

Inspection Frequency for Aboveground Storage Tanks at Non-Major Facilities

In accordance with Minn. R. 7151.7200, subp. 6, all regulated field-erected² steel³ aboveground storage tanks located at non-major¹ facilities must participate in an on-going API (American Petroleum Institute) 653 inspection program, except as noted below.

Inspection Frequency		External Inspection	Internal (Out of Service) Inspection ⁴
Tank installed prior to November 2, 1998	Initial:	By November 1, 2003	By November 1, 2008
	Subsequent:	Every five years	As recommended by the inspector in accordance with API 653 criteria ⁵
Tank installed on or after November 2, 1998	Initial:	Within five years after installation	Within ten years after installation
	Subsequent:	Every five years	As recommended by the inspector in accordance with API 653 criteria

¹ Inspections of tanks located at **major facilities** (greater than one million gallons total capacity) are governed by the facility permit.

² **Shop-fabricated tanks** are only required to participate in an API 653 inspection program if installed prior to November 2, 1998, and there is no impermeable barrier under the tank (concrete or synthetic liner), and the tank does not have both cathodic protection of the floor underside and an internal floor liner. Initial external and internal inspections were to have been completed by November 1, 2003.

³ Inspections of **non-steel tanks** are not required.

⁴ Tanks containing **asphalt or “other regulated substances”** (these are liquid substances other than petroleum or hazardous materials as defined in Minn. R. 7151.1200, subp. 17) must conduct external inspections, but are exempt from internal inspections.

⁵ Tanks with an **internal floor coating** but without external cathodic protection of the tank floor must be internally re-inspected within a maximum of ten years.