



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
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ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAM

Indoor Tank Guidance

- **Tanks over 110 gallons capacity must be registered.**

- **Tanks over 1,100 gallons capacity must have secondary containment** (*a safeguard designed to keep releases of your stored product out of the ground or surface water*)
 - ✓ with walls that will contain 110 percent of the volume of the tank; and

 - ✓ with a sealed bottom under the tank area that will prevent leaks from faulty tank bottoms.

NOTE: The building itself can serve as the secondary containment device if it is constructed to prevent any released materials from leaving the building. The release may not leave through the front door, the back door, the floor drain (unless it drains to an approved sanitary sewer), cracks in the floor, dirt floors, or any other means. The building must offer the same protection that a separate structure would provide to satisfy the standard for keeping stored materials from polluting the waters of the state.

If the building does not provide adequate protection, an additional secondary containment safeguard must be constructed or installed.

- **If your tanks are registered and you have good secondary containment, you have satisfied the conditions of the permit requirement -- no fees or additional paperwork are required.**

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