

Chapter 230

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Health of the Town of Dover 12-15-1982. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Groundwater Protection Districts — See Ch. 116.

Wells — See Ch. 233.

Water — See Ch. 177.

Wetlands protection rules and regulations — See Ch. 263.

Wetlands protection — See Ch. 181.

§ 230-1. Statutory authority; purpose; additional regulations.

Under MGL c. 111, § 31, the Dover Board of Health hereby adopts the following regulations to protect the ground- and surface waters from contamination by petroleum products from all underground storage tank installations. Many aspects pertaining to underground tanks are currently subject to Fire Department regulations.

§ 230-2. Filing of tank information required.

Owners of subsurface storage tanks in the Town of Dover shall file with the Board of Health the size, type, age and location of each tank and the type of petroleum product stored, on or before July 1, 1983. Evidence of date of purchase and installation shall be included.

§ 230-3. Testing of tanks where no installation date is available.

Owners of tanks for which evidence of the installation date is not available may, at the order of the Board of Health, be required to have such tanks tested.

§ 230-4. Residential tanks prohibited; existing tanks.

- A. Following the effective date of this chapter, the installation of residential underground tanks for petroleum products is prohibited.
- B. All petroleum product tanks in service at residential sites on the effective date of this chapter shall be removed from service 20 years after the date of installation.

C. When the date of installation is unknown, it shall be assumed to be July 1, 1963. The tank must be removed or emptied and rendered unusable, in compliance with Fire Department regulations.

§ 230-5. Spills.

Any spill or loss of fuel must be reported to the Board of Health and Fire Department immediately.

§ 230-6. Installation of observation wells.

The Board of Health may require the installation of 1 or more groundwater observation wells at any site where fuel or gasoline is stored underground which may pollute any public or private water supply well. Water samples from such observation wells may be required by the Board of Health at any reasonable time and shall be analyzed at the expense of the owner at the order of the Board of Health.

§ 230-7. Variances.

Variances from this chapter may be granted by the Board of Health after a hearing at which the applicant establishes that the installation or use of an underground storage tank will not adversely affect public or private water resources and that no other reasonable alternative installation exists.