



Fact Sheet

General Permit to Employ a Permitted Environmental Professional to Oversee Cleanup Activities of Releases for Which the Permitted Entity is the Responsible Party and for Certain Tank Removal Companies to Oversee Cleanup of Releases from Residential Underground Heating Oil Storage Tank Systems

What is the purpose of this Permit?

1. To allow those entities which have internal fire department and/or internal spill response teams (e.g., certain public utilities, certain chemical manufacturers/distributors, and defense contractors) to have Permitted Environmental Professionals (PEPs) on their staff to certify closure of spills and releases.
2. During the course of removing residential underground heating oil storage tank systems, there is the possibility of finding associated contamination from the system; this permit allows certain tank removal companies to have PEPs on staff to certify closure of releases from those systems and to remove contaminated soil associated with a release.

Who must register?

1. Any entity (company, utility, etc.) which meets the eligibility requirements and intends to have internal PEP(s) on staff to certify cleanups of their own spills and releases.
2. Any entity in the business of removing residential underground heating oil storage tanks registered with the Department of Consumer Protection that intends to cleanup releases from such tanks.

Who is eligible?

1. Those entities which have internal fire department and/or internal spill response teams (e.g., certain public utilities, certain chemical manufacturers/distributors, and defense contractors) are eligible for this general permit.
2. Any entity in the business of removing residential underground heating oil storage tanks that is registered with the Department of Consumer Protection.

What are the qualifications required for a PEP under this GP?

- A minimum of 10 years of experience (within the last 15 years) in responding to hazardous materials incidents involving mitigation and/or remedial activities associated with spills and releases with substitution for education up to 4 years for a bachelor's degree and up to 2 years for an associate's degree in a relevant subject of study.
- Training as follows:
 - OSHA 1910.120
 - OSHA 30
 - ICS 100
 - ICS 200
 - ICS 700
 - Certification from a DEEP approved training course and passage of the course examination; and
 - Applicable refresher training for certain courses listed above

How long is my registration valid?

Registrations for the Permit are due annually. Renewals are due not later than 60 days prior to expiration of the current registration. DEEP will review and approve registrations.

What is the registration fee?

\$500.00

What is the role of a PEP?

The role of a PEP is to oversee a cleanup and certify that it meets the applicable standards pursuant to the Release-Based Cleanup regulations (RBCRs) or Connecticut's Underground Storage Tank (UST) regulations provided that:

- The permittee's PEP(s) shall register to upload certifications and shall make all required submittals in any electronic platform prescribed by DEEP.
- The permittee's PEP(s) shall be on-site during an active release until the point at which the source of the release has been stopped; throughout critical phases of response, which may include directing certain response activities during the assessment and cleanup phases; and for confirmation for the purpose of certification of closure.
- If the permittee's PEP arrives on-scene for response to an oil or chemical spill incident and there is no DEEP representative present, the permittee shall immediately verify that the incident has been reported and/or report the incident by telephoning (860) 424-3338 or (860) 424-3333.
- If the permittee's PEP causes or has any involvement in the spillage or uncontrolled discharge, the permittee shall immediately control the spill source, contain the spill, and notify the DEEP Emergency Dispatch Center by telephoning (860) 424-3338 or (860) 424-3333.
- The permittee's PEP(s) may undertake those activities which a PEP is allowed pursuant to the Underground Storage Tank Regulations.

What does the permit allow a PEP to do?

The permit allows permittees to engage PEPs to certify releases have been cleaned up in accordance with the standards in the RBCRs or the UST regulations.

For entities which have internal fire department and/or internal spill response teams, the permittee's PEP(s) may only certify cleanups where the permittee created or maintained a release such as releases caused by the permittee or resulting from the permittee's equipment.

For certain tank removal companies, the permittee's PEP(s) may only cleanup certain soil contamination associated with a release from a residential underground heating oil storage tank system provided that such contamination did not:

- impact groundwater;
- impact a structure; or
- migrate off site

Can I change my listed PEP(s)?

Any changes to a permittee's PEP(s), such as the addition or removal of a PEP, must be submitted to the commissioner within 14 days of the change. The addition of a new PEP is subject to commissioner approval in writing.