

Fact Sheet H2

Determining Which Tanks to Evaluate for Acceptable Separation Distance

When there are multiple stationary above-ground storage tanks within the 1 mile search distance from a proposed site, and the tanks are not excluded from coverage based on exceptions listed in the regulation at 24 CFR 51C or HUD guidance, you will need to determine which of the multiple tanks requires an Acceptable Separation Distance (ASD) calculation. In this situation you should refer to the following criteria to avoid unnecessary steps in the evaluation:

- When there is a facility with stationary above-ground storage containers and diked volumes of the same size, the ASD needs to be calculated for the container or diked volume closest to the proposed HUD-assisted project site.
- When there is a facility with stationary above-ground containers and diked volumes of different sizes, the ASD needs to be calculated for the container or diked volume of largest capacity closest to the proposed HUD-assisted project site.
- When there is a facility with the same type of stationary above-ground containers of different capacity and the smaller capacity container is the one closest to the proposed HUD-assisted project site, the ASD must be calculated for the container that is closest to the proposed HUD-assisted project site, as well as the largest capacity container.
- Calculate the ASD for the stationary container of largest capacity (whether pressurized or unpressurized) closest to the proposed HUD-assisted project. Always calculate the ASD for the pressurized container, regardless of its location. Consider only stationary aboveground storage tanks

For assistance with further questions related to this issue, please contact the Regional or Field Environmental Officer where the project is located. Contact information is available at <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/hud-environmental-staff-contacts/>.