

**CHAPTER 14B**

**UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS**

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**SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**7:14B-1.1 Scope**

This chapter shall constitute the rules of the Department of Environmental Protection for all underground storage tank facilities regulated by N.J.S.A. 58:10A-21 et seq.

**7:14B-1.2 Construction**

This chapter shall be construed so as to permit the Department to implement its statutory functions and to effectuate the purposes of the law.

**7:14B-1.3 Purpose**

(a) This chapter is promulgated for the following purposes:

1. To establish the Department's underground storage tank program;
2. To implement the registration requirements of the State Act;
3. To establish Initial Registration and Annual Certification fees;
4. To implement the technical requirements of the State Act;
5. To implement the reporting requirements of the State Act;
6. To implement the corrective action requirements of the State Act;
7. To implement the permitting requirements for the State Act;
8. To implement the underground storage tank services certification requirements of the State Act; and
9. To protect human health and the environment of the State by ensuring sound underground storage tank management, thereby preventing, controlling, remediating and/or abating actual or potential groundwater contamination.

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