



## UST OPERATOR DESIGNATION AND TRAINING

**UST OPERATOR TRAINING REGULATIONS**

On February 20, 2010, the LDEQ UST Operator Training regulations became final. These new UST regulations can be found in LAC 33:XI.Chapter 6, and are available for viewing on the LDEQ website at [www.deq.louisiana.gov](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov).

**CLASSES OF UST OPERATORS**

UST Operators are divided into three classes (A, B and C), and there are specific training requirements for each class.

*Class A UST Operator* – The tank owner, or a person designated by the tank owner to represent the owner's interest, who has the primary responsibility of maintaining compliance with all UST regulations.

*Class B UST Operator* – Person(s) designated by the tank owner to implement all applicable requirements of the UST regulations in the field and to implement the day-to-day aspects of the operation and maintenance of a UST system at the facility. Class B UST operators can be employees of the UST owner or can be third party operators hired by the UST owner.

*Class C UST Operator* – Person(s) designated by the tank owner that has the daily, on-site responsibility for addressing emergencies presented by a spill or release from a UST system (e.g., clerks, attendants).

**UST OPERATOR DESIGNATION**

UST owners are required to designate, for each UST facility, at least one named individual for each class of UST operator. UST owners can designate a different individual for each class of operator, or one individual for more than one operator class.

***Beginning February 20, 2010, LDEQ and contract inspectors will ask UST owners who their Class A and Class B UST Operators are for the facility being inspected. The Class A and B UST Operators for facilities inspected after February 20, 2010 must be trained within 9 months of the inspection date.***

**ACCEPTABLE TRAINING FOR CLASS A AND CLASS B UST OPERATORS**

All Class A and Class B UST Operators are required to attend and complete a Department-sponsored UST operator training seminar. All Class A and Class B UST Operators will be able to attend the seminars at no charge, although there may be a fee for registrants that fail to cancel within 3 days of the seminar date and fail to show up.

UST Operators can register for the seminars by visiting the Petro Classroom website at [www.petroclassroom.com](http://www.petroclassroom.com) or by calling 800-530-5683.

**ACCEPTABLE TRAINING FOR CLASS C UST OPERATORS**

Class A or B UST Operators must ensure that the UST facility's Class C UST Operators complete training in emergency procedures. Class C operator training programs may include in-class, hands-on, on-line, or any other training format deemed acceptable by the facility's Class A or B UST Operator. Class C training information will be provided to all Class A and B UST Operators that attend the Department-sponsored UST operator training seminars.

The Class A or B UST Operator must ensure that a list of emergency procedures, which must include site-specific emergency procedures, the location of emergency shut-off devices, and appropriate emergency contact telephone numbers, is posted in a prominent area at the UST facility that is easily visible to the Class C UST Operator.

**UST OPERATOR TRAINING DEADLINES**Phase In Schedule for Class A and Class B UST Operators

***All Class A and Class B UST operators for facilities inspected after February 20, 2010 must complete an acceptable operator training course within 9 months of the inspection date.***

Class A and B UST Operators for facilities that were not inspected must be trained before August 8, 2012.

Class C UST Operators

All Class C UST Operators must be trained before August 8, 2012. There is no "phase-in" schedule for Class C UST Operators.

**UST OPERATOR TRAINING FREQUENCY**Class A and Class B UST Operators

Certified Class A and B UST Operators must be re-trained within 3 years of the last training date. Certified Class A and B UST Operators can work at any UST facility within Louisiana without having to be re-trained.

Whenever a UST system is found out of compliance, Class A and/or B UST Operators, as determined by LDEQ for that facility, must attend either the UST Expedited Penalty Seminar or the UST operator training seminar, as determined by LDEQ.

Class C UST Operators

Certified Class C UST Operators must be re-trained prior to assuming responsibility at a facility owned by a different UST owner that did not provide the initial training. Class C UST Operators do not have to be re-trained every 3 years.

**REQUIRED OPERATOR TRAINING DOCUMENTATION**

Class A and B operators that complete the seminars will receive certificates. Class A and B's must send the name, date of training, and company name of their Class C's to [lomcsa@lomcsa.com](mailto:lomcsa@lomcsa.com) to receive C certificates.

UST Owners must keep a training certificate for each person who is currently serving as a Class A, B, or C UST Operator for as long as that person serves as a UST Operator for that facility.

For more information, visit the LDEQ UST Division website at [www.deq.louisiana.gov](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov) or contact Samuel Broussard at 337-262-5744.

