

Stage II Vapor Recovery Decommissioning

Frequently Asked Questions

1. When can decommissioning start?

You may begin decommissioning as soon as May 16, 2014, however you must submit a notification to the TCEQ 30 days prior to decommissioning.

2. Do I have to notify the TCEQ before I decommission?

Yes. You must submit a decommissioning notification form to the TCEQ at least 30 days prior to performing decommissioning procedures. You must also provide an additional notification 24 – 72 hours prior to the beginning of any decommissioning activity. Send all notifications to your local TCEQ regional office and local government with jurisdiction.

You may submit decommissioning notification forms now. Click here to download the [notification form](#).

3. Can I remove the equipment myself?

No. A licensed Underground Storage Tank On-Site Supervisor with an A or A/B license must direct the decommissioning. (see also # 12)

4. Am I required to decommission the entire facility at the same time?

Yes. All dispensers must be decommissioned at the same time.

5. Do I have to replace hanging hardware (nozzle and hose) at the time of decommissioning?

No. You may replace hanging hardware through attrition. However, Stage II balance nozzles and hoses may not work properly after decommissioning. The deadline for replacing Stage II hanging hardware with conventional industry-standard hanging hardware is August 18, 2018.

6. Do I have to maintain the Stage II system until decommissioning occurs?

Yes. Until decommissioning is complete at your facility, you must continue all current Stage II requirements, including daily logs, equipment maintenance and testing.

7. How much does decommissioning cost?

TCEQ does not regulate the cost of decommissioning. We suggest you secure multiple bids from registered UST contractors. Click here for a searchable [list of registered UST contractors](#).

8. Is testing required during decommissioning?

Yes. You must perform TXP-102 & TXP-103 tests as part of the decommissioning process.

9. Can the facility re-open before testing after decommissioning?

No. Testing must be conducted as part of the decommissioning process, and therefore, once decommissioning starts at the facility, the facility cannot be restored to operating status without the testing being successfully completed.

10. Does the central vacuum motor have to be removed?

No, but TCEQ and standard industry practices recommend its removal. Regardless of whether you remove the central vacuum motor or disconnect it, you must disconnect and seal the piping using only threaded plugs, threaded caps, or glue fittings.

11. What do I need to submit to the TCEQ after decommissioning is complete?

Within 10 calendar days after completion of all decommissioning activity, you must provide the following information to the local TCEQ regional office:

Gasoline dispensing facility name and location address

Owner name, address, and phone number

Operator name, address, and phone number

Certified, signed document with name, address and license number of the on-site supervisor who directed the decommissioning and testing

Copies of TX-102 & TX-103 Procedure test results

The TCEQ is currently completing a form that will assist you with submitting the proper and complete information.

12. Is there a deadline for removing my Stage II vapor recovery system?

Yes. You must remove all Stage II vapor recovery control equipment and replace all Stage II hanging hardware by August 18, 2018.