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Underground Storage Tank certification can help states meet new federal regulations

States can prepare for new federal requirements for underground storage tanks (UST) with International Code Council UST certification. The UST Compliance Act of 2005, recently signed by President Bush, requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to develop guidelines for UST operator training. Once established, state environmental protection departments will have to implement training programs to receive federal funds.

States can get a head start with the International Code Council. Many states already use International Code Council certification for their code officials and inspectors. International Code Council certification programs for UST operators, technicians and inspectors test for the critical knowledge of laws, regulations and standards needed to oversee equipment and protect the environment from hazardous leakage of underground tanks.

California already requires professional testing to operate and maintain USTs. All California UST facilities must identify a Designated UST Operator to verify that the facility meets state requirements. Operators are responsible for conducting UST inspections and providing training for facility employees and must be certified by the International Code Council.

The International Code Council offers certification examinations in several UST categories including Installation/Retrofitting, Decommissioning, Tank Tightness Testing, Cathodic Protection and other UST regulations. To prepare for future federal requirements and learn more about earning professional certifications, visit <http://www.iccsafe.org/certification>, or contact Doug Hatch, International Code Council Senior Contractor Exam Administrator at 1-888-422-7233, ext. 3316.

The International Code Council, a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states that adopt codes choose the International Codes developed by the International Code Council.

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