

Tankline Bulletin

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Your DEQ Online

We've been talking for what seems like forever about DEQ's new(ish) online platform: Your DEQ Online, or YDO for short. The UST program is finally slated to go live in YDO on October 1, 2024.

What does this mean for me?

Starting October 1, you will submit UST-related paperwork, such as proof of financial responsibility, 30-day notices and checklists for tank work, or owner modification forms, as online submittals through YDO, instead of mailing in paper forms or sending an email.

Do I have to download an app?

YDO is a web-based platform that you access from a web browser like Chrome or Firefox. You can even use it from your phone.

I already use YDO for another program

If we have your email address on file for any UST facility, we will associate that facility with your existing YDO account, starting October 1. You should have received an email already confirming this.

I already get emails from you, but have never used YDO

If you receive reminder emails about financial responsibility, we will use that email to establish a YDO account for you and associate your UST facilities with that account.

DEQ doesn't have my email address

We need it! Please fill out this online form so that we can set up your YDO account.

<https://forms.office.com/g/WKrybAzFgk>

How do I learn to use it?

There are basic tutorials on the DEQ web page. Later this summer, look for emails with UST-specific user guides.

Should I do anything today?

You won't see anything UST-related in YDO until October 1. Fill out the email survey if we don't have your email address.



UST Contractor Rules Update

DEQ has embarked on a rulemaking to update the rules that govern UST Service Providers and supervisors, OAR Chapter 340, Division 160. These rules have not been updated since 2003, and no longer accurately reflect the kinds of tank work going on in Oregon and the rest of the US.

We are looking to modernize:

- **DEQ oversight of tank work**

Since USTs are, by definition, buried underground, once work is done, it is out of sight, out of mind. We want to make sure that installations, modifications and repairs are done correctly before they're covered in concrete.

- **DEQ oversight of periodic testing**

Currently, we only see test results during full compliance inspections. By requiring submission of annual and triennial test results, we can ensure that USTs are receiving the tests they need to prevent leaks.

- **Clarification of licensing requirements**

Since these rules were updated, the federal government has increased the number and kind of periodic tests required for USTs. We want everyone who works on or tests USTs to demonstrate that they can do so correctly.

What does this mean for UST owner/operators?

The proposed changes should improve the UST services that you have to pay for, by ensuring that they meet DEQ requirements before it's too late to make changes.

Who is giving DEQ feedback on these proposed changes?

Our Rules Advisory Committee members represent:

- Independent gas station owners
- Large gas station and truck stop owner/operators
- UST Service Providers
- Nonprofits focused on environmental justice and protection of Oregon's water

How can I learn more?

We have a dedicated webpage for this rulemaking:

<https://www.oregon.gov/deq/rulemaking/Pages/ust2025.aspx>

We'll update the page when we have scheduled dates for the committee meetings, and when the public comment period is open.

Advisory committee meetings are open to the public, although only committee members and DEQ staff may speak. Public comment will be received and responded to later this summer.

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