

Section 4.10: Out of Service UST Systems



Out of service UST systems must meet certain requirements for leak detection, corrosion protection, and securing of all openings in the UST system.

If you have at least one UST system that is out of service, read this section and complete the self-certification checklist for each out of service UST system. Typically, you as an owner or operator would have actively made a decision to take an UST system out of service. If you are not sure whether you have a UST system that is out of service, contact the DEC. **If you do not have at least one UST system that is out of service**, skip section 4.10.



If your UST system is not empty, it must continue to meet the leak detection requirements of an active UST system. The tank must be pumped empty if it is to remain out of service for more than 90 days. An “empty” tank, by definition, contains less than 1 inch of product.



All corrosion protection systems must remain operational on the tank and must continue to be monitored.



If a UST system remains out of service, you must leave vent lines open, but cap and secure all other lines, pumps, manways, and ancillary equipment.



You must respond to any releases from your out of service UST system just as you would from a UST system that you are currently using.



The DEC must be notified in writing within 15 days of any out of service UST. You must report which UST systems have been out of service and the actions taken to satisfy the above listed requirements. Out of service status may not exceed one year without prior approval from the DEC. You must maintain financial responsibility while the tank is out of service.