

## **SPAR UST Worker and Inspector Fee Amendments Frequently Asked Questions**

Questions from the public have been gathered along with the department's responses. Substantially similar questions have been aggregated.

1. What fees are increasing and how much will they increase?
  - a. Fees associated with underground storage tank worker and inspector certification and/or certification renewal required for the following categories will increase: inspection; installation, including repairs and significant reconfiguration; tank tightness testing; cathodic protection testing; and closure of underground storage tank systems in the State of Alaska. This increase is an additional \$25.00 to EACH of the following certification fees: application fee; certification fee(s) per category; renewal certification fee(s) per category; and reciprocity certification fee(s) per category. Applicable fees are paid biennially on odd-numbered years to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development for occupational licensing functions and are established under AS 46.03.375(b). The number of certifications per individual ranges from 1-5 (meaning the additional certification costs per individual will range from \$25-\$125. Over the two-year fee period this results in a per-year increase ranging from \$12.50-\$62.50).
  
2. Why are the fees being increased?
  - a. The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development manages the occupational licensing functions and uses the fees to cover the licensing program expenses and has requested an increase to avoid a deficit.