The Department of Environmental Quality adopted new rules recently that affect the design and installation of underground storage tanks and associated underground piping (UST systems). Revised Permit Applications are mailed to you previously and are available on-line at the programs’ web site.

A component of the new rule requires that: liquid-tight under-dispenser containment (UDC) must be installed under dispensers when:

(a) A new UST system is installed;
(b) Different dispensers and any associated hardware used to attach the dispenser to the product piping are installed;
(c) Product piping is repaired or replaced at an associated dispenser island;
(d) Significant modifications are made to the concrete at a dispenser island; or
(e) The department determines liquid-tight under-dispenser containment is necessary to meet the requirements of this rule.

When installing new dispensers contemplates work at or below the shear valve or the check valve in the case of suction pumps, then a Permit Application is necessary that will trigger the attending UDC requirement. Otherwise, no Permit Application is required by the department when installing new dispensers.