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## EPA proposed revisions to UST regs

EPA's long-awaited proposal to revise the federal underground storage tank (UST) regulations is now available on EPA's website, including:

- Proposed changes document
- Comparison of 1988 UST regs and key proposed changes
- Proposed changes embedded in strike-out version of 1988 regs

Public comment will be accepted for 90 days following publication of EPA's proposed regs in the Federal Register. Watch EPA's website for the publication announcement.

For EPA's proposed revisions to the UST regulations, click this link:

[www.epa.gov/oust/fedlaws/proposedregs.html](http://www.epa.gov/oust/fedlaws/proposedregs.html)

### NEW MEMBERS

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**Freeman Enclosure  
Systems**

**Southern Heat Exchanger**

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**Houston Blow Pipe**

**Intsel Steel Distributors**

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## STI announces new tank technology

The Steel Tank Institute announces *CleanSite Containment*<sup>™</sup>, a new set of standards and requirements for fabricated steel tanks, developed to address oil and natural gas field production waste storage.

With CleanSite Containment<sup>™</sup>, STI brings its Members entry to opportunities in the significant upstream petroleum market...

[...More: CleanSite Containment](#)

## 2011 Fall Conference Presentations

Did you miss the Fall Conference in Houston this September? You'll find the educational and Affiliate presentations on the STI/SPFA website, available to Members Only when you log in.

More than 120 people from Member companies participated in the Fall Conference, as well as 10+ potential members checking out the

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Annual Meeting

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Tucson AZ

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Tank Stats  
2011 Year to Date

25,000 registered Fireguard  
tanks since inception

STI-labeled AST units  
registered\* increased 11%  
over 2010

\*"Units" is number of tanks rather  
than gallonage capacity

In 2011, UST registrations  
are up 8.2%, while  
gallonage has decreased  
4.6% in average capacity

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for their support. Special  
appreciation goes to STICO  
for sponsoring the keynote  
speaker. Appreciation is  
extended to non-  
member Wyman-Gordon,  
which sponsored an  
evening reception and a tour of their Houston  
facilities.

[...More: To see presentations, login](#)

## Regulatory Report

STI/SPFA receives several electronic newsletters  
from industry watchers. We gratefully acknowledge  
these sources for the items in this Regulatory  
Report:

- Activity at EPA: increasing enforcement, new  
air and water regulations
- EPA's SPCC AST oil storage regs deadline  
November 10
- Sustainable Water Infrastructure Investment  
Act
- New regulations coming in Missouri

[...More: Regulatory Report](#)

## FREE consultations for Members Only

Got a question or a quandary? Did you know that as  
a Member of STI/SPFA, you have access to a group  
of expert consultants? STI/SPFA has contracted with  
them to provide brief, complimentary consultation  
services.

Take advantage of this Members Only benefit.  
Contact our consultants...

[...More: Consultant contacts](#)

## Strengthen your marketing mix with *Steel Facts*

STI/SPFA's Marketing Committee recently  
completed No. 2 in its series of *Steel Facts* flyers.  
***Steel Tanks: Compatible with All Biofuel Blends***  
was sent to Members in early October.

The *Steel Facts* series is intended to help you  
market your products by informing and educating  
customers, regulators, and the public about the  
benefits of steel.

You can download the first two issues of *Steel Facts*

on the [STI/SPFA website homepage](#)



## Wisconsin revises gen base tank venting

"Emergency Generator Sub-base Tank Vent Termination" is the subject of a Program Letter issued October 20, 2011, by the Environmental & Regulatory Services division, Wisconsin Dept. of Safety and Professional Services. The letter revises venting for fuel storage for stationary combustion engines and gas turbines.



"We are experiencing a change in the design of emergency generator weather enclosures," notes Sheldon Schall, Chief of the Tank Regulation Section in

Wisconsin. "Recent design trends in these enclosures do not have open louvers allowing natural air flow." Combined with sound dampening materials installed in newer gen-base tanks, these factors increase the potential for vapor ignition incidents, says Schall.

The revision results from STI/SPFA's Emergency Tank Venting webinar in September. More than 100 people listened and learned from tank experts Jeff Shapiro and Scott Stookey. Among them were representatives of the Tank Regulation Section in Wisconsin.

**[...More: Full text of Program Letter](#)**

## API Conference News: standards revisions

Over 300 industry representatives attended the annual API Storage Tank Conference in October, co-sponsored by STI/SPFA and NFPA. Staff members Dana Schmidt and Wayne Geyer participated in the conference planning process and made several presentations at the conference.

API recently published *Addendum 3* to the 11th Edition of API 650 and issued a new standard on refrigerated tanks, API 625. An API sub-committee has started a revision process for the series 12 standards, including the popular API 12F tank.

## Steel Water Pipe Installation Webinar

On Friday, November 18th, STI/SPFA hosts an advanced webinar on steel pipe installation, targeting utility owners and engineers, design engineers and consultants.



This two-hour webinar features respected industry experts Dennis Dechant, PE, Vice President-Engineering with Dechant Infrastructure Services; Nash Williams, National Welding Co.; and Matt Foster, Vice President-Pipe Operations for

Garney Construction.

**[...More: topics and registration](#)**



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