

## Underground Storage Tanks

### What are the latest regulations?



The Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program is a major component of Massachusetts' groundwater resource protection effort. To support this program, the Massachusetts Department of Protection (DEP) implements federal requirements addressing registration and inspection of UST systems used to store petroleum fuels or hazardous substances. UST systems found to be leaking or otherwise not functioning properly must be repaired or replaced, and any resulting environmental damage assessed and cleaned up.

Since the DEP gained control of the UST program in 2009, they've initiated the development of new regulations designed to replace the Department of Fire Services' Fire Prevention Regulations 527 CMR 9.0 Here's what you need to know:

- DEP's new regulations will be called 310 CMR 80.00
- USTs will need inspections every three years by a certified 3rd party inspector
- UST Owners are required to demonstrate financial assurance
- UST Owners will need licensed UST operators no later than August 2012.

### Do you have a Regulated UST According to DEP's Records?

Facility owner/operators can check the state's database to verify the information MassDEP has on file about their USTs. To see if your facility is on this list, go to

<http://db.state.ma.us/dep/ust/ustQueryPage.asp>

### We Can Help.

With more than 30 years of industrial experience in environmental health and safety, Tighe & Bond can help you to understand your specific UST requirements. Our environmental scientist, **Gary Roberts**, is a Massachusetts-approved Third Party Underground Storage Tank Inspector with experience in the design, installation, removal, and inspection of underground and aboveground storage tanks and ancillary systems. You can reach him at (413) 875-1316 or [GMRoberts@tighebond.com](mailto:GMRoberts@tighebond.com).