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**Storage Tank Program**

<http://ehs.psu.edu/storage-tank-management/overview>

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**Who does this program apply to?**

* University employees who design, install, or are responsible for a storage tank.
* A storage tank is defined as a mobile or fixed unit of 55-gallons or more that holds petroleum products, oils, chemicals, etc. Drums are not considered to be storage tanks. Tanks that hold septage or water are excluded

**What are the key requirements of this program?**

* All requests for storage tanks and their design must be approved by EHS prior to installation
* All storage tanks must be included in an Environmental Emergency Plan (spill plan) for the facility. These plans are developed in conjunction with EHS.
* Supervisors must:
* Provide a spill kit and fire extinguisher at every tank location
* Identify individuals that need to be trained and ensure they are trained through the spill plan requirements
* Ensure that spills, leaks, and releases are addressed and reported to EHS
* Ensure that tanks are inspected in accordance with the spill plan, and any needed maintenance is approved by EHS
* Employees must:
* Immediately address spills, leaks, and releases
  + Training requirements:
    - Ensure that personnel receive [training](http://www.ehs.psu.edu/training/index.cfm) annually in accordance with the facility’s spill plan
* Self-inspection requirements:
  + - Periodic inspection of tanks by facility personnel as specified in the spill plan (at least monthly)
* Regulatory inspections:
* PADEP regulated storage tanks may require periodic inspections by certified inspections
* Recordkeeping requirements:
  + - Maintain tank inspection and training records in accordance with the EHS Record Retention Schedule.
    - If the tank is a PADEP or a PAL&I regulated storage tank, keep the current permit/registration certificate on-site.
    - Maintain tank maintenance records for the life of the tank.
    - Keep the tank removal records forever.

**For additional information:**

* PA Department of Environmental Protection Storage Tank Program

<http://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Land/Tanks/Pages/default.aspx#.VkDnQEarNUQUS>

* EPA Oil Spill Program

<http://www.epa.gov/oilspill/index.html>