



Maryland
Department of
the Environment

FACTS ABOUT: Unmanned UST Fuel Dispensing Facility

UNMANNED OR UNATTENDED UST FUEL DISPENSING FACILITY

An unmanned or unattended underground storage tank (UST) fuel dispensing facility shall not permit the dispensing of a regulated substance without the prior written approval of MDE. An unmanned or unattended UST fuel dispensing facility shall not permit dispensing of a regulated substance to the general public. MDE may approve the dispensing of a regulated substance from an unmanned or unattended UST fuel facility maintaining a controlled operation (key card, membership card, or fleet card) provided the facility complies with the below listed requirements.

REQUIREMENTS FOR UNATTENDED UST FUEL DISPENSING FACILITIES

- The key card, membership card, or fleet card operation must be able to readily identify the individual or member fueling.
- An emergency shut-off device or electrical disconnect shall be readily accessible to patrons for each group of dispensing devices on an individual island in accordance with NFPA 30A Section 6.7.2.
- For an unattended, self-serve, motor fuel dispensing facility, additional fire protection shall be provided where required by the authority having jurisdiction in accordance with NFPA 30A Section 7.3.5.1 and 9.5.6.
 - MDE recommends contacting the State Fire Marshal or local fire department to determine if additional fire protection shall be provided such as fixed suppression systems, automatic fire detection, manual fire alarm stations, transmission of alarms to off-site locations, and limitations of the quantity of motor fuel dispensed per transaction.
- Operating instructions shall be conspicuously posted in the dispensing area. The instructions shall include location of emergency controls and a requirement that the user stay outside the vehicle and in view of the fueling nozzle during dispensing in accordance with NFPA 30A Section 9.5.2.
- A sign shall be posted in the dispensing area and shall incorporate the following or equivalent wording in accordance with NFPA 30A Section 9.2.5.4:



WARNING:

It is unlawful and dangerous to dispense gasoline into unapproved containers.

No Smoking.

Stop motor.

No filling of portable containers in or on a motor vehicle.

Place container on ground before filling.

Discharge your static electricity before fueling by touching a metal surface away from the nozzle.

Do not re-enter your vehicle while gasoline is pumping.

If a fire starts, **do not** remove nozzle – back away immediately.

Do not allow individuals under licensed age to use the pump.

- Emergency instructions shall be conspicuously posted in the dispenser area and shall incorporate the following or equivalent wording in accordance with NFPA 30A Section 9.5.3:

EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONS

In case of fire or spill:

(1) Use emergency stop button.

(2) Report accident by calling

(insert local fire department phone number). Report location.

- A telephone or other approved clearly identified means to notify the fire department shall be provided on the site in a readily accessible location in accordance with NFPA 30A Section 9.5.5.
- Emergency telephone numbers for contacting the designated A, B, or C operator responsible for the facility in the event of a suspected or confirmed release, unusual operating conditions, emergencies, and equipment failures shall be posted in accordance with COMAR 26.10.16.03B.(4).
 - The telephone numbers shall be conspicuously posted on a sign not less than 8 by 10 inches in size with lettering not less than one inch high and that is visible from the dispensing area, and to the public and emergency personnel.
 - The sign shall also include MDE's 24-hour spill reporting number: 1-866-633-4686.
- At least one readily available spill containment kit shall be stored on-site to contain small spills of less than 20-gallons. The spill kit may contain spill pads, stay-dry, absorbent booms, etc.
- A Class A, B, or C operator shall inspect the facility for a suspected or confirmed release, unusual operating conditions, emergencies, and equipment failures once every 30 days or at a frequency approved by MDE in accordance with COMAR 26.10.16.03E. Maintain a written record of the inspection.

- A Class A and B operator shall be immediately accessible for consultation by telephone when the facility is operating and be on-site within 24 hours of a request to respond to the facility by emergency response personnel or MDE or within a time approved by MDE in accordance with COMAR 26.10.16.04B.(6) and C.(5).
- A Class C operator responsible for the facility shall be immediately accessible for consultation by telephone with emergency response personnel or MDE and be on-site within 2 hours of a request to respond to the facility by emergency response personnel or MDE or within a time approved by MDE in accordance with COMAR 26.10.16.04D.(5).

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO ALLOW THE DISPENSING OF FUEL FROM AN UNATTENDED FACILITY:

- To the general public;
- Without MDE approval, and
- Not in compliance with unattended facility requirements.

Operating an unattended UST fuel dispensing facility in violation of COMAR may result in enforcement action that could include issuance of a delivery ban, cease and desist order, civil penalty, and other legal sanctions.

Please call the Oil Control Program at 410-537-3442 with any questions.

Visit our Web Site at:

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/LAND/OilControl/Pages/index.aspx>

This fact sheet has been provided for informational purposes. This document is not intended nor should it be interpreted to be a regulation, as defined in Section 10-101, State Government Article. The MDE encourages you to read and understand the regulations that govern the operation of underground storage systems found in Code of Maryland Regulations 26.10. "Oil Pollution and Tank Management".