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## **UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SERVICE PROVIDER PROGRAM GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Scope**

No person shall perform tank service work on an underground storage tank (UST) system in the state of Arizona unless the person is certified by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) or is working under the supervision of an individual who is certified by ADEQ.

### **Definitions**

*Tank Service* refers to the installation, retrofitting, tank tightness testing, decommissioning, cathodic protection and interior lining of an UST or part of an UST system.

*Supervision* refers to the immediate, on-site control and direction by a person certified by the Department of a person who is conducting tank service and is not certified by the Department.

### **Categories of Certification**

Installation and Retrofit  
Decommissioning  
Cathodic Protection Testing  
Tightness Testing  
Interior Lining

### **ADEQ Certification Application Process**

An individual must complete and submit an *Application for Tank Service Provider Certification* that provides all of the following information:

- Name, address (mail and physical), telephone number (home and business), aliases, and employer
- Name of category of tank service which certification is being sought
- Proof of qualification; either by submittal of ICC, NACE, and/or any other manufacturer certification that is necessary for a particular category of certification
- Two 1 inch by 1 inch color portraits of the applicant
- A certification statement that the information submitted is true, accurate, and complete must be accompanied by the applicant's signature and a notary public's seal and signature

A person who seeks certification for more than one category must complete a separate application for each category being sought.

### **Amount of Time to Approve/Deny the Application**

- Within fifteen days of ADEQ's receipt of the application, ADEQ must either approve the application or issue a notice of deficiency if the application is not administratively complete
- If the applicant does not cure the deficiency within thirty days of the receipt of the notice of deficiency, the application is denied
- If the application is denied, re-application is required for certification

## **Testing and Certification Information**

### **International Code Council (ICC)**

- A person qualifies for certification by ADEQ as a tank service provider if the individual holds certification from the ICC for the category of certification being sought
- Currently, ICC offers certification for the categories of installation and retrofit, decommissioning, cathodic protection testing and tightness testing

### **National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE)**

- A person qualifies for the category of ‘cathodic protection testing’ without holding an ICC certification if the individual holds certification by NACE as a “corrosion specialist”, “cathodic protection specialist”, “senior corrosion technologist”, or a “corrosion technologist”

### **Manufacturer Certification - Tightness Testing**

- If an applicant is applying for the category of tightness testing, the applicant must submit proof of manufacturer’s certification for the use of a piece of equipment or methodology in addition to holding the ICC certification for the category of certification being sought
- Copies of each manufacturer’s certification must be submitted along with the application

### **Alternative Certification - Interior Lining**

- A person qualifies for interior lining certification if all of the following conditions are met:
  - 1) The manufacturer of the technology has a process for certification of tank service providers and the person seeking qualification under this Section has received the manufacturer’s certification
  - 2) The manufacturer’s certification is based on training or examination that evaluates competency specific to the category of tank service
  - 3) The certification training or examination emphasizes the applicable codes of practice found in Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 49, Chapter 6 and the rules promulgated there under
  - 4) The tank service technology is protective of human health and the environment
  - 5) The person submits evidence of qualification under this subsection for the category of certification being sought

For your reference, to make a reservation for testing examinations, please make note of the following information. You may contact the International Code Council at (800) 275-8301. The National Association of Corrosion Engineers may be contacted at (281) 228-6214.

Any questions relating to the UST Service Provider Program may be directed to Amy Aeed at (602) 771-4316, or Toll-free (800) 234-5677 - Ext. 771-4316.