**Section 176.625 Minimum Training Requirements**

OSFM will approve a training mechanism for Class A, Class B and Class C Operators to be implemented by OSFM approved providers. Training and related examinations under this Subpart shall cover and test for appropriate knowledge of Illinois UST regulations. Generally, Class A, B and C Operators will be trained in the following:

a) For Class A Operators, subject matter shall include, but not be limited to, financial responsibility documentation requirements, notification requirements, release and suspected release reporting, temporary and permanent closure requirements, operator training requirements, and a general knowledge of USTs requirements, including regulations relating to spill prevention, overfill prevention, release detection, corrosion protection, emergency response, product and equipment compatibility and demonstration, environmental and regulatory consequences of releases, and related reporting, recordkeeping, testing and inspections. Class A operators must have the knowledge and skills to make informed decisions regarding compliance and to determine whether the appropriate individuals are fulfilling the operation, maintenance and recordkeeping requirements for UST systems in accordance with this subsection.

b) For Class B Operators, subject matter shall include, but not be limited to, components of UST systems, materials of UST components, methods of release detection and release prevention applied to UST components, reporting and recordkeeping requirements, operator training requirements, and the operation and maintenance requirements of USTs that relate to spill prevention, overfill prevention, release detection and related reporting, corrosion protection, emergency response and product and equipment compatibility and demonstration, environmental and regulatory consequences of releases, and related reporting, recordkeeping, testing and inspections. Training for the Class B operator must cover the general requirements that encompass all regulatory requirements and typical equipment used at UST facilities or site-specific requirements that address only the regulatory requirements and equipment specific to the facility.

c) For Class C Operators, subject matter shall include, but not be limited to:

1) recommended responses to:

A) emergencies (such as, situations posing an immediate danger or threat to the public or to the environment requiring immediate action);

B) spill alarms; and

C) releases from a UST;

2) the locations and proper operation of emergency stops;

3) the use of other emergency equipment; and

4) notifying the appropriate authorities in response to such emergencies, alarms and releases.

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