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## ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAM

### Asphalt 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 materials which are compatible with product stored and which prevent the stored product from moving into the ground.

**NOTE:** Asphalt (or other materials which solidify at atmospheric temperature and pressure) will generally set up when exposed to the air. As a result, the materials which may be used for secondary containment include natural materials (earth or clay) which do not have to meet the recommended permeability rate for other petroleum products and hazardous materials

- **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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