



**CITY OF CHICAGO  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT  
UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK UNIT  
30 N. LASALLE STREET, 25th FLOOR  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602**

**GUIDELINES FOR ABANDONMENT IN PLACE**

**This is provided for information only and should not be construed as a granted waiver.**

**The following information is regarding a waiver from the current regulatory provision that requires that underground storage tanks be removed from the site if they are abandoned “(41 Ill. Adm Code 170.670).”**

**Waiver of the removal requirement for underground tanks shall be granted where it would be infeasible to remove the tank due to loss of adjacent or subjacent support of nearby structures, railroad tracks, street, product lines “(41 Ill. Adm. Code 170.670(d)(2))” as defined in Section I-201 of the Illinois Vehicle Code “625 ILCS 5/1-210.” The following criteria must be met:**

- 1. A complete drawing, or plan of the area must be provided and show the location of tanks, fill pipes, vent lines, sewers, streets, product lines and buildings. Dimensions should be specified on plans. Site plans must be 8 1/2" X 11" or 11" X 17" in size only. Blue prints are not acceptable for site plans. Any associated piping to be abandoned in place must have prior approval by the City of Chicago, Department of Environment.**
- 2. A certification is provided to this office that the subject tank systems are not leaking nor have leaked in the past. The owner/operator must measure for the presence of a release where contamination is most likely to be present at the UST site in accordance with “41 Ill. Adm Code 170.640.”**
- 3. The tanks shall be filled with sand or other inert material (approved by the Department of Environment, except that entirely filling a tank with ready mix concrete will not be allowed), and the procedure for filling shall be in accordance with API 1604 (1987) Sections 3.1-3.5, 4.1.1.**
- 4. Where a tank is allowed to be abandoned in place due to loss of support of adjacent tanks, the tank shall be removed when the support is no longer needed.**
- 5. When underground storage tanks are abandoned in place, the owner of the tank shall keep a permanent record of the tank location, the date of abandonment, and the method of conditioning the tank for abandonment and forward a copy of same to this office.**
- 6. Persons seeking a waiver shall provide all documentation required in this subsection to the Department of Environment.**

**If you feel you meet the above requirements and would like to apply for a waiver, you should submit four copies of a completed permit application with the necessary documents including four copies each of a Statement of Need and site plans, along with a permit fee of \$100. Since the fee covers the cost of processing and review, no refunds will be issued if your request to abandon in place is denied. If you are required to remove the tank/s, another permit application to remove must be submitted to our office along with the additional permit fee.**