



Revisions to the Vermont Aboveground Storage Tank (AST) Rules

The Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) has prepared a draft of proposed revisions to the AST Rules and has submitted the proposed revisions to the Secretary of State's office as of March 8, 2024. The AST Rules currently in effect were last revised in August 2017. These revisions will impact any person, business, or entity who owns an AST that holds petroleum heating fuel. The complete text of the proposed revisions can be viewed on the ANR website: <https://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/storage-tanks>

Below is a summary of the significant revisions that are included in the proposed draft:

- New design and installation requirements for new AST systems;
- Additional installation requirements for all (existing and new) AST systems, including a requirement for all fill and vent pipes to be made of metallic materials (PVC material prohibited);
- Additional requirements for existing AST systems to be implemented by July 1, 2030, including additional corrosion protection, tank leg length requirements, protection from outdoor hazards, and additional protection for tanks installed in flood prone areas;
- Clarification of Red Tag applicability to new AST systems lacking compliance with the AST Rules;
- Introduction of a new "Yellow Tag" provision to allow for a more balanced and flexible approach to designating existing AST systems as noncompliant and managing fuel delivery prohibitions to such tanks; and
- The required AST inspection interval is being extended from every 3 years to every 4 years.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN RULEMAKING

Public Comments on the proposed AST Rules can be submitted through April 24, 2024. Submit all written comments to: Anna Bourakovsky at anna.bourakovsky@vermont.gov (electronic submission is preferred), or via mail to the following address:

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A **Public Hearing** on the proposed revisions has been scheduled for **April 16, 2024**, at 6:00 p.m., at the Dill Building, 2178 Airport Road, Berlin, VT. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Please visit the ANR website for more information:
<https://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/storage-tanks>