**Section 172.50 Licensed Contractor's Employee Certifications**

a) A certified employee is an individual who performs a UST activity for a licensed contractor and has successfully completed OSFM prescribed exams for the module in which the employee is conducting the UST activity, or meets other requirements under Section 172.40(b).

b) A contractor shall have at least one employee certified for the permitted UST activity, unless the contractor itself is an individual contractor who is so certified.

c) A contractor shall have at least one employee certified in the UST activity for which the permit was issued actively supervising the UST activity being performed on the job site, unless the contractor itself is an individual who is so certified and supervises the work. At all times during UST operations, there shall be a certified employee or certified individual contractor on the job site; subcontractors are not employees.

d) Certified employees of licensed contractors shall possess a wallet card or proof of certification verifying successful passage of OSFM approved exams, or for precision testing or inspection and testing of UST equipment, proof of certification by the manufacturer. The wallet card or proof of certification must be carried by the certified employee on UST job sites at all times and shall be available upon request by any OSFM representative.

e) Licensed contractors and any of their employees performing a UST activity shall possess OSHA Identification Cards or proof of certification, described in Section 172.60, on UST job sites at all times that shall be made available upon request by any OSFM representative.

f) Licensed contractors in all UST activity modules are required to follow the scheduling requirements for date certain and/or time certain schedules established by DPCS. For all permitted inspections, scheduling with OSFM shall be done in advance by the contractor on-line via the UST contractor portal, located at the UST Applications and Forms page for the DPCS at https://webapps.sfm.illinois.gov/USTPortal/Home/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FUSTPortal. Submission of any completed testing forms required by OSFM rule shall also be submitted on-line at the UST portal.

g) UST activities may be shut down by any OSFM DPCS manager, supervisor, or Storage Tank Safety Specialist (STSS) if individual contractors or their employees are not in compliance with subsections (a) through (f). Such work shall not resume until approval is granted by the OSFM.

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