

## ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION

(AS 44.62.190(d))

1. Adopting agency: Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
2. General subject of regulation: Underground Storage Tanks
3. Citation of regulation (may be grouped): 18 AAC 78
4. Department of Law file number, if any: 2019200561
5. Reason for the proposed action:
  - ☐ Compliance with federal law or action (identify):
  - ☐ Compliance with new or changed state statute
  - ☐ Compliance with Federal or state court decision (identify)
  - ☐ Development of program standards
  - ☒ Other (identify): modify fees to align with reduced cost to administer the program
6. Appropriation/Allocation: The Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
7. Estimated annual costs in the aggregate to comply with the proposed action:

Private Persons, including private businesses: Initial application fees will increase from \$75 to \$100 resulting in an additional cost of \$25 for an anticipated 14 new applicants. However, the fees for initial, renewal and reciprocity certifications will decrease from \$130 to \$60 and the \$5 fee for duplicate certificates will no longer be charged. As a result, both new applicants and individuals seeking renewal or reciprocity certifications, will experience a decrease in the cost to be certified. The amount of the decrease per person depends on the number of certifications each individual carries, but will be \$70 less per certification. As of July 2019, 120 certifications are held by 59 individuals, and each certification is valid for a 2-year period. Total annual fee revenue will decrease from \$21,633 to \$10,993.

Pass through costs to private businesses and other entities that are considered responsible parties (RPs) may decrease slightly as a result of the change in fees. Should there be concern about compliance costs due to these proposed changes the department encourages the submission of public comments which reference costs and provide specific cost information.

Other State Agencies: The Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, administers the UST inspector and worker certification program. The Division will receive less fee revenue as a result of this change, but based on an analysis of the cost to administer the program, the revenue from the current fees has resulted in surplus that is greater than what is necessary to operate the program.

Municipalities: Pass through costs to municipalities which may require the services of certified inspectors and workers may decrease slightly as a result of the change in fees.

8. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars):

	Initial Year FY 2019	Subsequent Years
Operating Cost	\$ 0	\$ 0
Capital Cost	\$ 0	\$ 0
1002 Federal receipts	\$ 0	\$ 0
1003 General fund match	\$ 0	\$ 0
1004 General fund	\$ 0	\$ 0
1005 General fund/ program	\$ 0	\$ 0
1037 General fund/mental health	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other (Response Fund)	\$ 0	\$ 0

9. The name of the contact person for the regulations:

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10. The origin of the proposed action:

☒ Staff of state agency

☐ Federal government

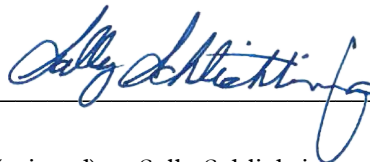
☐ General public

☐ Petition for regulation change

☐ Other (identify)

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