



Fuel Storage Tanks

Preventing and minimizing contamination of the land and waters of the state from fuel storage tanks.

There are more than 3,000 underground storage tanks (USTs) and more than 4,500 aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) in New Hampshire, storing 195 million gallons of oil and hazardous materials. Releases of product from these tank systems can cause fires and explosions, drinking water contamination, vapors in indoor air, other environmental harm, and infrastructure loss.

The NHDES Oil Compliance Section ensures safe storage and handling of oil and hazardous substances – such as motor fuels, heating oils, lubricating oils, and other petroleum and petroleum-contaminated liquids – by training tank facility operators, providing technical assistance and oversight for engineering of tank systems, and assuring safe operation of existing systems through inspections and technical assistance.

Additionally, the Safetank program provides assistance in replacement of residential heating oil tanks for qualifying individuals. ASTs in New Hampshire are regulated by both NHDES and the New Hampshire Fire Marshal's Office.

For questions related to the storage and regulations of NATURAL GAS and PROPANE, please refer to your local fire officials or building code inspector. These substances are not regulated as “oil” per NH RSA 146-A:2, III (NH RSA 146-C:1, XII).

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