Indoor Aboveground Storage Tanks

This fact sheet explains the criteria for an indoor aboveground storage tank (AST). Tanks that meet the definition of an indoor tank are exempt from Minn. R. ch. 7151. However, indoor ASTs that are 500 gallons or greater must be registered.

An indoor tank is an AST located inside a building or other type of enclosed structure, resting on or elevated above an impermeable floor surface, which can contain a release of the entire contents of the tank in at least ONE of the following ways:

- The release would be entirely contained within a specific secondary containment structure (which may include a double-walled tank)
- The release would be contained by the building and would not escape through any doorways, floor drains, or other means, due to the location of the tank
- The release would be directed by any drainage system of the building to a permitted, on-site wastewater treatment facility or to a permitted, municipal wastewater treatment facility

Need more information
Visit the AST Program at www.pca.state.mn.us/cleanup/ast.html. The site has forms, fact sheets, and other information about ASTs and AST requirements.

You can also call the MPCA at 651-296-6300 or 1-800-657-3864.