

## **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH /EHA STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS**

### **I. NOTIFICATION/PERMITTING PROCEDURES**

- Pursuant to 20 DCMR §§ 5603.1, the UST owner/operator must notify the D.C. Environmental Health Administration (EHA), Underground Storage Tank (UST) Division office two (2) weeks in advance of performing work either in writing or by completing the UST/LUST Activity Notification form.
- The owner/operator must obtain and complete a standard construction permit form and Building Permit Application Supplemental form from the DCRA Permit Processing Division, located at 614 H Street, N.W., 2nd floor. They can be reached at (202) 727-7047. These forms and a site diagram must be taken to EHA for sign-off at 2100 MLK Jr., Ave., S.E., Suite 203.
- Pursuant to 20 DCMR § 5603.2, forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the excavation activity, the owner/operator must notify the D.C. Fire Prevention Bureau (DCFPB), on 202-727-1614, and the UST Division, on 202-645-6080 to arrange for representatives of the DCFPB and EHA to be on-site.

### **II. ON-SITE CLOSURE PRACTICES**

- The contractor must follow 20 DCMR § 6101, and standard tank removal safety practices as contained in the American Petroleum Institute Publication 1604, the D.C. Fire Code, or equivalent DOH approved standard.
- An Official from the DCFPB and EHA must be present upon tank removal for tank and excavation area assessment.
- A minimum of two (2) soil samples from under each tank will be required. Additional samples may be requested by the UST Inspector. Based on the results of the initial soil sampling, the owner/operator may be requested to perform a comprehensive site assessment.

### **III. ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Contaminated soils stored on-site must be placed upon and covered by plastic and designed to stop any leachate from migrating from the soil pile.

- Tank disposal is the responsibility of the owner/operator and must be performed in accordance with the applicable solid waste regulations.
- Contaminated soils taken from the excavation zone must be transferred to an EPA approved treatment/disposal facility within thirty (30) days.
- Within thirty (30) days after removal, the owner/operator must submit a EPA UST Notification form and a UST Closure Assessment report to the UST Division.