



# Temporarily Out-of-Service: Underground Storage Tanks

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## RESOURCES

**Wis. Admin. Code ATCP 93:**  
[http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin\\_code/atcp/090/93](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/atcp/090/93)

**Storage Tanks Website:**  
[https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/PetroleumHazStorageTanks.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PetroleumHazStorageTanks.aspx)

Wisconsin Administrative Code ATCP 93 defines “Temporarily out-of-service” as a storage tank system that is not being used, but is intended to be placed back into operation within the next annual permit renewal period.

ATCP 93.140(2)(d)1 requires tank system owners to register changes, including moving a tank system into and out of temporarily out of service status, within 15 days of the change using form TR-WM-137 which can be found on our website here: <https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/TR-WM-137.pdf>

When a storage tank system is placed temporarily out of service, the owner or operator must comply with all of the following:

- Leak detection must be maintained in accordance with ATCP 93 unless all liquid has been removed from the tank and the associated piping so that no more than 1 inch of residue remains in the system.
- Operation and maintenance of corrosion protection systems must be continued.
- The tank must be protected against flotation caused by flooding or soil saturation.
- The tank, piping, dispensing equipment, lines, pumps, manways, and other ancillary equipment must be secured to prevent tampering.
- All vent lines must be left open and functioning.
- All periodic inspections and maintenance must be performed as if the tank were still in service including, but not limited to:
  - Monthly water checks, including empty tanks
  - Required testing of the cathodic protection system
  - Required lining inspections
  - PEI 900 inspections
- Permits to operate must be maintained in accordance with ATCP 93.145.
- Financial responsibility requirements of ATCP 93 Subchapter VII must be maintained.

Before placing a tank back into service:

- A precision tightness test must be performed on the tank and piping in accordance with ATCP 93.515 (4).
- Immediately have the leak detection system verified in accordance with ATCP 93.510 (2).
- Tank systems out of service for more than 365 days must:
  - Have a pressure test of the ullage portion to assure that tank connections are tight.
  - Fully comply with ATCP 93, except double-wall construction is not required for tank systems installed before February 1, 2009. Have all the respective components documented as functional on form TR-WM-139 (formerly ERS-10778) which can be found on our website here: <https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/TR-WM-139.pdf>

Tank systems that are placed out of service which do not comply with all requirements of ATCP 93.545 must be permanently closed in accordance with ATCP 93.560 within 60 calendar days.