

# COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE BULLETIN

## News You Can Use

### DEADLINE FOR TESTING SECONDARY CONTAINMENT OF UNDERGROUND TANK SYSTEMS

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this Bulletin is to remind owners and operators of underground tanks that the deadline to complete secondary containment testing for most systems is rapidly approaching.

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**Issue**

All secondary containment systems installed prior to January 1, 2001 must have their first periodic secondary containment testing performed by January 1, 2003 (see California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 16, Section 2637). System testing must include: sumps, under dispenser containment, and the interstitial spaces inside piping and the tank.

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**What This Means To You**

This test must be performed by a licensed tank tester, licensed tank installer or any person meeting the requirements of the Code section cited above. Testing deadlines are dependent on when the secondary containment system was installed.

- Secondary systems installed prior to January 1, 2001 must have the initial test completed by January 1, 2003. Additional testing must be completed every 36 months thereafter.
- Secondary systems installed on or after January 1, 2001 must have the initial test completed at installation. A second test must be completed not later than six months after installation. Additional testing must be performed every 36 months thereafter.

Upon completion of each test, owners or operators must submit a copy of the test report to the Sacramento County Environmental Management Department within 30 days.

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**Failure To Comply**

Owners or operators who fail to complete secondary containment testing before the specified deadlines may be subject to enforcement action.

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**For More Information Or Assistance**

If you need additional information or have questions concerning this Bulletin, contact an Environmental Specialist at (916) 875-8550.

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