

From the Compliance Corner:

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High price of fuel and programmed “standard” tank testing using an ATG

What does the high price of fuel have to do with “Standard” tank testing when an ATG is used?



I have noticed that many locations are starting to keep low inventory in the tanks based on the ATG printouts, (especially for super unleaded) because the high price of fuel fluctuates a lot from week to week.

For those locations that have an ATG set-up for a **standard tank test** once a week and have less than 35% in the tanks, a test will not be run and the printout from the ATG says “Percent Volume Too Low”. If the volume is **less than 35%** each week, there will be **no pass test results for that month**, and this will not meet TCEQ requirements for monthly release detection for tanks.

For those locations **with CSLD**, this is not so much of a problem as the ATG is continually monitoring the tank, even with less than 35%. Some ATGs have the option of choosing CSLD or standard.

Solution: To stay in compliance if the ATG is capable of **only** running a standard tank test, keep more than 35% in the tank during scheduled testing **or** upgrade to have CSLD. If the ATG has the option of selecting standard or CSLD, change to CSLD.