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## Training Required For Operators of UST Facilities

There are some new TCEQ Rules proposed to meet EPA requirements for Operator Training. It is anticipated that these TCEQ rules will be adopted by February 23, 2011. There are basically three types of certified operators, A, B & C. See the table below for a brief description:

Class A Operator	Class B Operator	Class C Operator
<p>A Class A operator of a UST facility is an individual who typically has primary responsibility for ensuring the proper systems, particularly in the capacity of managing resources and personnel necessary to achieve and maintain compliance with all UST regulations.</p>	<p>A Class B operator of a UST facility is an individual who ensures the implementation of all applicable requirements of these regulations in the field and to implement the day-to-day aspects of the operation and maintenance of, and recordkeeping for, UST systems.</p>	<p>A Class C operator of a UST facility is a person designated by the UST system owner who typically controls the dispensing of fuel at the facility and is responsible for initial response to alarms, releases, spills, overfills or threats to the public or to the environment.</p>
Qualifications & Training	Qualifications & Training	Qualifications & Training
<p>Class A operators must be trained in and have a general knowledge of the requirements of applicable UST regulations, including, but not limited to registration, system components, product compatibility, spill and overfill prevention, corrosion protection, release detection, recordkeeping, notification, release reporting and response, temporary and permanent closure, operator training and financial responsibility.</p>	<p>Class B operators must be trained in and have detailed knowledge of the requirements of applicable UST regulations, including, but not limited to registration, system components, product compatibility, spill and overfill prevention, corrosion protection, release detection, recordkeeping, notification, release reporting and response, temporary and permanent closure, operator training and financial responsibility. A UST facility owner or operator may designate as its Class B operator a third party (i.e. an individual who is an independent contractor or consultant and is not affiliated with the facility owner or operator) only if that individual is (in accordance with Chapter 334, Subchapter I and with Chapter 30, Subchapter I of this title relating to Underground Storage Tank On-Site Supervisor Licensing and Contractor Registration, respectively) also a licensed UST Contractor. However, designation of an independent or not affiliated Class B operator in this manner does not also entitle that individual to certification as a Class A operator for a facility.</p>	<p>Class C operators must be trained in both general and facility specific emergency response procedures, such as: the operation of emergency shut-off equipment; the initial response procedures following system alarm warnings; the appropriate first response actions to releases, spills, or overfills; and the notification procedures to emergency responders and to the designated Class A and Class B operators of a UST facility.</p>

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