

TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Of

Underground Storage Tank Systems

For an underground storage tank system to be considered temporarily closed, the owner or operator must comply with the steps listed in one of the following categories depending on how long the tank will be temporarily closed:

Temporary Closure For Up To 3 Months

Underground storage tank systems that are temporarily closed for up to 3 months are required to do the following:

1. Maintain leak detection if product remains in the tank.
2. Maintain corrosion protection if the tank is so equipped.

Temporary Closure for More than 3 Months

Underground storage tank systems that are temporarily closed for more than 3 months are required to do the following:

1. Empty the tank of all product (no more than 1 inch of product may remain in the tank)
2. Leave vent lines open and functioning.
3. Cap and secure piping, pumps, manways, and other related equipment.
4. Maintain corrosion protection if the tank is so equipped.

If a tank system meets the corrosion protection requirements, the tank may remain temporarily closed indefinitely providing that the corrosion protection system is maintained.

If a tank system does **not** meet the corrosion protection requirements or if the corrosion protection system is **not** properly maintained, the tank must be permanently closed.