

UST Operator Training Rules By State as of March 2011

The EPA UST operator training guidelines establish three classes of UST operators:

Class A – Primarily responsible for the operation and maintenance of a UST system(s). In general, this individual focuses on the broader aspects of the federal and state regulatory requirements, standards, and NPS policies necessary to operate and maintain UST systems.

Class B – Generally, an individual whose job is to work directly with UST systems on a daily basis. Class B Operators are responsible for implementing applicable federal and/or state UST regulatory requirements and standards, and implementing day-to-day aspects of operating, maintaining, and recordkeeping for USTs at one or more locations.

Class C – An individual who is generally the first line of response to emergency events involving USTs. This individual is responsible for responding to alarms or other indications of emergencies caused by spills or releases from UST systems. A Class C Operator notifies the Class B and/or Class A Operator and appropriate emergency responders when necessary.

State/Territory	Training Rules Adopted?	Training Deadline	Notes	State UST Program Information
AKR				
Alaska	Pending	TBD	In the process of updating state UST regulations to reflect EPA UST operator training guidelines.	907-269-7886 www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/ipp/ust.htm
IMR				
Arizona	Yes	TBD	Specific state UST operator training rules have not yet been published. Class A and B Operators will need refresher training every three years thereafter.	602-771-4255 www.azdeg.gov/environ/waste/ust/index.html
Colorado	Yes	Deadline passed	Adopted operator training rules in 2008. Trained Class A or B Operators must also perform monthly and annual inspections starting in 2010. Colorado allows third party training vendors.	303-318-8500 www.colorado.gov/cdle/ops
Idaho	Yes	8/8/2012	Adopted operator training rules in 2009 and has a unique approach: training will be done on site during an inspection by state inspectors using a program called <i>TankHelper</i> .	208-373-0247 www.deq.state.id.us/waste/prog_issues/ust_lust/index.cfm
Montana	Yes	Deadline passed	Adopted operator training rules in 2009 and uses the online program <i>TankHelper</i> to train Class A and B Operators.	406-444-5300 deg.mt.gov/ust/default.mcp.x
New Mexico	Yes	8/8/2012	Adopted operator training rules in 2008 similar to EPA guidelines, except: - Training is also required for aboveground storage tank (AST) systems; - Refresher training is required every five years; - Training is phased in between now and the summer of 2012, depending on how many UST/AST sites the owner has.	505-476-4397 www.nmenv.state.nm.us/ust/ustbtop.html
Oklahoma	Yes	7/1/2011	Adopted UST operator training rules in 2008, similar to EPA guidelines. Class A & B Operators can take online PowerPoint training from the state.	www.occ.state.ok.us/Divisions/PST/pst.htm
Texas	Pending	TBD	Currently developing draft operator training rules.	512-239-2160 www.tceq.state.tx.us/nav/permits/pst_cert.html

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Utah	Yes	8/8/2012	Adopted operator training rules in 2009, similar to EPA guidelines, except that Class B Operators must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure monthly inspection will be performed; - Keep a list of Class C operators; and - Be present for tank inspections. 	801-536-4100 www.undergroundtanks.utah.gov/
Wyoming	Yes	Deadline passed	Adopted rules in 2008 requiring that all Class A and B Operators be trained and licensed by 11/10/09. Wyoming only allows International Code Council (ICC) certification for Class A and B Operators. Class C Operators can be trained only by A and B Operators onsite. Training is required for both USTs and ASTs. (ICC: www.iccsafe.org/Accreditation/Pages/ust-ast.aspx)	307-777-7095 deq.state.wy.us/shwd/stp/
MWR				
Arkansas	Yes	8/8/2012	Adopted rules in 2010 which are similar to EPA guidelines. Class A and B Operators can take a final exam from AR Department of Environmental Quality to become certified.	501-682-0999 www.adeq.state.ar.us/rst/
Illinois	Pending	TBD	Currently developing draft operator training rules.	217-785-1020 www.state.il.us/osfm/PetroChemSaf/home.htm
Indiana	Pending	TBD	Currently developing draft operator training rules.	(317) 232-8900 www.in.gov/idem/4997.htm
Iowa	Yes	8/1/2011	Adopted operator training rules in 2009. Class A and B Operators must be designated and trained by August 1, 2011. Class C Operators must be trained within 6 months of the rules becoming effective.	515-281-8169 www.iowadnr.com/land/ust/index.html
Kansas	Yes	8/8/2012	Adopted operator training in 2007, similar to EPA guidelines. Kansas is funding Class A and B Operator courses free of charge. Class C Operators are to be trained by Class A and B staff. Refresher training required every four years.	785-296-1678 www.kdheks.gov/tanks/
Michigan	Pending	TBD	Currently developing draft operator training rules. They rules may require an ICC certification exam for all Class A and B Operators. (ICC: www.iccsafe.org/Accreditation/Pages/ust-ast.aspx)	517-335-7211 www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3311_4115_4238---.00.html
Minnesota	Yes	8/8/2012	Adopted operator training rules in 2009 which are similar to EPA guidelines. The training deadline is determined by the owner's telephone area code. The final deadline for all training is 8/8/2012.	651-297-8664 www.pca.state.mn.us/cleanup/ust.html
Missouri	No	TBD	No draft operator training rules under consideration at this time.	573-751-6822 www.dnr.mo.gov/env/hwp/tanks/tanks.htm
Nebraska	Pending	TBD	Currently developing draft operator training rules.	402-471-9465 www.sfm.state.ne.us/programs-services/fuels/flst/ust.html
North Dakota	Pending	TBD	Currently developing operator training rules.	701-328-5166 www.ndhealth.gov/wm/UndergroundStorageTankProgram

