

## Occupational Licensing Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installers/Closers

The Licensing requirement for UST installers/closers has been effective because the tanks being installed or closed are being done utilizing proper procedures which has helped minimize the potential damage to the environment. When tanks are removed the license holder is fully aware of all the requirements they must meet to ensure that any potential contamination is located, so that it can be dealt with in the appropriate manner. Additionally, there are steps required at the closure to ensure that the tank has been rendered inert to avoid any explosion dangers.

The testing of applicants helps to ensure that the license holders are familiar with Nebraska's specific geographic environments and the various safety factors required for work within those environments. The license holder bears responsibility for the work performed thus providing a level of professional installation/closure standards. This provides a level of quality assurance to the tank owners that all necessary steps were followed and that warranties are fully intact for the use of the tank.