

From the Compliance Corner:

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What do I have?



We have noticed that a lot of folks that buy a convenience store with a fueling system really don't know what they have or what is registered with the TCEQ even though the owner provided the last copy of the TCEQ Underground Storage Tank and Self-Certification Form. Sometimes they just go by what the previous owner says.

So how does this happen? Back in early 2001, every registered tank owner had to fill out the TCEQ Underground Storage Tank & Self-Certification Form with the technical information of the UST system, including method for release detection, corrosion protection if applicable, and other details of the UST system. This was in order to get a TCEQ Delivery Certificate. If there were no changes to the UST system after that, the TCEQ UST Registration & Self-Certification Form is updated annually to get a new TCEQ Delivery Certificate with the new date for the insurance coverage for the UST system and the technical information left blank.

What to do: The new tank owner should check the TCEQ web page at: www.tceq.state.tx.us/permitting/registration/pst/pst_query.html

This will take you to the TCEQ PST Registration Database. Go to "Facility ID Number" and type in the facility ID number and you will see what information the TCEQ has about the facility and print it out. Check if the information is correct. If the new owner is not sure, they should contact Petroleum Solutions, Inc. office as soon as possible to have the facility checked and evaluated.

Sometimes, the previous tank owner may not have filled the TCEQ Underground Storage Registration & Self-Certification correctly to begin with. It's a good idea for long time tank owners and new tank owners to make sure they know what they have and if it meets TCEQ requirements. One phone call to Petroleum Solutions, Inc. could save the tank owner \$\$ in fines.