

**OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL  
STATE OF ILLINOIS**

Statute, Rule or Standard Policy Interpretation:

Policy Number: 10-PCS-003      Certification and Licensing of UST      Effective Date: November 4, 2010  
   Tank and Line Tightness Testers

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Title:	41 Ill. Adm. Code
Part:	172
Part Title:	Petroleum Equipment Contractor Licensing
Subpart:	N/A
Subpart Title:	N/A
Section Number:	172.40
Section Title:	Licensure Requirements

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Purpose: This instruction provides current policy and guidance to ensure uniform enforcement of 41 Ill. Adm. Code 172.40.

Scope: Statewide

Current Code: 41 Ill. Adm. Code 172.40 currently provides requirements for the licensing and certification of petroleum equipment contractors working on USTs and requires that all such contractors have one or more employees that have taken and passed an OSFM-approved certification exam for the area of intended work. That Section further provides that individual tank and line tightness (precision) testers must also be certified by the manufacturer of the testing equipment, and suggests that this may be an alternative to having an employee that has passed a OSFM-approved exam module relating to tank and line tightness testing. 41 Ill. Adm. Code 176.470 provides that tank and line tightness testers must be "ICC certified in the appropriate module and be licensed by OSFM pursuant to 41 Ill. Adm. Code 172." The contractor or contractor's employee shall submit the OSFM-prescribed job schedule form at least 24 hours in advance of the anticipated work date. 41 Ill. Adm. Code 175.320.

Policy Interpretation: Effective November 4, 2010, and pending anticipated revisions to 41 Ill. Adm. Code 172.40, the following policy applies only to UST tank and line tightness testers: Licensure application submissions will be deemed sufficient if they contain either certification by the manufacturer of testing equipment or a passing score on the required OSFM approved certification exam for the precision testing module. It should be noted that UST tank and line tightness testing contractors may, in the future, be required to also pass a State-specific approved certification exam covering precision testing. However, and until further notice, a certification by the manufacturer of the tank and line testing equipment used by the contractor may be used in lieu of a passing score on the approved certification examination for the precision testing module to qualify for OSFM licensure. Contactors must also abide by all other requirements applicable to them, including all other licensure requirements found in 41 Ill. Adm. Code 172.

Repealed Date:

Superseded: