

FAQ: Underground Storage Tank Integrity Tests

Q: What is the requirement for Underground Storage Tank Integrity Tests?

A: MAP Guide Chapter 9 and the Office of Residential Care Facilities (ORCF) 4128 workbook require that Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) containing, or previously containing, hazardous waste or petroleum products not regulated by the LSTF, complete an integrity test and an O&M plan.

Q: When does the tank integrity test have to be completed and what does the test cover?

A: The UST and its service lines must pass an integrity test before HUD completes the environmental review.

Q: What should the O&M Plan cover?

A: The O&M plan must include periodic testing of the tank and its service lines, as well as repair, maintenance, and emergency response procedures.

Q: Who can conduct the tank integrity tests?

A: The integrity test must be performed by a professional following the state or EPA requirements appropriate for the tank size and structure.

Q: Does the tank integrity test apply to propane tanks?

A: These requirements do not apply to propane USTs.

Q: Where can I find additional guidance?

A: Additional guidance found here:

- EPA general guidance on USTs: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-12/documents/musts_for_usts.pdf
- EPA guidance for integrity tests: <https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-05/documents/ust-stp-ttt.pdf>
- EPA guidance on O&M plans: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-02/documents/om_final_2-17-16_508_0.pdf