



Notice of Extension of Comment Period and Additional Public Hearing

On June 28, 2024, in accordance with the provisions of section 4-168(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS), the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) published public notice of its intent to adopt regulations concerning Underground Storage Tanks at sections 22a-6b-8, 22a-449(d)-1, 22a-449(d)-101 to 22a-449(d)-113, inclusive of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) and to add a new section 22a-449(d)-114 of the RCSA.

Extension of comment period

In consideration of a request to extend the comment period received by the Department, DEEP is extending the public comment period for this proposal by 14 days. As such, comments should be submitted no later than **5:00 p.m. on August 26, 2024**, via the eRegulations System (PR2023-056) or electronic mail to DEEP.USTEnforcement@ct.gov.

Additional public hearing

In addition to the opportunity to provide written comment and the originally scheduled public hearing, DEEP will provide the opportunity for an additional public hearing to receive comments on the proposed regulations. This hearing will be held through Zoom, a remote online hearing platform. All interested persons can register to attend the public hearing and express their views on the proposed regulations using the following link:

Date: August 19, 2024

Time: 10:30 am

Zoom Link:

<https://ctdeep.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYscumqrDIoE9ejb2GZRihEq8csAuvY3EHL>

Speakers are requested, although not required, to submit a written copy of their comments as instructed above. The hearing will adjourn when the last speaker present and signed in has provided comment.

Statutory authority

The authority to adopt the regulations is granted by CGS sections 22a-6(a), 22a-6b, and 22a-449(d).

Purpose

The existing Underground Storage Tank (UST) regulations, RCSA sections 22a-449(d)-1 and 22a-449(d)-101 to 22a-449(d)-113, inclusive, identify the performance standards for owners and operators of state regulated and federally regulated UST systems. The proposed amendments to the UST regulations seek to modernize and update the UST regulations by adding clarity, consistency, and flexibility for certain existing requirements. These updates are consistent with current technologies and will eliminate outdated standards.

Additional information

The proposed regulation text, the fiscal note, and the regulatory flexibility analysis and a statement required by CGS section 22a-6(h) are posted on the eRegulations System (Tracking Number PR2023-056). For further information, contact Mark Latham at mark.latham@ct.gov.

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Deputy Commissioner

August 2, 2024

Date