

Flyer Designed For UST Owners

Those UST owners who face the decision of choosing which integrity assessment procedure to use should be made aware that they will need proof that their choice of an alternative integrity assessment meets compliance requirements. We will use variations of the “canned language” below to alert UST owners to this issue—we hope you will do the same in your newsletters or other periodic communications with UST owners you are involved with.

**Owners Upgrading USTs:
Make Sure Your Alternative Integrity Assessment
Has “Integrity”**

Before you upgrade a steel underground storage tank (UST) with cathodic protection, make sure that the procedure your contractor uses to assess the tank’s integrity is acceptable. To find out which procedures are acceptable, check with the government agency that implements the UST program in your area (usually your state environmental agency). Most implementing agencies have followed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s recommendation to allow contractors to use alternative integrity assessment procedures only if they can provide you with at least one of the following:

- # Written proof that the standard operating procedure used conforms to a national code of practice. The current code is ASTM G 158, but check with your implementing agency to see if any other codes are currently acceptable.

- # A signed independent third-party evaluation that shows the procedure has been able to detect 95% of unsuitable representative USTs in a blind evaluation.

With one or both of these evidences of “proof,” you can make sure the hard-earned dollars you spend on upgrading will bring