

TUCSON FIRE DEPARTMENT		Section: Standard Operating Guideline, UST abandonment in place
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I. OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this document is to outline the policy and procedures for approving Underground Storage tank abandonment in place of an existing UST.

II. POLICY:

The Tucson Fire Department Fire Prevention Section shall be responsible for the enforcement of all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding underground storage tanks.

III. PROCEDURES:

A. A permit is required to abandon in place an existing UST. Applicants must obtain a permit for abandoning a tank from the Tucson Fire Department. It is not standard practice for Tucson Fire to allow abandonment in place. All permit applications will be decided on a case by case inspection. Final approval is granted by the Fire Chief. The permit plans shall include the following:

1. The reason the UST is being abandoned in lieu of being removed.

IE: tanks located in inaccessible locations, tanks under buildings, tanks located in areas such that removal is not practical.

2. A site plan that includes the location of the tank and adjacent property lines and structures.
3. The contractor license number and UST certification number that has been approved by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.

B. An inspection of the tank is required. The following steps shall be taken during inspection:

1. All flammable and combustible liquids shall be removed from the UST and connected piping.
2. The UST shall be filled completely with an inert solid material approved by the fire official.
3. All inlets shall be capped or plugged.
4. Remaining underground piping shall be disconnected and capped or plugged. Records of inspections shall be kept online as well as the in physical files.