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Steel Tank Institute Offers New, Online Recertification for STI Cathodic Protection Testers

LAKE ZURICH, ILL. – Sept. 7, 2007 – Cathodic protection testers for underground storage tanks (USTs) can gain recertification through a new, online examination offered through Steel Tank Institute.

The easy-to-follow, interactive exam is available to cathodic protection testers currently certified by STI or NACE International. All testers must provide proof of active engagement in the field of cathodic protection monitoring.

In addition, cathodic protection testers whose STI certifications have expired will be permitted to recertify under this program until February 29, 2008.

“STI has offered certification programs for several years that require cathodic protection testers to travel to various locations to obtain and maintain certification,” said Lorri Grainawi, director of technical services for STI/SPFA. “The online exam decreases time and cost commitments substantially. Testers can take the recertification exam from their offices or homes – even on a weekend, if they don’t want to disrupt their work schedules.”

To register for the exam, which costs \$395, visit www.steeltank.com, where a library of downloadable review materials is available. After obtaining the materials, a tester has 59 days to take the recertification exam. After starting the actual exam, a tester will have 24 hours in which to complete the effort. To date, most testers have finished the exam within two to four hours.

Though the STI certification is generally accepted throughout the United States, some regulatory agencies may have additional requirements. STI recommends that testers check with regulators to ensure that they are aware of all cathodic protection monitoring mandates in their service areas.

The exam is structured so that answers must reflect the body of knowledge in STI's recommended practice for cathodic protection testing.

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