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Ohio	Pending	TBD	Currently developing draft operator training rules.	614-752-7938 www.com.ohio.gov/fire/bustmain.aspx
South Dakota	Yes	8/8/2012	Recently adopted operator training rules but the rules are limited to the state approving training content. There are no specifications about trainers, renewals, operator definitions, etc	605-773-3296 www.denr.sd.gov/des/gw/tanks/TankSection.aspx
Wisconsin	Yes	Depends - see notes	Adopted operator training rules similar to EPA guidelines in 2009, except: - There are two deadlines. Most operators must be trained by 1/1/2012; "Small operators" have until 8/8/2012; and - Monthly UST inspections by Class A/B Operators are required by the appropriate deadline.	608-266-7874 www.commerce.state.wi.us/ER/ER-BST-HomePage.html
NCR				
District of Columbia	Yes	8/8/2012	Adopted operator training rules in 2009 that are similar to EPA guidelines.	202-535-2326 www.ddoe.dc.gov
Maryland	Pending	TBD	Currently developing operator training rules which may be adopted shortly.	410-537-3442 www.mde.maryland.gov/programs/land/oilcontrol/undergroundstoragetanks/pages/programs/landprograms/oil_control/usthome/index.aspx
Virginia	Yes	8/8/2012	Adopted operator training rules in 2010 similar to EPA guidelines.	804-698-4010 www.deq.state.va.us/tanks/
West Virginia	Yes	8/8/2012	Adopted operator training rules similar to EPA guidelines. A \$100/person scholarship available from the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection; it must be used by 12/31/2011.	304-926-0499 ext. 1286 www.dep.wv.gov/WWE/ee/ust/Pages/default.aspx
Connecticut	Pending	TBD	Currently developing draft operator training rules	860-424-3374 www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2692&q=322600&depNav_GLID=1652&depNav=
Delaware	Yes	8/8/2012	Adopted operator training rules in 2010 that are similar to EPA guidelines. The state is offering live classroom training for Class A/B Operators.	302-395-2500 www.dnrec.state.de.us/dnrec2000/Divisions/AWM/ust
Maine	Pending	TBD	Currently developing draft operator training regulations but also has an online training program called <i>TankSmart</i> for Class A/B Operators. The	207-287-2651 www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/ust/index.htm
Maryland	Pending	TBD	Currently developing operator training rules which may be adopted shortly.	410-537-3442 www.mde.maryland.gov/programs/land/oilcontrol/undergroundstoragetanks/pages/programs/landprograms/oil_control/usthome/index.aspx
Massachusetts	Pending	TBD	Developing draft operator training rules which should be published shortly.	617-292-5500 www.mass.gov/dep/toxics/ust
New Hampshire	Yes	8/8/2012	Adopted operator training rules similar to EPA guidelines.	603-271-3644 www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/orcb/ocs/ustp/index.htm

