



STATE OF MAINE  
Department of Environmental Protection



## Returning Underground Oil Storage Tanks to Service

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Tanks that have been properly out-of-service<sup>1</sup> for less than 12 months, or for less than a Commissioner-approved extension\*, and are otherwise in compliance with the Department's *Rules for Underground Oil Storage Facilities (UST Rules)*, 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 691, amended September 26, 2018, may return to service if, prior to re-starting operation, the tank/facility has had a complete and passing Annual Inspection within the last 12 months.
2. A tank owner may apply for the Commissioner's approval for a facility to remain temporarily out-of-service for more than 12 months. The written request must be submitted before the facility has been out-of-service for 12 months. Permission to remain out-of-service (if granted), is conditioned upon continued compliance by the facility with the requirements of the UST Rules, Section 11 (B)(1)(a-h). The Commissioner's approval must be provided in writing.
3. The owner or operator of an underground oil storage facility or tank that has been, or is intended to be out-of-service for a period of more than 12 months must properly close (remove) the facility or tank, unless the owner has received written permission from the Commissioner, prior to the end of the initial 12-month period, UST Rules, Section 11(A) and (B).
4. Conforming double walled tanks with continuous electronic monitoring of the interstice that are equipped with dispenser sumps with continuous electronic monitoring may seek the Commissioner's written approval to return to service if the initial 12-month period has passed. The Commissioner may provide written approval of a return to service if a facility is in compliance with UST Rules, Section 11 (B)(3)(a-i). For more information regarding the required integrity testing, site assessment, and related actions, please contact the staff in the Underground Tanks Unit by calling (207) 287- 7688.

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.

*\* 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 12 consecutive months.*<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 691 § 3(QQ)

<sup>2</sup> 38 M.R.S. § 566-A(1-A)



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## Return to Service Request

For conforming Underground Oil Storage Facilities that have been out-of-service.

<i>Facility Name</i>	<i>Registration Number</i>
<i>Facility Address</i>	<i>Facility Phone #</i>

Tank/Chamber #:	Tank Size:	Product:	
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Use additional copies of this form if you have more than eight (8) tanks/chambers to return to service.

Planned Return to Service Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Attn: Underground Tanks Unit  
 Maine Department of Environmental Protection  
 17 State House Station  
 Augusta, ME 04333-0017**