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## DEQ Issues Guidance Policies for Underground Storage Tank Regulations That Became Effective 1/1/18

DEQ has released a set of [guidance documents](#) outlining how they will implement storage tank requirements. In most cases this guidance applies

to new installations. Working with PMAA we were successful in delaying similar requirements for existing equipment until January 1, 2021. There

are exceptions including:

- When a spill prevention device fails an integrity test, it must be repaired, or replaced. Repairs should be conducted immediately following a failed test result and documentation should be provided to DEQ demonstrating that remedial steps are being taken in a timely manner. Continuing to use a leaking spill prevention device could result in ineligibility for reimbursement from the Virginia Petroleum Storage Tank Fund.
- Owners and operators must not install new or replace existing ball float valves (flow restrictors) to meet the overfill prevention requirement on or after January 1, 2018. Existing ball float valves may continue to be used until they fail a functionality test. Once such a valve fails a functionality test, it must be repaired or a new type of overfill device must be used - such as a shut off valve or overfill alarm.
- If an overfill device is removed and replaced with a different type of overfill device tank owners/operators must notify DEQ of the change using DEQ form 7530-3
- A site suitability assessment is required when groundwater or vapor monitoring is used for release detection. After 1/1/18 any assessments to determine suitability must be certified by a Professional Engineer or Certified Professional Geologist.
- In most cases, after January 1, 2018 tanks and piping not protected against corrosion need to be permanently closed.
- Tank owners are required to demonstrate product compatibility by notifying DEQ at

least 30 days prior to storing biofuels containing greater than 10% ethanol or greater than 20% biodiesel.

- Tank owners that have temporarily closed tanks will need to begin demonstrating financial responsibility by January 1, 2018 even if the tanks are empty.

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## **Thank You Capital One**

Capital One sponsored our opening reception at the Annual Meeting and we want to thank them for a wonderful event. Additionally, we have received several inquiries on obtaining the slides from their presentation on Monday morning.

To obtain the presentation, [click here](#).

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## **Plantation Pipeline**

As we sent earlier this week, Plantation Pipeline issued a notice of planned expansion of capacity into Roanoke. The full 11 page notice can be [found here](#).