

Fact Sheet:

Single-Wall Closure Deadline



The basics:

- All federally-regulated single-walled underground storage tanks (USTs) and single-walled product pipelines installed prior to May 8th, 1985 are required to be permanently closed and removed prior to December 22nd, 2017
- All federally-regulated single-walled underground storage tanks (USTs) and single-walled product pipelines installed after May 8th, 1985 are required to be permanently closed and removed within 32 years of the date of installation
- If the interstitial space of double-walled product pipelines was unable to be tested and a single-walled variance request was granted by DEM, the piping is required to be removed prior to December 22nd, 2017
- This requirement applies to all single-walled USTs or product pipelines which contain, or are used for, gasoline, diesel, kerosene, jet fuel, or any heating fuel intended for distribution
- This requirement **DOES NOT** apply to systems storing heating oil that is used solely on-site for heating purposes that are less than <1,100 gallons (e.g., typical home heating oil systems)

How do I remove a UST?

- All UST and product piping must be removed with oversight from DEM, and in most cases a Closure Assessment Report will be required and must be conducted by a qualified Environmental Consultant
- A completed Permanent Closure Application must be submitted at least 3 weeks in advance of the anticipated closure date. An electronic version of this form with instructions is available on our website at: <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/waste/pdf/ustclosr.pdf>. In most cases, the contractor can fill this out on behalf of the owner
- For more information on removing a UST or piping system, contact Frank Vogel at (401) 222-2797 extension 7522

When did this happen?

- This requirement was included in the 2002, 2005, 2007, 2008 and 2011 and 2018 revisions of the Rules and Regulations for Underground Storage Facilities Used for Regulated Substances and Hazardous Materials, and is also required by Rhode Island General Law (RIGL) § 46-12-3, section 21

Why is this happening?

- Single-walled USTs and product piping have no protection against the release of hazardous materials in the event of damage, excessive wear, corrosion, or age-related failures and have been banned from installation since 1992
- A disproportionately high percentage of hazardous materials releases to the environment are the result of single-walled UST or product piping failure

When should I do it?

- As soon as possible! There are a limited number of qualified companies that are able to perform UST closures and Closure Assessments, and their availability may become limited as the deadline approaches. If you wait until the last minute, you may not be able to find someone able to perform the work before the deadline

Can I replace my system?

- New double-walled USTs and product piping can usually be installed at the same time the single-walled system is being removed, however this depends on many factors. For more information about the installation of new tanks, Contact Greg Yekhtikian at (401) 222-2797 extension 7521

What if I do nothing?

- As this requirement has been in place for over 16 years, DEM will not be issuing waivers, variances, or extensions as more than adequate time to plan for this deadline has been given
- The owner(s) of any single-walled UST, UST system, or product piping required to be permanently closed may be subject to financial penalties or other administrative enforcement action if the components are not removed by the deadline
- Any single-wall UST system that is not closed by the deadline will become ineligible for the UST Reimbursement Fund and the owners may be liable for 100% of clean-up and remediation costs
- If you are unable to remove the components prior to the deadline, at a minimum you should ensure the UST system is empty and taken out of service. DEM will be performing unannounced inspections and any single-wall UST systems still in operation may be subject to additional penalties beyond those assessed for failing to meet the single-wall component removal deadline.

FACILITIES WITH SINGLE-WALLED USTs OR PRODUCT PIPELINES REQUIRED TO BE REMOVED

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RI DEM UST #	Facility Name	Address	City/Town	Required Removal Date	Current Status
317	MAGIC GAS	1885 MINERAL SPRING AVE	NORTH PROVIDENCE	12/22/17	NOV Issued
1842	C. & J. O'D., INC.	92 SUNNYSIDE AVE	WOONSOCKET	12/22/17	Referred to OCI
1277	University of Rhode Island - Fuel Depot	9 RHODY RAM WAY	SOUTH KINGSTOWN	12/22/17	Referred to OCI
262	SUNOCO #0006-0533	1514 NEWPORT AVE	PAWTUCKET	10/1/18	NOV Issued
456	CORY'S SERVICE STATION	676 PUTNAM PIKE	SMITHFIELD	10/1/18	Referred to OCI
544	GOFF GAS	75 GOFF AVE	PAWTUCKET	12/1/19	NOV Issued
706	ARMISTICE BLVD. GAS & AUTO SERVICE	296 ARMISTICE BLVD	PAWTUCKET	7/11/20	Referred to OCI
1288	LINCOLN GARAGE (D.O.T.)	680 GEORGE WASHINGTON HWY	LINCOLN	9/2/20	Referred to OCI
901	SANDY LANE GAS	1015 SANDY LN	WARWICK	10/1/21	NOV Issued
1515	KINGSTOWN MOBIL	6228 POST RD	NORTH KINGSTOWN	12/1/21	NOV Issued
534	LIGHTHOUSE MARINA, LLC	110 SHORE DR	BARRINGTON	4/18/22	
559	K AND A AUTOMOTIVE	2070 NOOSENECK HILL RD	COVENTRY	10/1/22	
2125	MIDDLETOWN SUNOCO	356 WEST MAIN RD	MIDDLETOWN	1/1/23	
3036	DIAMOND HILL VALERO	1410 DIAMOND HILL RD	CUMBERLAND	8/1/23	
659	FLEET MASTER	9 HYLESTEAD ROAD	PROVIDENCE	7/20/24	