

# Guidance

## Permanent Closure vs. Empty and Held In Inventory

A tank that is “Currently in Use” (CIU) cannot have its status changed to “Empty and Held In Inventory” even if it has been emptied and disconnected in a manner that will prohibit it from receiving, storing or delivering liquids. Doing so would circumvent the closure and remediation / corrective action requirements authorized in §22-30-5 (b)(6) and specified in 47 CSR 63-7 and 11.3. Empty and Held In Inventory only applies to tanks that were empty on or before June 12, 2015.

Therefore, if an owner / operator decides to cease using an AST and wants to change its operating status to something beyond that of CIU, the tank may be permanently closed in accordance with 47 CSR 63-11.3. If the tank is moved to another location to be used again or re-used at its current location, it is subject to new installation requirements (8.2), all applicable operation and maintenance requirements of the AST Rule, and ultimately, permanent proper closure. It will be assigned a new registration number.