

Summary of Changes to Iowa Administrative Code 567 - Chapter 134 through Executive Order 10

The current version of Chapter 134 is in 3 parts: Part A for the Groundwater Professional Certification Program, Part B for the Compliance Inspector Certification Program, and Part C for Company UST Professional Certifications & Individual UST Professional Certifications.

Under the direction of EO10, these 3 parts have been combined to increase consistency between the 3 programs. There is now 1 section that outlines the general application process, requirements for initial certification, and renewal processes. Then the specific initial certification, renewal requirements and specific responsibilities for each certification are listed. The last section of the chapter is the disciplinary action policy for both the general program and as well as specific policies for different certifications. Also, all definitions were moved from Chapter 134 to Chapter 135, in order to increase consistency and reduce word count between all IAC chapters that govern the UST Section.

UST section staff made an effort to streamline language where possible in order to create more uniformity between different certifications while maintaining the same certification requirements and responsibilities, as well as some small changes the team felt were within the spirit of EO10.

For example:

- Making UST Professional “Licenses” into “Certifications,” which will have no practical impact on the program but will make communications and program management more streamlined
- Waiving continuing education renewal requirements for all certifications for first renewal period for an individual
- Extending a \$50 late fee to all renewal applications, regardless of the specific certification type
- Codifying the minimum passing grade for the IA Groundwater Professional Certification exam, which was previously not included
- Removing the requirement for a specific course and exam for UST Testers and Liners
- Changing the wording of safety requirements to take out language that is duplicative of OSHA requirements and then clarifying initial certification safety training requirements for UST Installers, Liners and Removers
- Updating language for electronic inspection reporting for compliance inspectors to allow for the department to develop new technologies to offer to compliance inspectors and their companies

All of the changes were put into place to maintain a high level of environmental protection through our professional certification programs while also making the chapter easier to read for the public and easier to implement as staff.