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Dear Single-Walled Steel Tank Owner,

MassDEP's Underground Storage Tank database indicates that you own one or more single-walled steel underground storage tank (SWST) that must be removed or closed in place by August 7, 2017, in accordance with 310 CMR 80.15.

MassDEP is exercising enforcement discretion, **if you take your tank "out of service" by August 7, 2017**, to allow you to extend the deadline for removing your SWSTs or closing them in place until July 1, 2018. Please see requirements below regarding taking your tanks "out of service."

As the owner of SWSTs, you are also required to complete testing of the spill buckets or sumps that support the underground storage tank system unless you take your SWSTs "out of service" before January 2, 2017.

Requirements for Taking Your Tanks "Out of Service": If you take your SWSTs "out of service," all of the following requirements must be met:

1. Clean the SWST, close it, and render it inert;
2. Remove all regulated substance from the SWST, and manage the removed material in accordance with all federal, state and local laws and regulations;
3. Cap, lock, and secure the SWST's fill pipes, to prevent tampering;
4. Leave all of the SWST's vent lines open and operable;
5. Maintain the financial responsibility mechanism(s) covering the SWST in accordance with 310 CMR 80.51-80.63 until the tank is removed or closed in place;
6. Maintain records documenting that all of the conditions in 1 – 5 above have been met; and
7. Submit a Single-Walled Steel Tank "Out of Service" Notification to MassDEP within 30 days of taking the tank "out of service". If the SWST will not be removed or closed in place by August 7, 2017, a copy of an executed contract (signed by all parties) to have the tank removed or closed in place by July 1, 2018, must be attached to the Notification. A copy of the Notification form can be found on the MassDEP web site: <https://goo.gl/ACAUKn>.

SWSTs taken "out of service" in compliance with 1 -7 above are not required to operate corrosion protection, conduct third party inspections, and submit compliance certifications.

This information is available in alternate format. Contact Michelle Waters-Ekanem, Director of Diversity/Civil Rights at 617-292-5751.

TTY# MassRelay Service 1-800-439-2370

MassDEP Website: www.mass.gov/dep

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Please note: SWSTs taken “out of service” CANNOT be returned to service. No SWST may be “in service” after August 7, 2017.

All of the materials that MassDEP has prepared to assist you with meeting the requirement to remove your SWST or close it in place by the August 7, 2017, deadline have been consolidated on the MassDEP web site here: <https://goo.gl/ACAUKn>.

Please call the UST Hotline at 617-556-1035, Extension 2, or email DEP.UST@state.ma.us if you have questions about your options for complying with the August 7, 2017, deadline for removing your tank or closing it in place and the associated requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Cooper', written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

Greg Cooper, Division Director
Business Compliance and Recycling
Bureau of Air and Waste

cc:

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