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New Jersey	No	TBD	Currently developing or considering draft operator training rules.	609-633-0737 www.state.nj.us/dep/srp/bust/bust.htm
New York	Pending	TBD	Currently developing draft operator training rules.	518-402-9543 www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/287.html
Pennsylvania	Yes	8/8/2012	Adopted operator training rules in 2009 similar to EPA guidelines. The rules allow third party inspectors to serve as designated operators.	800-428-2657 www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/storage_tanks/14098
Rhode Island	Yes	TBD	Currently developing draft operator training rules with a provision that would require ICC certification for all Class A and B operators. (ICC: www.iccsafe.org/Accreditation/Pages/ust-ast.aspx)	401-222-2797 www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/waste/index.htm
Vermont	Yes	8/8/2012	Adopted operator training rules similar to EPA guidelines except that Class A/B operators must be retrained every two years.	802-241-3888 www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/ust/home.htm
Virginia	Yes	8/8/2012	Adopted operator training rules in 2010 similar to EPA guidelines.	804-698-4010 www.deq.state.va.us/tanks/
West Virginia	Yes	8/8/2012	Adopted operator training rules similar to EPA guidelines. A \$100/person scholarship available from the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection; it must be used by 12/31/2011.	304-926-0499 ext. 1286 www.dep.wv.gov/WWE/ee/ust/Pages/default.aspx
California	Yes	Deadline passed	Adopted operator training rules in 2004. There are no Class A/B Operators; only a <i>Designated Operator (DO)</i> . All DOs must be certified through the ICC every two years. DOs also perform a detailed monthly on-site inspection and provide on-site training to Class C Operators. CA does not permit third party online Class C trainers. (ICC: www.iccsafe.org/Accreditation/Pages/ust-ast.aspx)	916-341-5851 www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/
Hawaii	Pending	TBD	Currently developing draft operator training rules.	808-586-4226 www.hawaii.gov/health/environmental/waste/ust/index.htm
Nevada	No	TBD	No draft operator training rules under consideration at this time.	775-687-9376 www.ndep.nv.gov/bca/ust_home.htm
Oregon	Yes	Deadline passed	The first state to adopt operator training rules (2003). Training began in 2003 for Class B and C Operators; Class A operators were added in 2009.	503-229-6652 www.deq.state.or.us/lq/tanks/index.htm
Washington	Pending	TBD	Currently developing draft operator training rules	360-407-7170 www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/ust-lust/tanks.html
SER				
Alabama	Yes	8/8/2012	Adopted operator training rules in 2009 similar to federal guidelines.	334-271-7700 www.adem.state.al.us/programs/water/groundwater.cnt
Florida	No	NA	Florida is not requiring operator training. No regulations are being developed (state does not receive funding under Subtitle I of RCRA).	850-245-8839 www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/pss/default.htm

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Georgia	Yes	8/8/2012	Adopted operator training rules in 2008, which are similar to EPA guidance except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The state is developing its own Class A/B Operator certification exam in lieu of training; - Retraining is required every seven years; - Replacement training for all operators is 60 days; - All card or key holders must be trained as Class C operators at unmanned sites. 	www.gaepd.org/Documents/index_land.html
Kentucky	Pending	TBD	Currently developing draft operator training regulations plus an online Class A/B Operator training course to be offered free of charge.	502-564-5981 www.waste.ky.gov/ust
Louisiana	Yes	8/8/2012	Adopted operator training rules in 2009 similar to EPA guidelines. Deadline for training is based on date of the next UST compliance inspection. The final	225-219-3236 www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2659/Default.aspx
Mississippi	Pending	TBD	Currently developing draft operator training rules.	601-961-5282 www.deq.state.ms.us/MDEQ.nsf/page/UST_PageHome?OpenDocument
North Carolina		8/8/2012	Adopted operator training rules in 2010 similar to EPA guidelines except that NC combines Class A and B Operators into the <i>Primary Operator (PO)</i> category. POs are trained by a state inspector at the next tank inspection.	919-733-1300 www.wastenotnc.org/ust/ust_main.html
Puerto Rico	No	TBD	No draft operator training rules under consideration at this time.	787-767-8056 www.gobierno.pr/gprportal/inicio
South Carolina	Yes	8/8/2011	Adopted operator training rules similar to EPA guidelines, except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The training deadline is one year sooner (8/8/2011) - Class A/B Operators have specific training documentation requirements; and - Class A/B Operators can train online at the South Carolina DHEC web site. 	803-896-7957 www.scdhec.gov/egc/ust/index.html
Tennessee	Yes	8/8/2012	Adopted operator training rules in 2010, similar to EPA guidelines. Tennessee DEC offers Class A, B, and C operator training online.	615-532-0945 www.tennessee.gov/environment/ust/
Virgin Islands	Pending	TBD	Currently developing draft operator training rules	304-773-1082 www.dpnr.gov.vi/dep/tanks.htm

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