

FAQ's
Letter dated June 10, 2015 - A, B, and C Operator Designee and Tank Status

Please note that these are quick answers to frequently asked questions in reference to the recent A and B operator letter. Please contact your local Inspector or the Bureau if you have specific questions in regards to the regulations and or your facility status. You may review the regulations at <https://www.env.nm.gov/ust>.

What if my facility does not have an A and B operator?

Take this opportunity to bring your facility into compliance for A, B, operator training requirements. If you do not currently have an A and B operator at this time, please register your designee(s) for training and submit your registration confirmation with the form in lieu of a certificate. The Bureau will review these registrations and verify attendance through the trainer's rosters.

How do I sign up for an A/B Operator Training Course?

Web-based training is available through API Work Safe: www.worksafe.api.org. Call Eric Larsen at 1-800-477-7411 or email: eric.larsen@anteagroup.com with questions.

Or

Classroom Class A/B operator training presented by Tank Management Services/Williams & Company Consulting, in conjunction with the New Petroleum Marketers Association. You may register online at www.petroclassroom.net or ask questions using the "Contact Us" feature on the web site. Additionally, you may call toll free 1-877-269-0194.

What if my A and B Operator Certificate is expired?

If your current A and B Operator certification is expired submit a copy of your expired certificate with a registration confirmation for an upcoming course. Upon the Bureau's receipt of trainer's roster's we will verify attendance and update our database.

How often do I need to renew my A/B Operator Certification?

Class A and B operators must be re-trained and re-certified every 5 years. If the department finds that a storage tank system is out of compliance, the class A and class B operator must be re-trained and re-certified within 60 days.

What if only one tank at my facility is temporarily out-of-service?

If only one tank on your facility is out of service please notate which tank is out of service. If you are currently working with an inspector to get tank(s) removed please also notate the name of the inspector with whom you are working along with the requested information.

How long can my tanks be temporarily out of service?

When a UST/AST system is temporarily closed for more than 12 months, owners and operators must permanently close the UST system if it does not meet either performance standards for new UST systems or the UST upgrade requirements in 20.5.4 NMAC unless the department provides an extension of the 12-month temporary closure period.

Is an A/B Operator(s) required for AST facilities?

Yes. A and B operators are mandatory for AST facilities.

Do I have to list every C operator for each of my facilities?

No. The form provides a check box where you verify that you are meeting the requirement and an owner certification form. During facility inspections inspectors may request to verify additional information.

Where can I review the Class A, B, and C Operator requirements?

You may review the New Mexico Petroleum Storage Tank Regulations at our website <https://www.env.nm.gov/ust/OperatorTraining.htm>