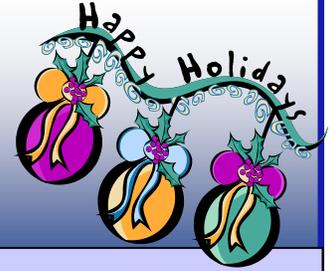




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New Federal UST Regulations to be Announced Soon!

After more than 25 years, the EPA is finally updating the federal UST Regulations. Believe it or not, the existing EPA UST regulations were adopted in 1988, and have never been updated since. The new EPA UST regulations will most likely require Vermont to change its UST Rules. The final wording of the federal regulations has not been released publically, but we believe the most significant changes will be as follows:

New Federal requirements that have already been incorporated into Vermont's UST Rules:

- ◆ Operator training;
- ◆ Double-wall tanks and piping;
- ◆ Monthly walk-through inspections.

New Federal requirements that have not yet been incorporated into Vermont's Rules:

- ◆ Annual testing of spill buckets;
- ◆ Overfill prevention equipment must be tested at least once every three years;
- ◆ Testing of secondary containment at least once every three years;
- ◆ Annual testing of electronic sensors, line leak detectors, and all other leak detection equipment;
- ◆ Float vent valves not allowed in new construction; defective float vent valves must be replaced with a different overfill prevention device;
- ◆ Permittee's must demonstrate compatibility with gasoline containing more than 10% ethanol, or with more than 20% biodiesel.

We expect the final federal regulations to be released in the spring of 2015. When that happens we will know with certainty what the new requirements are, and what the deadlines will be for implementation of the new requirements. Keep an eye out for future announcements here in UST Talk, the newsletter of the Vermont UST Program. ■

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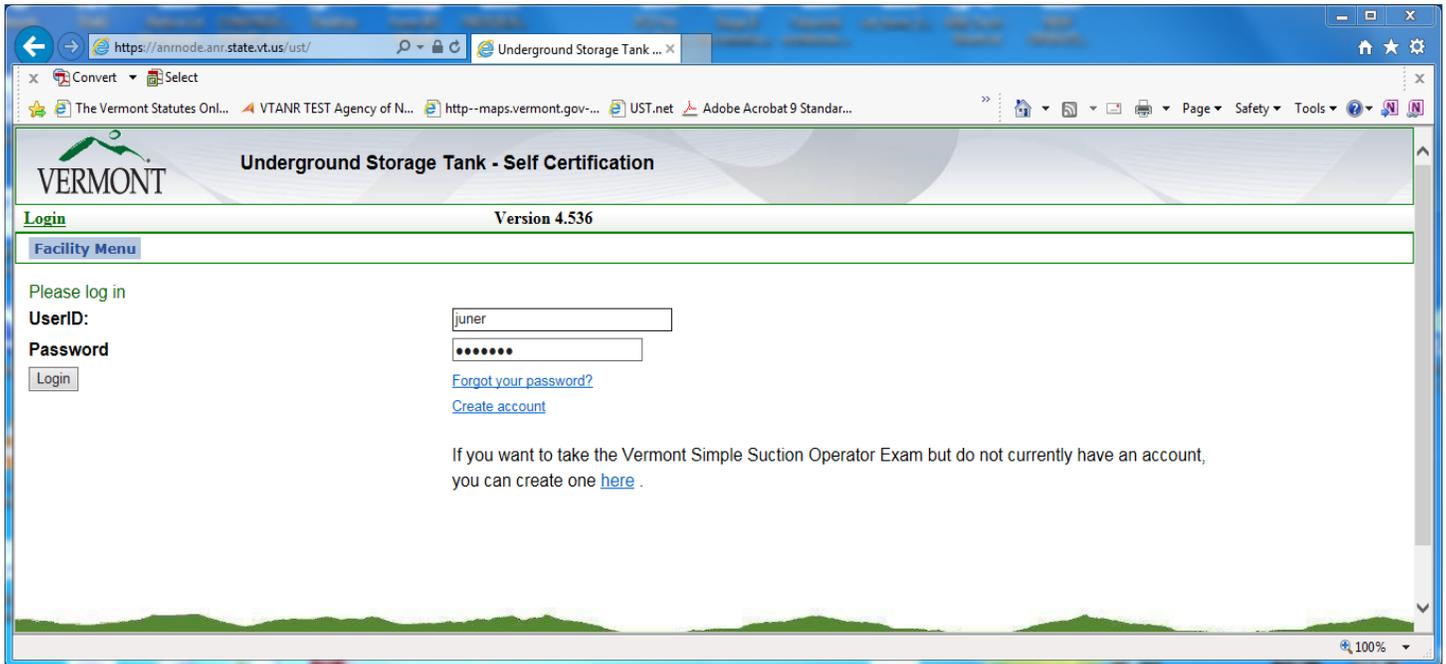
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In an effort to get more permittees to renew their operating permits online, DEC is investing in a new online application. The DEC online application that has been available since 2007 has been taken off line. We will announce LOUDLY when the new system is ready to be used and if your permit is up for renewal in 2015 we really would like you to use the online system. The online system will accept credit cards (many have asked for this), but we will also accept checks in the mail with the application being completed online. As always, mailed in applications will be accepted but since 99% of permittees are doing their annual UST self certification online, why not do your permit renewal online!

2014 SELF CERTIFICATION OF UST FACILITIES - HAVE YOU DONE YOURS? IF NOT, WHY NOT?

As of December 1, 2014, only 25% of tank owners had completed their annual self-certification of their permitted facilities. Please do not leave it to the last day – December 31, 2014. The self-certification began in 2007 and has been successful in keeping tank owners aware of their facilities compliance status and requirements.

To get started please go to this web page <https://anrnode.anr.state.vt.us/ust/>



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Get it done and you and staff can enjoy the New Year knowing you are in compliance with this requirement!

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT YOU'D SEEN IT ALL.....

Everyone was surprised in November when this tank came out of the ground! Some enterprising Yankee with a little welding experience put this decommissioned buoy to work as a heating oil tank in Central Vermont! Removed after many years of service, the “tank” was in good shape, with no petroleum contamination reported. While very unusual, it was not the first time the tank program has seen buoys employed as fuel tanks, the last one “surfaced” in Richmond in 2008 and the first one was discovered in Springfield in 2001.

