

UST Installations, Testing, and Repairs Require Licensed Contractor

If you are in need of repairs to an existing underground storage tank (UST), having a new tank installed, closing an old UST, or having line testing conducted at your facility, a licensed individual/contractor is required to conduct this work at your facility.

How can I find a licensed UST contractor or individual in my area? The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) website maintains a list of licensed contractors and individuals located at https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/rst/programs/licensing/contractors.aspx.

Are you interested in obtaining a license to install, repair, upgrade, close, or test USTs? There are several requirements mandated by 40 CFR 280 and Arkansas Pollution Control & Ecology Commission (APC&EC) Regulation 12.

Applicants for a UST contractor/company license must meet the following requirements:

- 1. Be at least 18 years of age.
- 2. Hold a current contractor's license if required by local, state, or federal laws.
- 3. File a completed application with ADEQ along with a \$300 non-refundable fee.
- 4. Provide financial assurance in the form of a surety bond or letter of credit in the amount of \$25,000.
- 5. At least one active officer, partner, owner, or designated managerial representative of the company must pass the Underground Storage Tank Licensed individual exam.
- 6. Attest on the application that on any job, a licensed individual will exercise responsible

- supervisory control and will be physically present on the site at all critical junctures in the installation, repair, upgrade, or closure of a UST system and during the actual test itself.
- 7. Companies requiring a Company Tester License should submit certification from the manufacturer that the testing methods used meet the federal performance standard as stated in 40 CFR 280.43(c).

Applicants for a UST individual license must meet the following requirements:

- 1. Be at least 18 years of age.
- 2. File a completed application with ADEQ along with a \$150 non-refundable fee.
- 3. Have a minimum of one year of experience within the three years prior to the application.
- 4. Pass a written exam.
- 5. Certify they are in good standing with all licensing authorities where licensing is required and have not had a license or certificate suspended or revoked.
- 6. Tester applicants should submit certification from the manufacturer that the testing methods used meet the federal performance standard as stated in 40 CFR 280.43(c).

When are exams administered? Exams are given on the third Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at ADEQ Headquarters, located at 5301 Northshore Drive in North Little Rock.

Below is a list of exam dates for 2019:

- March 21, 2019
- April 18, 2019
- May 16, 2019
- June 20, 2019
- July 18, 2019
- August 15, 2019
- September 19, 2019
- October 17, 2019
- November 21, 2019
- December 19, 2019

Once a license is obtained, it is valid for two (2) years before renewal is required. Prior to renewal of the license, the licensed individual must obtain sixteen (16) hours of continuing education credits from an approved training provider. Currently, ADEQ has two approved training providers:

Petcon Inc.
Alex Ralston
800-852-8374
petconinc@comcast.net

SEA, Inc. Terry Bryant 501-568-3111 Kjennings@seainc.net

For any further detailed information, please contact Amy Schluterman at <u>Schluterman@adeq.state.ar.us</u> or 501-682-0993.



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