



State of Maine
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Returning Underground Oil Storage Tanks to Service

INSTRUCTIONS

IF YOUR TANK/FACILITY HAS BEEN OUT OF SERVICE FOR MORE THAN THREE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT UNDERGROUND TANKS UNIT STAFF AT (207) 287-2651 FOR ASSISTANCE.

1. Tanks that have been properly out of service¹ for less than 24 months or for less than a Commissioner-approved extension* and are otherwise in compliance with Department *Rules for Underground Oil Storage Facilities*, Chapter 691, may return to service if, prior to re-starting operation, the tank/facility has had a complete Annual Inspection of all components within the last 12 months.

** The Commissioner may not approve the return to service of a single walled underground oil storage tank that has been out of service for more than 24 consecutive months.²*

2. Double-walled tanks with continuous electronic monitoring of their interstitial space, that have exceeded the initial 24 month period or have exceeded the commissioner-approved extension period³ may receive Commissioner approval to be brought back into service if the owner demonstrates to the Commissioner's satisfaction that:
 - a. The facility has conforming suction or double walled pressurized product piping with continuous leak detection;
 - b. Facility tanks, piping, sumps and overfill buckets have passed precision testing;
 - c. The facility is in compliance with all other applicable requirements of Chapter 691; and
 - d. The return of the facility to service does not pose an unacceptable risk to ground water resources. In determining if the facility poses an unacceptable risk to ground water resources, the Commissioner may consider the age and maintenance history of the facility, the number and consequences of past oil discharges, the proximity of the facility to drinking water supplies and the proximity of the facility to sensitive geological areas, including, but not limited to, significant sand and gravel aquifers mapped by the Maine Geological Survey.

You may return your tank(s)/facility to operating service only after receiving written approval from the Commissioner.

Reminder: Maine Law requires the facility owner to amend their registration with the Department to reflect any changes in ownership, tank status, product storage or other changes to the registration within 10 business days.

¹ Chapter 691 § 3(GG, VV)

² 38 MRSA § 566-A(1-A)

³ Chapter 691 § 11(B)(3)



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**Out of Service Underground Oil Storage Tanks
Return to Service Notice Form**

Facility Name Reg. Number

Facility Address Facility Phone

Tank/Chamber #:		Tank Size:		Product:	
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Planned Return to Service Date: _____

Contact Name: _____	Phone #: _____		
Owner Name: _____ <i>(Please print)</i>	Phone #: _____		
Owner Address	City/Town	State	Zip Code
By my signature below, I certify that all information is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.			
_____ Owner/Authorized Employee Signature	_____ Date		

*Complete applicable sections and attach supporting documents.
Be sure to sign the completed form and keep a copy for your records.
Please submit documents to:*

**Attn: UST Unit Staff
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333**