

PERMITTING AND INSPECTIONS OF STORAGE TANK SYSTEMS WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

PURPOSE

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide notice that the administration of the storage fuel tanks program in unaccredited areas of Alberta will be transferred from the Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta (PTMAA) to the Alberta Safety Codes Authority (ASCA), a division of the Safety Codes Council, effective June 08, 2020.

DISCUSSION

The PTMAA was the designated authority for the permissions (permits and subsequent inspections) for Part 4 of the National Fire Code – 2019 Alberta Edition (NFC(AE)) pertaining to the installation, removal, repair or to conduct precision tests of storage tank systems for unaccredited areas of the province. ASCA was enacted by government in 2016 to oversee safety codes services in unaccredited areas throughout Alberta. The transfer of the storage fuel tank program to ASCA continues the consolidation of safety code services in support of effective and efficient administration of the Safety Codes Act.

Effective June 08, 2020, ASCA will assume the responsibility for the permitting and inspections of storage tank systems for unaccredited areas within the Province of Alberta. Any person conducting installations, removals, and repairs or conducting precision tests of storage tank systems located in unaccredited areas must contact ASCA to obtain a permit:

1-888-413-0099 or sccinfo@safetycodes.ab.ca

It is important to note that any permits issued under the PTMAA prior to June 08, 2020 are still under the authority of the PTMAA. Permit holders are required to complete all requirements of the permit prior to March 01, 2021.

The Minister of Municipal Affairs issued the Alberta Safety Codes Authority Amendment Order (March 24, 2020) -- TCS:001/20 amending the Alberta Safety Codes Authority Order Regulation to give effect to this transfer and the Order may be viewed on Alberta Queen's Printer at <https://www.qp.alberta.ca/minorders.cfm>

The next edition of the NFC(AE) will be updated to identify ASCA as the delegated authority along with any other required updates.

In accredited areas, the process of permissions (permits and subsequent inspections) is unchanged.

Unless stated otherwise, all Code references in this STANDATA are to Division B of the National Fire Code-2019 Alberta Edition

Issue of this STANDATA is authorized by
the Provincial Fire Administrator

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CODE REFERENCES

Division C, Subsection 2.2.3. states:

2.2.3. Approvals**2.2.3.1. Storage Tank Systems**

1) Only individuals *approved* by the *Provincial Fire Administrator* are permitted to install, remove, repair or conduct precision tests of *storage tank systems*. (See Note A-2.2.3.1.(1).)

A-2.2.3.1.(1) The powers, duties and functions of the Provincial Fire Administrator in Sentence 2.2.3.1.(1) and Subsection 2.2.5. have been delegated by the Minister to the Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta (PTMAA) in accordance with the Storage Tank System Management Regulation (AR50/2010).

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