

Operation and Maintenance Compliance Dates



This table summarizes the dates by which owners and operators of underground storage tanks (UST) systems installed on or before the effective date of the proposed rule, Chapter 173-360A WAC, would need to comply with the new operation and maintenance requirements specified in Part 4 of the rule. Owners and operators of UST systems installed after the effective date would need to comply upon installation. The proposed rule may be found at: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Laws-rules/Rulemaking/WAC-173-360-Mar16>.

Operation and Maintenance Requirement	Compliance Date
Periodic walkthrough inspections	One year after effective date of rule ¹
Monitoring or tightness testing of containment sumps used for interstitial monitoring of piping	If facility compliance tag number is even, then two years after effective date of rule If facility compliance tag number is odd, then three years after effective date of rule ²
Monitoring or tightness testing of spill prevention equipment	
Inspections of overfill prevention equipment	
Tests of release detection equipment	

¹ For walkthrough inspections, the federal rule provided three years. Ecology believes that one year is sufficient given the nature of the inspections and that service providers are not required to perform the inspections.

² For other inspections and tests, the federal rule provided three years. Ecology proposes different compliance dates for different UST systems (either two or three years) to avoid having the deadline for testing and inspecting over 9,000 previously installed UST systems be at the same time, which has been an implementation problem in other states. The specified tests and inspections must be performed by certified service providers.