

UST System Record Retention Periods

This table summarizes how long owners and operators of underground storage tank (UST) systems need to retain records of various regulated activities under the new rule, Chapter 173-360A WAC. The new rule is available at:

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Laws-rules/Rulemaking/WAC-173-360-Mar16>.



Record	Requirement	Retention Period
Installation of UST systems and components	WAC 173-360A-0300(6)	Until permanent closure or change-in-service
Assessments of corrosion potential	WAC 173-360A-0310(3)(c)(ii)	Until permanent closure or change-in-service
Compatibility of UST system components	WAC 173-360A-0350(2)(c)	Until permanent closure or change-in-service
Periodic walkthrough inspections (monthly and annually)	WAC 173-360A-0420(4)	3 years (one inspection cycle)
Operation and maintenance of cathodic protection systems		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tests (every 3 years) 	WAC 173-360A-0430(2)(d)	6 years (two inspection cycles)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rectifier inspections (monthly) 	WAC 173-360A-0430(3)(d)	3 years (one inspection cycle)
Internal inspections of lined tanks (every 5 years)	WAC 173-360A-0440(4)	Until permanent closure or change-in-service
Operation and maintenance of containment sumps		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Periodic monitoring (annually) 	WAC 173-360A-0450(4)(a)	3 years (one inspection cycle)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tightness tests (every 3 years) 	WAC 173-360A-0450(4)(b)	6 years (two inspection cycles)
Operation and maintenance of spill prevention equipment		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Periodic monitoring (monthly) 	WAC 173-360A-0460(4)(a)	3 years (one inspection cycle)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tightness tests (every 3 years) 	WAC 173-360A-0460(4)(b)	6 years (two inspection cycles)

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Inspections of overfill prevention equipment (every 3 years)	WAC 173-360A-0470(4)	6 years (two inspection cycles)
Operation and maintenance of release detection equipment		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tests of release detection equipment (annually) 	WAC 173-360A-0480(5)	3 years (one inspection cycle)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedules for calibration and maintenance 	WAC 173-360A-0480(5)	As long as equipment used
Tightness tests of secondary containment areas of tanks and piping used for interstitial monitoring (after repairs)	WAC 173-360A-0490(4)(c)(iii)	3 years (one inspection cycle)
Repairs of UST system components	WAC 173-360A-0490(6)	Until permanent closure or change-in-service
Current operation and maintenance plans	WAC 173-360A-0545(5)	Until permanent closure or change-in-service
Currently designated operators and training	WAC 173-360A-0560	Until permanent closure or change-in-service
Compliance with release detection requirements		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certifications of methods or equipment 	WAC 173-360A-0600(9)(a)	As long as method or equipment used
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site evaluations for vapor and groundwater monitoring methods 	WAC 173-360A-0600(9)(b)	As long as method used
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Release detection results for tank and line tightness testing and vapor monitoring using tracer compound in specified cases 	WAC 173-360A-0600(9)(c)(i)	Last 2 test results
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Release detection results for all other methods 	WAC 173-360A-0600(9)(c)(ii)	3 years (one inspection cycle)
Site assessments, including site checks	WAC 173-360A-0730(10)	Until 6 years after permanent closure or change-in-service
Investigation and cleanup of confirmed releases	WAC 173-360A-0750(4)	As specified in WAC 173-340-850 of the state cleanup rule
Compliance with financial responsibility requirements	WAC 173-360A-1040	Until permanent closure or change-in-service