



Fire Department

Office of the Fire Marshal /
Bureau of Fire Prevention

TANK ABANDONMENT

1. Tank permits are required to be onsite while work is being performed.
2. The Bureau of Fire Prevention shall be notified 30 minutes prior to the abandonment of the tank. Bureau of Fire Prevention personnel are required to be onsite during the abandonment of the tank.
3. Continuous metering of the tank is required with a combustible gas indicator.
4. All flammable and combustible liquids shall be removed from the tank accordingly.
5. The tank shall be either purged or made inert. If purging, the tank atmosphere shall be periodically tested with a combustible gas indicator. If made inert, the tank atmosphere shall be periodically tested with an oxygen meter. (dry ice 1.5 pounds per 100 gallons of tank capacity).
6. Access to the tank shall be made by careful excavation to the top of the tank.
7. Disconnect and remove all of the exposed piping, gauges and fixtures. The vent line shall remain in place.
8. The remaining product/residue may be cleaned accordingly.
9. A $\frac{3}{4}$ " inch or 1" inch hole may be cut in the bottom of the tank.
10. Soil samples are to be taken.
11. Proceed to fill the tank with an inert material.
12. Disconnect and cap the vent line.
13. The area of the excavation can now be backfilled.
14. Notify the owner of the property to keep a permanent record of the abandonment.

Any comments, concerns or questions shall be directed to the Bureau of Fire Prevention, Hazardous Materials Division at 597-3452.