

Welcome to the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality's (NDDEQ) Underground Storage Tank Program's Operator Training course. This training program was developed to comply with the requirements of the 2013 Underground Storage Tank (UST) rules. The training is required for all facilities in North Dakota that have regulated underground storage tanks.

In this training program you will learn about the North Dakota requirements for regulated USTs. The training has been broken down into two sections. The first section is mandatory and is the same for all UST facility operators. The second section is comprised of different training modules based on the UST equipment that is used at your facility.

Introduction

Each facility in North Dakota must designate a Class A, Class B, and a Class C operator, except for unattended cardtrol facilities which only need a Class A and Class B operator. All classes of operators must be trained on UST operations. However, it is only the Class A and Class B operators that are required to take this online training course, or another course approved by the NDDEQ. The Class C operators can be trained by a trained Class A or B operator. After each online training module, there will be a short test. In order to pass the module, you must score at least 75 percent on the test. If you do not pass the test, you must review the module and retake it.

One person can be a designated Class A, Class B, and Class C operator at the same facility. And one person could also be a Class A, B and C operator for multiple facilities. Each facility is required to designate one or multiple people as Class A, B and C operators.

The testing requirements for each class of operator are different. The Class B operator is required to have the most extensive training and will have enough training to be designated as a Class A, B and C operator. Training for the Class A operator is not as extensive as the Class B. The Class A training is intended for individuals that would like to learn more about the underground storage tank rules in North Dakota, but do not need the amount of training as a Class B operator.

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After successfully passing the required modules, you will be a trained Class A or B operator in the state of North Dakota. Upon passing the tests, your information will be sent to the NDDEQ showing that you are a trained operator. You will be required to print a certificate identifying which modules you passed. This certificate must be printed and kept at the facility. If, in the future, your facility changes equipment, you must pass the training module for the new equipment. For example, if your facility has tanks on which you perform manual tank gauging, and you upgrade to automatic tank gauging, you will have to take the automatic tank gauging test module to retrain as a Class B operator. Retraining due to equipment changes must take place within 30 days of the equipment upgrade.

You may also be required to retrain as an operator if it is requested by the NDDEQ. This may occur if there are significant rule changes to the Underground Storage Tank Program or if your facility is out of compliance with the UST rules. If a facility does not have a Class A and B operator it will be considered out of compliance with both the federal and state UST regulations.

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In the following training modules, you will be required to take certain modules based upon the information the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality has in its database for your facility. In some cases this information will be incorrect. For example, you may have upgraded your leak detection systems on your tanks and have not notified the NDDEQ. In these cases, you may take any additional modules that you need to be a trained operator. However, in order to be a trained Class A or B operator by the NDDEQ you will need to notify the NDDEQ of the equipment/UST system changes. Once the NDDEQ has updated your facility information, you will be notified to return to the website to print out the certificate showing that you are a trained Class A or B operator in North Dakota.

Additional Information

Additional information regarding items discussed in this module and forms to record your results are available on the Internet at <https://deq.nd.gov/> Or you may call a North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality representative at 701-328-5166 for more information.