

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 new rule, Chapter 173-360A WAC, need to comply with the new operation and maintenance requirements. Owners and operators of UST systems installed after the effective date need to comply with the requirements upon installation. The effective date of the rule is October 1, 2018. The new rule is available at: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Laws-rules/Rulemaking/WAC-173-360-Mar16>.

Operation and Maintenance Requirement		Compliance Date
WAC 173-360A-420	Periodic walkthrough inspections	October 1, 2019
WAC 173-360A-450	Monitoring or tightness testing of containment sumps used for interstitial monitoring of piping	October 1, 2020, if the facility compliance tag number is even October 1, 2021, if the facility compliance tag number is odd or if there is no facility compliance tag ¹
WAC 173-360A-460	Monitoring or tightness testing of spill prevention equipment	
WAC 173-360A-470	Inspections of overfill prevention equipment	
WAC 173-360A-480	Tests of release detection equipment	

¹ For these inspections and tests, the rule establishes different compliance dates for different UST systems (either two or three years) to avoid having the deadline for 9,000 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.