


TO: North Dakota Underground Storage Tank (UST) Contractors

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SUBJECT: Memo - UST Testing Requirements

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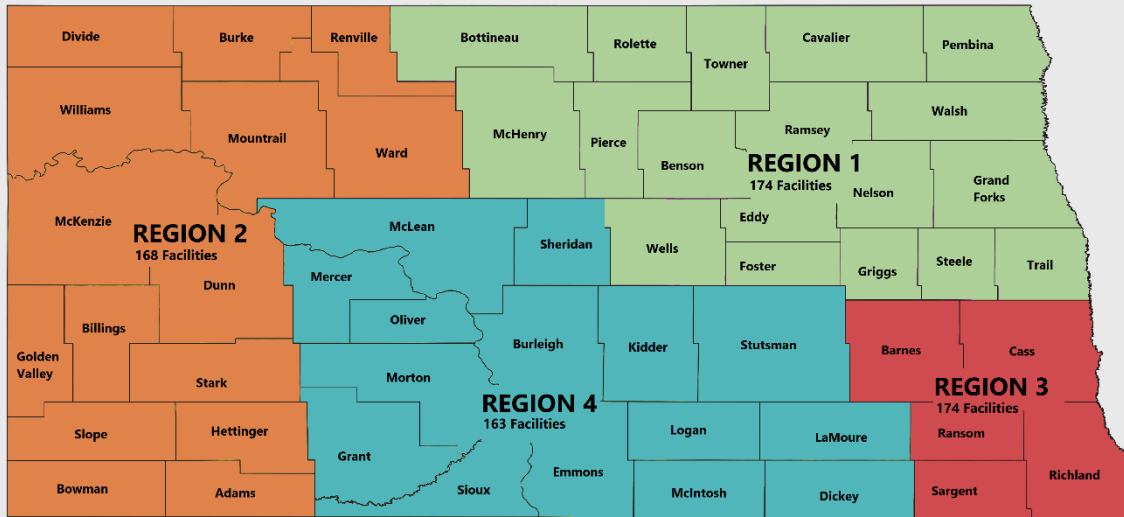
As you are aware, North Dakota adopted new rules for UST systems in 2018. There are several issues that the North Dakota UST Program would like to address with UST contractors before the summer work season begins.

1. **TESTING FORMS** – The ND UST Program has on its website forms for the contractors to use for testing tank systems at <https://deq.nd.gov/WM/Publications.aspx>. PEI also has these forms free for use at <https://www.pei.org/rp1200>. We are requesting that a form is used for each piece of equipment tested. For example, if five sump sensors were tested you cannot just indicate that five sensors were tested and passed the tests. We need to see the test results for each sensor.
2. **TESTING FORM DATES** – Please do not leave the test date blank on the testing forms. It is very important that we know the dates of each test.
3. **INTERSTITIAL MONITORING** – All tanks and piping installed after January 1, 2009, **MUST** use interstitial monitoring as the primary form of leak detection and therefore must test the piping containment sumps every three years. Tank systems installed before January 1, 2009 are not required to use interstitial monitoring as the primary form of leak detection.
4. **ONLINE HELP FOR CONTRACTORS** – Contractor can view testing information about each facility in North Dakota including which equipment needs to be tested and the date of the last test at that facility. The website is <https://secure.apps.nd.gov/doh/operator/default.aspx>. You will need a username and password to login. Contact the UST Program for the username and password. Please note that even though the UST Program does try to enter the correct equipment information about each facility, some information may not be correct or up to date. Use your best judgment when determining the required testing at these facilities and call the Department if you have any questions.
5. **TESTING RESULT DUE** – Once the testing is completed, the results must be submitted to the Owner/operator within **30 days** after testing is completed. There has been a delay in the process of documentation submittal to the department lately; some results take up to a year to get to the department.
6. **COMPLETE ALL THE TESTING REQUIRED** – Please, use your best judgment and facility report (available online) when determining the required testing at these facilities and **call the Department (communication is the key)** if you have any questions.

If you have any questions, you may contact the UST Program at 701-328-5166 or you may call the Departments UST staff directly to talk about a specific facility in their region.

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