

# Summary of Changes for 134

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## DNR CHANGES TO FINAL RULE:

The following are highlights of changes made to the final adopted rule. This higher level overview does not include clerical updates. A crosswalk of the final proposed rule is available on the DNR Land Quality Bureau's [Rulemaking webpage](#).

## Edits

The DNR has combined Parts A, B & C of Chapter 134 into one section. This was done to cut down on duplicative language in each section and streamline the chapter for users. There is now one 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.

Beyond the combination of previously separate sections, the DNR made initial notable changes as listed below:

- Making all UST Professional “Licenses” into “Certifications”
- 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
- 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 DNR to develop new technologies to offer to compliance inspectors and their companies

Upon receiving comments from stakeholders, DNR staff made the following additional changes:

- Adding back in language outlining the mass upload of electronic compliance inspections from compliance inspection companies but added to allow the Dept to look into newer technologies
- Adding explicit language allowing companies to use alternative Secondary Containment Testing Forms when approved by Dept
- Striking the term “UST Professional” from the chapter
- Clarifying language regarding the professional company certification
- Adding language clarifying when deficiencies need to be reported when found by a compliance inspector
- Adding a requirement for a compliance inspection to include an overall site photo in the final inspection report
- A specific conflict of interest statement for compliance inspectors was added back in
- The number of installation inspections required for an install vs a system upgrade
- An added rule to address stakeholder concerns about the Tester certification was stuck as stakeholders felt it reached beyond the intended effect
- The specific signatures required on an installation testing results vs system upgrade testing results were clarified
- Additional technical language and clerical updates were made and more duplicative language was removed