

Seasonal Tanks

Seasonal tanks such as kerosene tanks in the summer and small marinas in the winter have issues with product levels in their tanks. These tanks typically quit selling and receiving deliveries for a period of 3 to 4 months. When this happens, the product level in the tank can drop below the point that an Automatic Tank Gauge is able to run an accurate 0.2 gph test. However, monitoring of some sort still has to be performed. This situation is for tanks that are not selling product or receiving deliveries (both conditions have to apply).

For the 3-4 months that there is low product the facility can either:

- Pump the tank to less than one inch and maintain that level, or
- Measure the tank weekly, calculate the change in level from the previous week, and keep records of this for at least one year

Other issues:

- If the weekly measurement is over or under more than 30 gallons from the previous week, call the Department immediately.
- Schedule line tightness tests and line leak detector function checks within the “on” season to ensure that there is enough product to perform the test

Tanks that are still selling product, must continue to do monthly monitoring such as interstitial monitoring, testing with an automatic tank gauge, or statistical inventory reconciliation.

If you have more questions about this please call the Division of UST Management at (803) 896-7957.

