 am - Noon	Ramkota Hotel - <b>Rapid City</b>
November 7	8 am - Noon	Ramkota Hotel - <b>Sioux Falls</b>

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## NPGA News Washington , DC

Earlier this year, it was announced that Rick Roldan would be transitioning from his position as CEO of NPGA. As earlier reported, this was a mutual decision reached after a full discussion between the Officer team, which comprises the Personnel Subcommittee, and Rick. To ease the transition, he will remain onboard until the end of this year. Our realistic goal for having a new CEO in place is 90-120 days.

Rick has been part of NPGA for 24 years and became CEO some 17 years ago when we moved our headquarters from Illinois to Washington. He has accomplished much in those years and NPGA and the propane industry are much better for his efforts. Today we are an effective and respected industry organization, we are fiscally sound, and we have a professional team of employees that are passionate about our industry.

Since that announcement the officer team has come together, both by phone and in person, to develop a transition plan that will find and support the best person to lead NPGA and the industry into the future. As you know, we regularly update our strategic plan to reflect the industry's needs and, as part of this process, we are reviewing both how we operate internally as an Association and how we operate in conjunction with our two key partners in the propane industry, PERC and our State and Regional Associations. PERC is evolving in its second generation, and, with the increasing legislative and regulatory activity at the state level, our State and Regional Association partners are even more critical to our success as an industry. We need to maximize the synergies among all three groups to achieve the greatest success.

This analysis, while delaying the search process somewhat, has been invaluable in determining what we will expect of our next CEO and what qualities that person should possess to lead us going forward. The world and our industry have changed; we need to make sure we're keeping up with those changes. We have engaged in discussions with both PERC and State and Regional Association leadership for their feedback and the vision for our future is beginning to unfold.

The transition team has considered two firms for our search process. We have chosen the one that we feel has the background, ability, and passion to help us and we hope to have the contract with that firm in place in the near future once, our due diligence is complete. In support of this effort, Randy Thompson has agreed to spend some time in DC over the next several months working alongside Rick and assisting with the transition.

I truly believe that this is an exciting time for NPGA and our industry. As we move forward, we will be building on the effort and legacy that brought us the successes that we enjoy today and establishing an even greater success in the future.

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