Notification of Intent to Decommission or to Not Install Stage II Vapor Recovery System on Certain New or Modified Gasoline Dispensing Facilities (GDF)

- This Notification must be made to MDE at least 30 days prior to the start of construction of a new GDF or decommissioning of an existing GDF.
- Within 30 days of completion, provide results of a pressure decay test, pressure vacuum vent cap test, vapor tie-in test, precision tightness test (if required to be performed), and the site assessment (if performed).
- Decommissioning of a Stage II Vapor Recovery System shall be performed in accordance with Section 14 of PEI/RP 300-09 and one of the options (A, B, or C) listed on Page 2.
- Complete this notification form and submit to both addresses below:

  Maryland Department of the Environment
  Air and Radiation Management Administration
  Attn: Stage II
  1800 Washington Blvd., Suite 715
  Baltimore, MD 21230

  Maryland Department of the Environment
  Oil Control Program
  Attn: Stage II
  1800 Washington Blvd., Suite 620
  Baltimore, MD 21230

  OCP Facility ID Number: ______________________________________
  Site Name: ___________________________________________________
  Address: _____________________________________________________
  County: ______________________________________________________
  Business Phone: _______________________________________________
  Contact Person: ________________________________________________
  Email: ________________________________________________________

  Name of Company Representative  ________________________________
  Signature:  _____________________________________________________________________________
  Date

  Name of Certified Technician  ________________________________
  Signature:  __________________________________________________________
  Date

  Certification No.: MDIC _____________________________

**This Notice is provided pursuant to § 10-624 of the State Government Article of the Maryland Code. The personal information requested on this form is intended to be used in processing your notification form. Failure to provide the information requested may result in your notification form not being processed. You have the right to inspect, amend, or correct this form. The Maryland Department of the Environment (“MDE”) is a public agency and subject to the Maryland Public Information Act. This form may be made available on the Internet via MDE’s website and is subject to inspection or copying, in whole or in part, by the public and other governmental agencies, if not protected by federal or State law.**
Options for Decommissioning of Stage II Pipes

In accordance with Code of Maryland Regulation 26.10.06.01D, “An underground storage system shall be installed, upgraded, and repaired only in the continuous on-site presence and under the direction of an individual who is a certified underground storage system technician.” Additionally, COMAR 26.10.10.02B.(2) requires that, “All lines shall be emptied and removed unless otherwise approved by the Department” when closing part of a UST system.

The Department reserves the right to deny Option C if an active remediation or historical release was associated with the facility.

All test failures related to the Stage II decommissioning including Pressure Decay testing must be reported to the Oil Control Program at 410-537-3442 or after hours to 1-866-633-4686.

Option A – Removal of Pipes:
- Purge pipes of all liquid and vapors.
- Screen the soils directly below the removed pipe at 10 feet intervals using a PID and record the readings on a site map, or conduct an environmental assessment along the pipe run to determine if there is evidence of a release where contamination would most likely be present.
- Upon completion of the pipe removal and backfill of the excavation including final surface cover, precision tightness test the UST system.
- All work to decommission the underground pipe must be performed by the continuous onsite presence and under the direction of a MDE Certified UST System Technician.
- Submit all documentation (assessment report and testing performed) associated with the decommissioning of the Stage II vapor recovery system to the Oil Control Program within 30 days of completion (this is important for tracking HRGUA facilities).

Option B – In-Place Closure of Pipes:
- Submit a work plan for approval to perform an assessment along the Stage II pipe in accordance with COMAR 26.10.10.03. If the pipe location is unknown the site assessment must encompass the UST field, pump-island(s), and area between tank field and dispensers.
- Purge the pipe of all liquid and vapor.
- Permanently cap each end of the pipe (i.e. under dispenser and disconnect and at the tank connection) in accordance with pipe manufacture requirements. If concrete is broken or excavation is required to remove the Stage II piping from the tank, a precision tightness test must be performed prior to placing the tank back into service.
- Conduct a pressure decay and tie-tank test upon completion of the work.
- All work to decommission the underground pipe must be performed by the continuous onsite presence and under the direction of a MDE Certified UST System Technician.
- Submit all documentation (assessment report and testing performed) associated with the decommissioning of the Stage II vapor recovery system to the Oil Control Program within 30 days of completion (this is important for tracking HRGUA facilities).

Option C – Disconnect Stage II Pipe Below the Dispenser Only:
- Stage II pipe will be considered in-use and must be maintained.
- Conduct a pressure decay and tie-tank test upon completion of the work.
- Capping, upgrade, and repair of an UST system must be performed by the continuous onsite presence and under the direction of a MDE Certified UST System Technician.
- Submit all documentation (including testing records) associated with the decommissioning of the Stage II vapor recovery system to the Oil Control Program within 30 days of completion (this is important for tracking HRGUA facilities).