Corrosion Protection Specialty Certifications

A Cathodic Protection Tester Certification issued by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is required for any person conducting cathodic protection testing of a tank system regulated under Wisconsin Administrative Code ATCP 93.

A Corrosion Expert Certification issued by DATCP is required for any person that designs or installs a cathodic protection system for a tank system regulated under Wis. Admin. Code ATCP 93.

The Cathodic Protection Tester and Corrosion Expert Certifications are separate and not interchangeable. Cathodic Protection Testers and Corrosion Experts must be employed by a Registered Tank Specialty Firm.

A person who conducts cathodic protection test or who designs or installs cathodic protection systems is responsible for all of the following:
- Conduct all cathodic protection tests in accordance with Wis. Admin. Code ATCP 93 and any manufacturer’s instructions.
- Employ only those methodologies for which training has been obtained and documented.
- Ensure no personal or monetary interest in the facility and that their employer has no personal or monetary interest in the facility.

To obtain a new certification, all of the following must be submitted to DATCP:
- Cathodic Protection Tester or Corrosion Expert Certification application
- Fees:
  - $20 application fee (not applicable to electronic applications or renewals)
  - $50 certification fee
- Social Security Number Request form
- Proof of the required education and training:
  - Documentation showing formal education relating to soil resistivity, stray current, structure-to-soil potential, component electrical isolation measurements of buried metal piping and tank systems, and corrosion control.
  - Documentation showing you have successfully completed a certification examination from one of the following:
    - For Cathodic Protection Tester:
      - NACE certification as a CP1, CP2 or CP3 cathodic protection technician
      - NACE certification as a senior corrosion technologist
      - NACE certification as a corrosion technologist
      - NACE certification as a corrosion technician
      - STI certification in UST system cathodic protection monitoring
    - For Corrosion Expert:
      - NACE certification as a corrosion specialist.
      - NACE certification as a CP4 cathodic protection specialist

Cathodic Protection Tester and Corrosion Expert Certifications are valid for 2 years from the date of issue.